

**NAME**

BIO\_s\_null - null data sink

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <openssl/bio.h>
```

```
BIO_METHOD * BIO_s_null(void);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*BIO\_s\_null()* returns the null sink BIO method. Data written to the null sink is discarded, reads return EOF.

**NOTES**

A null sink BIO behaves in a similar manner to the Unix `/dev/null` device.

A null bio can be placed on the end of a chain to discard any data passed through it.

A null sink is useful if, for example, an application wishes to digest some data by writing through a digest bio but not send the digested data anywhere. Since a BIO chain must normally include a source/sink BIO this can be achieved by adding a null sink BIO to the end of the chain

**RETURN VALUES**

*BIO\_s\_null()* returns the null sink BIO method.

**SEE ALSO**

TBA