

NAME

libssh2_channel_read_ex - read data from a channel stream

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <libssh2.h>
```

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ssize_t
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```
libssh2_channel_read_ex(LIBSSH2_CHANNEL *channel, int stream_id,  
                        char *buf, size_t buflen);
```

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ssize_t
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```
libssh2_channel_read(LIBSSH2_CHANNEL *channel,  
                     char *buf, size_t buflen);
```

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ssize_t
```

```
libssh2_channel_read_stderr(LIBSSH2_CHANNEL *channel,  
                             char *buf, size_t buflen);
```

DESCRIPTION

Attempt to read data from an active channel stream. All channel streams have one standard I/O substream (`stream_id == 0`), and may have up to 2^{32} extended data streams as identified by the selected *stream_id*. The SSH2 protocol currently defines a stream ID of 1 to be the stderr substream.

channel - active channel stream to read from.

stream_id - substream ID number (e.g. 0 or `SSH_EXTENDED_DATA_STDERR`)

buf - pointer to storage buffer to read data into

buflen - size of the buf storage

libssh2_channel_read(3) and *libssh2_channel_read_stderr(3)* are macros.

RETURN VALUE

Actual number of bytes read or negative on failure. It returns `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` when it would otherwise block. While `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` is a negative number, it is not really a failure per se.

Note that a return value of zero (0) can in fact be a legitimate value and only signals that no payload data was read. It is not an error.

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ERRORS

LIBSSH2_ERROR_SOCKET_SEND - Unable to send data on socket.

LIBSSH2_ERROR_CHANNEL_CLOSED - The channel has been closed.

SEE ALSO

libssh2_poll_channel_read(3)