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PTHREAD_MUTEXATTR_GETROBUSTPOSIX Programmer's MPTHREAD_MUTEXATTR_GETROBUST(3P)

PROLOG

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NAME

pthread_mutexattr_getrobust, pthread_mutexattr_setrobust ? get and set the mutex robust attribute

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_mutexattr_getrobust(const pthread_mutexattr_t *restrict
    attr, int *restrict robust);

int pthread_mutexattr_setrobust(pthread_mutexattr_t *attr,
    int robust);
```

DESCRIPTION

The pthread_mutexattr_getrobust() and pthread_mutexattr_setrobust() functions, respectively, shall get and set the mutex robust attribute. This attribute is set in the robust parameter. Valid values for robust include:

PTHREAD_MUTEX_STALLED

No special actions are taken if the owner of the mutex is terminated while holding the mutex lock. This can lead to deadlocks if

no other thread can unlock the mutex.

This is the default value.

PTHREAD_MUTEX_ROBUST

If the process containing the owning thread of a robust mutex terminates while holding the mutex lock, the next thread that acquires the mutex shall be notified about the termination by the return value [EOWNERDEAD] from the locking function. If the owning thread of a robust mutex terminates while holding the mutex lock, the next thread that attempts to acquire the mutex may be notified about the termination by the return value [EOWNERDEAD].

The notified thread can then attempt to make the state protected by the mutex consistent again, and if successful can mark the mutex state as consistent by calling `pthread_mutex_consistent()`.

After a subsequent successful call to `pthread_mutex_unlock()`, the mutex lock shall be released and can be used normally by other threads. If the mutex is unlocked without a call to `pthread_mutex_consistent()`, it shall be in a permanently unusable state and all attempts to lock the mutex shall fail with the error [ENOTRECOVERABLE]. The only permissible operation on such a mutex is `pthread_mutex_destroy()`.

The behavior is undefined if the value specified by the `attr` argument to `pthread_mutexattr_getrobust()` or `pthread_mutexattr_setrobust()` does not refer to an initialized mutex attributes object.

RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, the `pthread_mutexattr_getrobust()` function shall return zero and store the value of the robust attribute of `attr` into the object referenced by the `robust` parameter. Otherwise, an error value shall be returned to indicate the error. If successful, the `pthread_mutexattr_setrobust()` function shall return zero; otherwise, an error number shall be returned to indicate the error.

ERRORS

The `pthread_mutexattr_setrobust()` function shall fail if:

EINVAL The value of `robust` is invalid.

These functions shall not return an error code of [EINTR].

The following sections are informative.

EXAMPLES

None.

APPLICATION USAGE

The actions required to make the state protected by the mutex consistent again are solely dependent on the application. If it is not possible to make the state of a mutex consistent, robust mutexes can be used to notify this situation by calling `pthread_mutex_unlock()` without a prior call to `pthread_mutex_consistent()`.

If the state is declared inconsistent by calling `pthread_mutex_unlock()` without a prior call to `pthread_mutex_consistent()`, a possible approach could be to destroy the mutex and then reinitialize it. However, it should be noted that this is possible only in certain situations where the state protected by the mutex has to be reinitialized and coordination achieved with other threads blocked on the mutex, because otherwise a call to a locking function with a reference to a mutex object invalidated by a call to `pthread_mutex_destroy()` results in undefined behavior.

RATIONALE

If an implementation detects that the value specified by the `attr` argument to `pthread_mutexattr_getrobust()` or `pthread_mutexattr_setrobust()` does not refer to an initialized mutex attributes object, it is recommended that the function should fail and report an [EINVAL] error.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

`pthread_mutex_consistent()`, `pthread_mutex_destroy()`, `pthread_mutex_lock()`

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1-2017, `<pthread.h>`

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