

**NAME**

OCSP\_request\_add1\_nonce, OCSP\_basic\_add1\_nonce, OCSP\_check\_nonce, OCSP\_copy\_nonce -  
OCSP nonce functions

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <openssl/ocsp.h>
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int OCSP_request_add1_nonce(OCSP_REQUEST *req, unsigned char *val, int len);
int OCSP_basic_add1_nonce(OCSP_BASICRESP *resp, unsigned char *val, int len);
int OCSP_copy_nonce(OCSP_BASICRESP *resp, OCSP_REQUEST *req);
int OCSP_check_nonce(OCSP_REQUEST *req, OCSP_BASICRESP *resp);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**OCSP\_request\_add1\_nonce()** adds a nonce of value **val** and length **len** to OCSF request **req**. If **val** is **NULL** a random nonce is used. If **len** is zero or negative a default length will be used (currently 16 bytes).

**OCSP\_basic\_add1\_nonce()** is identical to **OCSP\_request\_add1\_nonce()** except it adds a nonce to OCSF basic response **resp**.

**OCSP\_check\_nonce()** compares the nonce value in **req** and **resp**.

**OCSP\_copy\_nonce()** copies any nonce value present in **req** to **resp**.

**RETURN VALUES**

**OCSP\_request\_add1\_nonce()** and **OCSP\_basic\_add1\_nonce()** return 1 for success and 0 for failure.

**OCSP\_copy\_nonce()** returns 1 if a nonce was successfully copied, 2 if no nonce was present in **req** and 0 if an error occurred.

**OCSP\_check\_nonce()** returns the result of the nonce comparison between **req** and **resp**. The return value indicates the result of the comparison. If nonces are present and equal 1 is returned. If the nonces are absent 2 is returned. If a nonce is present in the response only 3 is returned. If nonces are present and unequal 0 is returned. If the nonce is present in the request only then -1 is returned.

**NOTES**

For most purposes the nonce value in a request is set to a random value so the **val** parameter in **OCSP\_request\_add1\_nonce()** is usually **NULL**.

An OCSF nonce is typically added to an OCSF request to thwart replay attacks by checking the same

nonce value appears in the response.

Some responders may include a nonce in all responses even if one is not supplied.

Some responders cache OCSP responses and do not sign each response for performance reasons. As a result they do not support nonces.

The return values of **OCSP\_check\_nonce()** can be checked to cover each case. A positive return value effectively indicates success: nonces are both present and match, both absent or present in the response only. A nonzero return additionally covers the case where the nonce is present in the request only: this will happen if the responder doesn't support nonces. A zero return value indicates present and mismatched nonces: this should be treated as an error condition.

### SEE ALSO

**crypto(7)**, **OCSP\_cert\_to\_id(3)**, **OCSP\_REQUEST\_new(3)**, **OCSP\_resp\_find\_status(3)**,  
**OCSP\_response\_status(3)**, **OCSP\_sendreq\_new(3)**

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