

**NAME**

SSL\_want, SSL\_want\_nothing, SSL\_want\_read, SSL\_want\_write, SSL\_want\_x509\_lookup, SSL\_want\_retry\_verify, SSL\_want\_async, SSL\_want\_async\_job, SSL\_want\_client\_hello\_cb - obtain state information TLS/SSL I/O operation

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
int SSL_want(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_nothing(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_read(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_write(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_x509_lookup(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_retry_verify(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_async(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_async_job(const SSL *ssl);
int SSL_want_client_hello_cb(const SSL *ssl);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**SSL\_want()** returns state information for the SSL object **ssl**.

The other **SSL\_want\_\***() calls are shortcuts for the possible states returned by **SSL\_want()**.

**NOTES**

**SSL\_want()** examines the internal state information of the SSL object. Its return values are similar to that of **SSL\_get\_error(3)**. Unlike **SSL\_get\_error(3)**, which also evaluates the error queue, the results are obtained by examining an internal state flag only. The information must therefore only be used for normal operation under nonblocking I/O. Error conditions are not handled and must be treated using **SSL\_get\_error(3)**.

The result returned by **SSL\_want()** should always be consistent with the result of **SSL\_get\_error(3)**.

**RETURN VALUES**

The following return values can currently occur for **SSL\_want()**:

**SSL\_NOTHING**

There is no data to be written or to be read.

**SSL\_WRITING**

There are data in the SSL buffer that must be written to the underlying **BIO** layer in order to

complete the actual `SSL_*`() operation. A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_WRITE`.

#### SSL\_READING

More data must be read from the underlying **BIO** layer in order to complete the actual `SSL_*`() operation. A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_READ`.

#### SSL\_X509\_LOOKUP

The operation did not complete because an application callback set by `SSL_CTX_set_client_cert_cb()` has asked to be called again. A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_X509_LOOKUP`.

#### SSL\_RETRY\_VERIFY

The operation did not complete because a certificate verification callback has asked to be called again via `SSL_set_retry_verify(3)`. A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_RETRY_VERIFY`.

#### SSL\_ASYNC\_PAUSED

An asynchronous operation partially completed and was then paused. See `SSL_get_all_async_fds(3)`. A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_ASYNC`.

#### SSL\_ASYNC\_NO\_JOBS

The asynchronous job could not be started because there were no async jobs available in the pool (see `ASYNC_init_thread(3)`). A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_ASYNC_JOB`.

#### SSL\_CLIENT\_HELLO\_CB

The operation did not complete because an application callback set by `SSL_CTX_set_client_hello_cb()` has asked to be called again. A call to `SSL_get_error(3)` should return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_CLIENT_HELLO_CB`.

`SSL_want_nothing()`, `SSL_want_read()`, `SSL_want_write()`, `SSL_want_x509_lookup()`, `SSL_want_retry_verify()`, `SSL_want_async()`, `SSL_want_async_job()`, and `SSL_want_client_hello_cb()` return 1 when the corresponding condition is true or 0 otherwise.

#### SEE ALSO

`ssl(7)`, `SSL_get_error(3)`

#### HISTORY

The **SSL\_want\_client\_hello\_cb()** function and the **SSL\_CLIENT\_HELLO\_CB** return value were added in OpenSSL 1.1.1.

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