

NAME

curl_free - reclaim memory that has been obtained through a libcurl call

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <curl/curl.h>
```

```
void curl_free(void *ptr);
```

DESCRIPTION

curl_free reclaims memory that has been obtained through a libcurl call. Use *curl_free(3)* instead of free() to avoid anomalies that can result from differences in memory management between your application and libcurl.

Passing in a NULL pointer in *ptr* makes this function return immediately with no action.

EXAMPLE

```
int main(void)
{
    char *width = curl_getenv("COLUMNS");
    if(width) {
        /* it was set! */
        curl_free(width);
    }
}
```

AVAILABILITY

Always

RETURN VALUE

None

SEE ALSO

[curl_easy_escape\(3\)](#), [curl_easy_unescape\(3\)](#)