

**NAME**

`SSL_do_handshake` - perform a TLS/SSL handshake

**SYNOPSIS**

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

int SSL_do_handshake(SSL *ssl);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

`SSL_do_handshake()` will wait for a SSL/TLS handshake to take place. If the connection is in client mode, the handshake will be started. The handshake routines may have to be explicitly set in advance using either [SSL\\_set\\_connect\\_state\(3\)](#) or [SSL\\_set\\_accept\\_state\(3\)](#).

**NOTES**

The behaviour of `SSL_do_handshake()` depends on the underlying BIO.

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

If the underlying BIO is **non-blocking**, `SSL_do_handshake()` will also return when the underlying BIO could not satisfy the needs of `SSL_do_handshake()` to continue the handshake. In this case a call to `SSL_get_error()` with the return value of `SSL_do_handshake()` 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_do_handshake()`. 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\\_accept\(3\)](#), [ssl\(3\)](#), [bio\(3\)](#), [SSL\\_set\\_connect\\_state\(3\)](#)

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