

**NAME**

`OCSP_REQ_CTX`, `OCSP_sendreq_new`, `OCSP_sendreq_nbio`, `OCSP_sendreq_bio`,  
`OCSP_REQ_CTX_i2d`, `OCSP_REQ_CTX_add1_header`, `OCSP_REQ_CTX_free`,  
`OCSP_set_max_response_length`, `OCSP_REQ_CTX_set1_req` - OCSP responder query functions

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX *OCSP_sendreq_new(BIO *io, const char *path,
                                      const OCSP_REQUEST *req, int buf_size);
OCSP_RESPONSE *OCSP_sendreq_bio(BIO *io, const char *path, OCSP_REQUEST *req);
```

The following functions have been deprecated since OpenSSL 3.0, and can be hidden entirely by defining `OPENSSL_API_COMPAT` with a suitable version value, see [openssl\\_user\\_macros\(7\)](#):

```
typedef OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX OCSP_REQ_CTX;
int OCSP_sendreq_nbio(OCSP_RESPONSE **presp, OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX *rctx);
int OCSP_REQ_CTX_i2d(OCSP_REQ_CT *rctx, const ASN1_ITEM *it, ASN1_VALUE *req);
int OCSP_REQ_CTX_add1_header(OCSP_REQ_CT *rctx,
                            const char *name, const char *value);
void OCSP_REQ_CTX_free(OCSP_REQ_CTX *rctx);
void OCSP_set_max_response_length(OCSP_REQ_CT *rctx, unsigned long len);
int OCSP_REQ_CTX_set1_req(OCSP_REQ_CTX *rctx, const OCSP_REQUEST *req);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions perform an OCSP POST request / response transfer over HTTP, using the HTTP request functions described in [OSSL\\_HTTP\\_REQ\\_CTX\(3\)](#).

The function `OCSP_sendreq_new()` builds a complete `OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX` structure with the `BIO io` to be used for requests and response, the URL path `path`, optionally the OCSP request `req`, and a response header maximum line length of `buf_size`. If `buf_size` is zero a default value of 4KiB is used.

The `req` may be set to NULL and provided later using `OCSP_REQ_CTX_set1_req()` or `OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX_set1_req(3)`. The `io` and `path` arguments to `OCSP_sendreq_new()` correspond to the components of the URL. For example if the responder URL is "http://example.com/ocspreq" the `BIO io` should have been connected to host "example.com" on port 80 and `path` should be set to "/ocspreq".

`OCSP_sendreq_nbio()` attempts to send the request prepared in `rctx` and to gather the response via HTTP, using the `BIO io` and `path` that were given when calling `OCSP_sendreq_new()`. If the operation gets completed it assigns the response, a pointer to a `OCSP_RESPONSE` structure, in `*presp`. The

function may need to be called again if its result is -1, which indicates **BIO\_should\_retry**(3). In such a case it is advisable to sleep a little in between, using **BIO\_wait**(3) on the read BIO to prevent a busy loop.

**OCSP\_sendreq\_bio**() combines **OCSP\_sendreq\_new**() with as many calls of **OCSP\_sendreq\_nbio**() as needed and then **OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_free**(), with a response header maximum line length 4k. It waits indefinitely on a response. It does not support setting a timeout or adding headers and is retained for compatibility; use **OSSL\_HTTP\_transfer**(3) instead.

**OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_i2d**(rctx, it, req) is equivalent to the following:

```
OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX_set1_req(rctx, "application/ocsp-request", it, req)
```

**OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_set1\_req**(rctx, req) is equivalent to the following:

```
OSSL_HTTP_REQ_CTX_set1_req(rctx, "application/ocsp-request",
                             ASN1_ITEM_rptr(OCSP_REQUEST),
                             (const ASN1_VALUE *)req)
```

The deprecated type and the remaining deprecated functions have been superseded by the following equivalents: **OCSP\_REQ\_CTX** by **OSSL\_HTTP\_REQ\_CTX**(3), **OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_add1\_header**() by **OSSL\_HTTP\_REQ\_CTX\_add1\_header**(3), **OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_free**() by **OSSL\_HTTP\_REQ\_CTX\_free**(3), and **OCSP\_set\_max\_response\_length**() by **OSSL\_HTTP\_REQ\_CTX\_set\_max\_response\_length**(3).

## RETURN VALUES

**OCSP\_sendreq\_new**() returns a valid **OSSL\_HTTP\_REQ\_CTX** structure or NULL if an error occurred.

**OCSP\_sendreq\_nbio**() returns 1 for success, 0 on error, -1 if retry is needed.

**OCSP\_sendreq\_bio**() returns the **OCSP\_RESPONSE** structure sent by the responder or NULL if an error occurred.

## SEE ALSO

**OSSL\_HTTP\_REQ\_CTX**(3), **OSSL\_HTTP\_transfer**(3), **OCSP\_cert\_to\_id**(3),  
**OCSP\_request\_add1\_nonce**(3), **OCSP\_REQUEST\_new**(3), **OCSP\_resp\_find\_status**(3),  
**OCSP\_response\_status**(3)

## HISTORY

**OCSP\_REQ\_CTX, OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_i2d(), OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_add1\_header(),  
OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_free(), OCSP\_set\_max\_response\_length(), and OCSP\_REQ\_CTX\_set1\_req()** were  
deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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