NAME

mtx_trylock - attempt to acquire a mutex

SYNOPSIS

```
library "threads"
#include <threads.h>
int
mtx trylock(mtx t *mtx);
```

DESCRIPTION

The function **mtx_trylock**() will attempt to acquire a mutex *mtx* if it has not been acquired already by an other thread.

If the mutex is already held by the current thread and locking recursion was specified in mtx_init(3) an additional instance of the mutex will be acquired in the current thread. In this case to unlock the mutex mtx_unlock(3) must be called an equal number of times as **mtx_trylock**(), mtx_lock(3) or mtx_timedlock(3) have been called from the same thread on the same mutex, in order to unlock the mutex for other threads.

RETURN VALUES

Upon success **mtx_trylock**() will return *thrd_success* if the mutex has been acquired or *thrd_busy* if the mutex is being held by an other thread. In case of error *thrd_error* will be returned.

SEE ALSO

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

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

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