

NAME

gnutls_privkey_init - API function

SYNOPSIS

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#include <gnutls/abstract.h>
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int gnutls_privkey_init(gnutls_privkey_t * key);
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ARGUMENTS

gnutls_privkey_t * key

A pointer to the type to be initialized

DESCRIPTION

This function will initialize a private key object. The object can be used to generate, import, and perform cryptographic operations on the associated private key.

Note that when the underlying private key is a PKCS11 key (i.e., when imported with a PKCS11 URI), the limitations of **gnutls_pkcs11_privkey_init()** apply to this object as well. In versions of GnuTLS later than 3.5.11 the object is protected using locks and a single **gnutls_privkey_t** can be re-used by many threads. However, for performance it is recommended to utilize one object per key per thread.

RETURNS

On success, **GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS** (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

SINCE

2.12.0

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