

**NAME**

curl\_version\_info - returns runtime libcurl version info

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
curl_version_info_data *curl_version_info(CURLversion age);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Returns a pointer to a filled in static struct with information about various features in the running version of libcurl. *age* should be set to the version of this functionality by the time you write your program. This way, libcurl always returns a proper struct that your program understands, while programs in the future might get a different struct. **CURLVERSION\_NOW** is the most recent one for the library you have installed:

```
data = curl_version_info(CURLVERSION_NOW);
```

Applications should use this information to judge if things are possible to do or not, instead of using compile-time checks, as dynamic/DLL libraries can be changed independent of applications.

This function can alter the returned static data as long as *curl\_global\_init(3)* has not been called. It is therefore not thread-safe before libcurl initialization occurs.

The `curl_version_info_data` struct looks like this

```
typedef struct {
    CURLversion age;          /* see description below */

    const char *version;     /* human readable string */
    unsigned int version_num; /* numeric representation */
    const char *host;        /* human readable string */
    int features;           /* bitmask, see below */
    char *ssl_version;       /* human readable string */
    long ssl_version_num;    /* not used, always zero */
    const char *libz_version; /* human readable string */
    const char *const *protocols; /* protocols */

    /* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_SECOND or higher, the members below exist */
    const char *ares;        /* human readable string */
    int ares_num;           /* number */

    /* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_THIRD or higher, the members below exist */
```

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const char *libidn;    /* human readable string */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_FOURTH or higher (>= 7.16.1), the members
   below exist */
int iconv_ver_num;    /* '_libiconv_version' if iconv support enabled */

const char *libssh_version; /* human readable string */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_FIFTH or higher (>= 7.57.0), the members
   below exist */
unsigned int brotli_ver_num; /* Numeric Brotli version
                              (MAJOR << 24) | (MINOR << 12) | PATCH */
const char *brotli_version; /* human readable string. */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_SIXTH or higher (>= 7.66.0), the members
   below exist */
unsigned int nghttp2_ver_num; /* Numeric nghttp2 version
                              (MAJOR << 16) | (MINOR << 8) | PATCH */
const char *nghttp2_version; /* human readable string. */

const char *quic_version; /* human readable quic (+ HTTP/3) library +
                          version or NULL */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_SEVENTH or higher (>= 7.70.0), the members
   below exist */
const char *cainfo;    /* the built-in default CURLOPT_CAINFO, might
                       be NULL */
const char *capath;    /* the built-in default CURLOPT_CAPATH, might
                       be NULL */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_EIGHTH or higher (>= 7.71.0), the members
   below exist */
unsigned int zstd_ver_num; /* Numeric Zstd version
                              (MAJOR << 24) | (MINOR << 12) | PATCH */
const char *zstd_version; /* human readable string. */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_NINTH or higher (>= 7.75.0), the members
   below exist */
const char *hyper_version; /* human readable string. */

/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_TENTH or higher (>= 7.77.0), the members
   below exist */
const char *gsasl_version; /* human readable string. */
```

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/* when 'age' is CURLVERSION_ELEVENTH or higher (>= 7.87.0), the members
   below exist */
const char *const *feature_names; /* Feature names. */
} curl_version_info_data;

```

*age* describes what the age of this struct is. The number depends on how new the libcurl you are using is. You are however guaranteed to get a struct that you have a matching struct for in the header, as you tell libcurl your "age" with the input argument.

*version* is just an ascii string for the libcurl version.

*version\_num* is a 24 bit number created like this: <8 bits major number> | <8 bits minor number> | <8 bits patch number>. Version 7.9.8 is therefore returned as 0x070908.

*host* is an ascii string showing what host information that this libcurl was built for. As discovered by a configure script or set by the build environment.

*features* is a bit mask representing available features. It can have none, one or more bits set. The use of this field is deprecated: use *feature\_names* instead. The feature names description below lists the associated bits.

*feature\_names* is a pointer to an array of string pointers, containing the names of the features that libcurl supports. The array is terminated by a NULL entry. Currently defined names are:

"alt-svc"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_ALTSVC  
 HTTP Alt-Svc parsing and the associated options (Added in 7.64.1)

"AsynchDNS"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_ASYNCDNS  
 libcurl was built with support for asynchronous name lookups, which allows more exact timeouts (even on Windows) and less blocking when using the multi interface. (added in 7.10.7)

"brotli"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_BROTLI  
 supports HTTP Brotli content encoding using libbrotlidec (Added in 7.57.0)

"Debug"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_DEBUG

libcurl was built with debug capabilities (added in 7.10.6)

#### "gsasl"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_GSASL

libcurl was built with libgsasl and thus with some extra SCRAM-SHA authentication methods. (added in 7.76.0)

#### "GSS-API"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_GSSAPI

libcurl was built with support for GSS-API. This makes libcurl use provided functions for Kerberos and SPNEGO authentication. It also allows libcurl to use the current user credentials without the app having to pass them on. (Added in 7.38.0)

