NAME

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mtx init - initialize a mutex
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SYNOPSIS

```
library "threads"
#include <threads.h>
int
mtx_init(mtx_t *mtx, int type);
```

DESCRIPTION

The function **mtx_init()** initializes a mutex *mtx* of the given *type*.

The type argument can be either of

```
mtx_plain
```

a simple mutex, can be shared across child processes.

mtx_timed

a simple mutex, can be shared across child processes, allows timed locking.

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mtx_plain | mtx_recursive
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a simple mutex, can be shared across child processes, the same thread can acquire the lock multiple times recursively. It must be unlocked by an equal amount of times by the thread.

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a simple mutex, can be shared across child processes, allows timed locking, the same thread can acquire the lock multiple times recursively. It must be unlocked by an equal amount of times by the thread.

RETURN VALUES

Upon success **mtx_init**() returns *thrd_success*, if there is insufficient memory it will return *thrd_nomem* in case of any other error *thrd_error* will be returned.

SEE ALSO

```
mtx_destroy(3) mtx_lock(3) mtx_timedlock(3) mtx_trylock(3) mtx_unlock(3)
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HISTORY

The **mtx_init**() function first appeared in the C11 standard ISO/IEC 9899:2011.

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