

NAME

SSL_accept - wait for a TLS/SSL client to initiate a TLS/SSL handshake

SYNOPSIS

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#include <openssl/ssl.h>

int SSL_accept(SSL *ssl);
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DESCRIPTION

SSL_accept() waits for a TLS/SSL client to initiate the TLS/SSL handshake. The communication channel must already have been set and assigned to the **ssl** by setting an underlying **BIO**.

NOTES

The behaviour of *SSL_accept()* depends on the underlying BIO.

If the underlying BIO is **blocking**, *SSL_accept()* will only return once the handshake has been finished or an error occurred.

If the underlying BIO is **non-blocking**, *SSL_accept()* will also return when the underlying BIO could not satisfy the needs of *SSL_accept()* to continue the handshake, indicating the problem by the return value -1. In this case a call to *SSL_get_error()* with the return value of *SSL_accept()* will yield **SSL_ERROR_WANT_READ** or **SSL_ERROR_WANT_WRITE**. The calling process then must repeat the call after taking appropriate action to satisfy the needs of *SSL_accept()*. The action depends on the underlying BIO. When using a non-blocking socket, nothing is to be done, but *select()* can be used to check for the required condition. When using a buffering BIO, like a BIO pair, data must be written into or retrieved out of the BIO before being able to continue.

RETURN VALUES

The following return values can occur:

- 0 The TLS/SSL handshake was not successful but was shut down controlled and by the specifications of the TLS/SSL protocol. Call *SSL_get_error()* with the return value **ret** to find out the reason.
- 1 The TLS/SSL handshake was successfully completed, a TLS/SSL connection has been established.
- <0 The TLS/SSL handshake was not successful because a fatal error occurred either at the protocol level or a connection failure occurred. The shutdown was not clean. It can also occur if action is needed to continue the operation for non-blocking BIOs. Call *SSL_get_error()* with the return value **ret** to find out the reason.

SEE ALSO

SSL_get_error(3), *SSL_connect(3)*, *SSL_shutdown(3)*, *ssl(3)*, *bio(3)*, *SSL_set_connect_state(3)*, *SSL_do_handshake(3)*, *SSL_CTX_new(3)*

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