#### "HSTS"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_HSTS

libcurl was built with support for HSTS (HTTP Strict Transport Security) (Added in 7.74.0)

#### "HTTP2"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_HTTP2

libcurl was built with support for HTTP2. (Added in 7.33.0)

#### "HTTP3"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_HTTP3

HTTP/3 and QUIC support are built-in (Added in 7.66.0)

#### "HTTPS-proxy"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_HTTPS\_PROXY

libcurl was built with support for HTTPS-proxy. (Added in 7.52.0)

#### "IDN"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_IDN

libcurl was built with support for IDNA, domain names with international letters. (Added in 7.12.0)

#### "IPv6"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_IPV6

supports IPv6

#### "Kerberos"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_KERBEROS5

supports Kerberos V5 authentication for FTP, IMAP, LDAP, POP3, SMTP and SOCKSv5 proxy. (Added in 7.40.0)

#### "Largefile"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_LARGEFILE`

libcurl was built with support for large files. (Added in 7.11.1)

#### "libz"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_LIBZ`

supports HTTP deflate using libz (Added in 7.10)

#### "MultiSSL"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_MULTI_SSL`

libcurl was built with multiple SSL backends. For details, see *curl\_global\_sslset(3)*. (Added in 7.56.0)

#### "NTLM"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_NTLM`

supports HTTP NTLM (added in 7.10.6)

#### "NTLM\_WB"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_NTLM_WB`

libcurl was built with support for NTLM delegation to a winbind helper. (Added in 7.22.0)

#### "PSL"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_PSL`

libcurl was built with support for Mozilla's Public Suffix List. This makes libcurl ignore cookies with a domain that is on the list. (Added in 7.47.0)

#### "SPNEGO"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_SPNEGO`

libcurl was built with support for SPNEGO authentication (Simple and Protected GSS-API Negotiation Mechanism, defined in RFC 2478.) (added in 7.10.8)

#### "SSL"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_SSL`

supports SSL (HTTPS/FTPS) (Added in 7.10)

#### "SSPI"

*features* mask bit: `CURL_VERSION_SSPI`

libcurl was built with support for SSPI. This is only available on Windows and makes libcurl use Windows-provided functions for Kerberos, NTLM, SPNEGO and Digest authentication. It also allows libcurl to use the current user credentials without the app having to pass them on. (Added in 7.13.2)

#### "threadsafe"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_THREADSAFE

libcurl was built with thread-safety support (Atomic or SRWLOCK) to protect curl initialization. (Added in 7.84.0) See *libcurl-thread(3)*

#### "TLS-SRP"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_TLSAUTH\_SRP

libcurl was built with support for TLS-SRP (in one or more of the built-in TLS backends). (Added in 7.21.4)

#### "TrackMemory"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_CURLDEBUG

libcurl was built with memory tracking debug capabilities. This is mainly of interest for libcurl hackers. (added in 7.19.6)

#### "Unicode"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_UNICODE

libcurl was built with Unicode support on Windows. This makes non-ASCII characters work in filenames and options passed to libcurl. (Added in 7.72.0)

#### "UnixSockets"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_UNIX\_SOCKETS

libcurl was built with support for Unix domain sockets. (Added in 7.40.0)

#### "zstd"

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_ZSTD

supports HTTP zstd content encoding using zstd library (Added in 7.72.0)

#### none

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_CONV

libcurl was built with support for character conversions, as provided by the CURLOPT\_CONV\_\* callbacks. Always 0 since 7.82.0. (Added in 7.15.4)

#### none

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_GSSNEGOTIATE

supports HTTP GSS-Negotiate (added in 7.10.6, deprecated in 7.38.0)

none

*features* mask bit: CURL\_VERSION\_KERBEROS4

supports Kerberos V4 (when using FTP). Legacy bit. Deprecated since 7.33.0.

*ssl\_version* is an ASCII string for the TLS library name + version used. If libcurl has no SSL support, this is NULL. For example "Schannel", "Secure Transport" or "OpenSSL/1.1.0g".

*ssl\_version\_num* is always 0.

*libz\_version* is an ASCII string (there is no numerical version). If libcurl has no libz support, this is NULL.

*protocols* is a pointer to an array of char \* pointers, containing the names protocols that libcurl supports (using lowercase letters). The protocol names are the same as would be used in URLs. The array is terminated by a NULL entry.

## EXAMPLE

```
int main(void)
{
    curl_version_info_data *ver = curl_version_info(CURLVERSION_NOW);
    printf("libcurl version %u.%u.%u\n",
        (ver->version_num >> 16) & 0xff,
        (ver->version_num >> 8) & 0xff,
        ver->version_num & 0xff);
}
```

## AVAILABILITY

Added in 7.10

## RETURN VALUE

A pointer to a curl\_version\_info\_data struct.

## SEE ALSO

*curl\_version(3)*