## NAME

mtx\_unlock - unlocks a previously acquired mutex

## SYNOPSIS

library "threads"
#include <threads.h>

int
mtx\_unlock(mtx\_t \*mtx);

### DESCRIPTION

The function **mtx\_unlock**() will unlock a previously acquired mutex *mtx*.

A thread can only unlock a mutex if it has been acquired by that thread before.

If recursive mutex acquisition is enabled and the mutex has been acquired by the same thread multiple times **mtx\_unlock**() needs to be called from that thread an equal number of times before any other thread can acquire the mutex.

# **RETURN VALUES**

Upon success **mtx\_unlock**() returns *thrd\_success*, in the case of an error *thrd\_error* will be returned.

#### SEE ALSO

mtx\_init(3) mtx\_lock(3) mtx\_timedlock(3) mtx\_trylock(3) mtx\_destroy(3)

# HISTORY

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

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