



# Sin #4a

You may never **take a lock** in real-time code



## Normal lock: `std::mutex::lock()`

`std::mutex::lock` is wrapper around `pthread_mutex_lock` (linux source code) - edited for brevity

```
while (1) {  
    /* Try to acquire the lock through a CAS from 0 (not acquired) to our TID */  
    oldval = atomic_compare_and_exchange_val_acq (&mutex->__data.__lock,  
                                                    tid, 0);  
    if (__glibc_likely (oldval == 0))  
        break;  
    ...  
    /* Block using the futex and reload current lock value. */  
    futex_wait ((unsigned int *) &mutex->__data.__lock, oldval,  
                PTHREAD_ROBUST_MUTEX_PSHARED (mutex));  
    oldval = mutex->__data.__lock;  
}  
return;
```

Real-time safe

OS call which can  
block thread

→ Lock is real-time safe as long as it's never contended