

**NAME**

**pthread\_mutex\_trylock** - attempt to lock a mutex without blocking

**LIBRARY**

POSIX Threads Library (libpthread, -lpthread)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <pthread.h>
```

*int*

```
pthread_mutex_trylock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **pthread\_mutex\_trylock()** function locks *mutex*. If the mutex is already locked, **pthread\_mutex\_trylock()** will not block waiting for the mutex, but will return an error condition.

**RETURN VALUES**

If successful, **pthread\_mutex\_trylock()** will return zero, otherwise an error number will be returned to indicate the error.

**ERRORS**

The **pthread\_mutex\_trylock()** function will fail if:

[EINVAL]	The value specified by <i>mutex</i> is invalid.
[EBUSY]	<i>Mutex</i> is already locked.
[EOWNERDEAD]	The argument <i>mutex</i> points to a robust mutex and the process containing the previous owning thread terminated while holding the mutex lock. The lock was granted to the caller and it is up to the new owner to make the state consistent.
[ENOTRECOVERABLE]	The state protected by the <i>mutex</i> is not recoverable.

**SEE ALSO**

pthread\_mutex\_consistent(3), pthread\_mutex\_destroy(3), pthread\_mutex\_init(3), pthread\_mutex\_lock(3), pthread\_mutex\_unlock(3)

**STANDARDS**

The **pthread\_mutex\_trylock()** function conforms to ISO/IEC 9945-1:1996 ("POSIX.1").