

NAME

asn1_read_value_type - API function

SYNOPSIS

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#include <libtasn1.h>
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int asn1_read_value_type(asn1_node_const root, const char * name, void * ivalue, int * len, unsigned int * etype);
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ARGUMENTS

asn1_node_const root

pointer to a structure.

const char * name

the name of the element inside a structure that you want to read.

void * ivalue vector that will contain the element's content, must be a pointer to memory cells already allocated (may be **NULL**).

int * len number of bytes of *value: value[0]..value[len-1]. Initially holds the sizeof value.

unsigned int * etype

The type of the value read (ASN1_ETYPE)

DESCRIPTION

Returns the type and value of one element inside a structure. If an element is **OPTIONAL** and this returns **ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND**, it means that this element wasn't present in the der encoding that created the structure. The first element of a **SEQUENCE_OF** or **SET_OF** is named "?1". The second one "?2" and so on. If the *root* provided is a node to specific sequence element, then the keyword "?CURRENT" is also acceptable and indicates the current sequence element of this node.

Note that there can be valid values with length zero. In these case this function will succeed and *len* will be zero.

INTEGER

VALUE will contain a two's complement form integer.

integer=-1 -> value[0]=0xFF , len=1. integer=1 -> value[0]=0x01 , len=1.

ENUMERATED

As INTEGER (but only with not negative numbers).

BOOLEAN

VALUE will be the null terminated string "TRUE" or "FALSE" and LEN=5 or LEN=6.

OBJECT IDENTIFIER: VALUE will be a null terminated string with each number separated by a dot (i.e. "1.2.3.543.1").

LEN = strlen(VALUE)+1

UTCTIME

VALUE will be a null terminated string in one of these formats: "YYMMDDhhmmss+hh'mm'" or "YYMMDDhhmmss-hh'mm'". LEN=strlen(VALUE)+1.

GENERALIZEDTIME

VALUE will be a null terminated string in the same format used to set the value.

OCTET STRING: VALUE will contain the octet string and LEN will be the number of octets.

GENERALSTRING

VALUE will contain the generalstring and LEN will be the number of octets.

BIT STRING: VALUE will contain the bit string organized by bytes and LEN will be the number of bits.

CHOICE

If NAME indicates a choice type, VALUE will specify the alternative selected.

ANY

If NAME indicates an any type, VALUE will indicate the DER encoding of the structure actually used.

RETURNS

ASN1_SUCCESS if value is returned, **ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND** if *name* is not a valid element, **ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND** if there isn't any value for the element selected, and **ASN1_MEM_ERROR** if The value vector isn't big enough to store the result, and in this case *len* will contain the number of bytes needed. On the occasion that the stored data are of zero-length this function may return **ASN1_SUCCESS** even if the provided *len* is zero.

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SEE ALSO

The full documentation for **libtasn1** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **libtasn1** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

info libtasn1

should give you access to the complete manual. As an alternative you may obtain the manual from:

<https://www.gnu.org/software/libtasn1/manual/>