

NAME

sem_destroy - destroy an unnamed semaphore

LIBRARY

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <semaphore.h>
```

int

```
sem_destroy(sem_t *sem);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **sem_destroy()** function destroys the unnamed semaphore pointed to by *sem*. After a successful call to **sem_destroy()**, *sem* is unusable until re-initialized by another call to **sem_init(3)**.

RETURN VALUES

The **sem_destroy()** function returns the value 0 if successful; otherwise the value -1 is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

The **sem_destroy()** function will fail if:

[EINVAL] The *sem* argument points to an invalid semaphore.

[EBUSY] There are currently threads blocked on the semaphore that *sem* points to.

SEE ALSO

sem_init(3)

STANDARDS

The **sem_destroy()** function conforms to ISO/IEC 9945-1:1996 ("POSIX.1").

POSIX does not define the behavior of **sem_destroy()** if called while there are threads blocked on *sem*, but this implementation is guaranteed to return -1 and set *errno* to EBUSY if there are threads blocked on *sem*.