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Let (R, m) be a local ring. We study the question of when there exists a positive integer h such that for all prime ideals $P \subseteq R$, the symbolic power $P^{(hn)}$ is contained in P^n , for all $n \geq 1$. We show that such an h exists when R is a reduced isolated singularity such that R either contains a field of positive characteristic and R is F -finite or R is essentially of finite type over a field of characteristic zero. This partially generalizes previous work by Ein-Lazarsfeld-Smith and Hochster-Huneke. (Received January 27, 2009)