NAME

SSL_state_string, SSL_state_string_long - get textual description of state of an SSL object

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
const char *SSL_state_string(const SSL *ssl);
const char *SSL state string long(const SSL *ssl);
```

DESCRIPTION

SSL_state_string() returns an abbreviated string indicating the current state of the SSL object **ssl**. The returned NUL-terminated string contains 6 or fewer characters.

SSL_state_string_long() returns a descriptive string indicating the current state of the SSL object ssl.

NOTES

During its use, an SSL objects passes several states. The state is internally maintained. Querying the state information is not very informative before or when a connection has been established. It however can be of significant interest during the handshake.

When using nonblocking sockets, the function call performing the handshake may return with SSL_ERROR_WANT_READ or SSL_ERROR_WANT_WRITE condition, so that SSL_state_string[_long]() may be called.

For both blocking or nonblocking sockets, the details state information can be used within the info_callback function set with the **SSL_set_info_callback()** call.

RETURN VALUES

Detailed description of possible states to be included later.

SEE ALSO

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ssl(7), SSL_CTX_set_info_callback(3)
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