

**NAME**

SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback, SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg, SSL\_set\_msg\_callback, SSL\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg - install callback for observing protocol messages

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
```

```
void SSL_CTX_set_msg_callback(SSL_CTX *ctx,
                             void (*cb)(int write_p, int version,
                                           int content_type, const void *buf,
                                           size_t len, SSL *ssl, void *arg));
void SSL_CTX_set_msg_callback_arg(SSL_CTX *ctx, void *arg);
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                         void (*cb)(int write_p, int version,
                                       int content_type, const void *buf,
                                       size_t len, SSL *ssl, void *arg));
void SSL_set_msg_callback_arg(SSL *ssl, void *arg);
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**DESCRIPTION**

**SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback()** or **SSL\_set\_msg\_callback()** can be used to define a message callback function *cb* for observing all SSL/TLS protocol messages (such as handshake messages) that are received or sent, as well as other events that occur during processing.

**SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg()** and **SSL\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg()** can be used to set argument *arg* to the callback function, which is available for arbitrary application use.

**SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback()** and **SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg()** specify default settings that will be copied to new **SSL** objects by **SSL\_new(3)**. **SSL\_set\_msg\_callback()** and **SSL\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg()** modify the actual settings of an **SSL** object. Using a **NULL** pointer for *cb* disables the message callback.

When *cb* is called by the SSL/TLS library the function arguments have the following meaning:

*write\_p*

This flag is **0** when a protocol message has been received and **1** when a protocol message has been sent.

*version*

The protocol version according to which the protocol message is interpreted by the library such as **TLS1\_3\_VERSION**, **TLS1\_2\_VERSION** etc. This is set to 0 for the **SSL3\_RT\_HEADER** pseudo

content type (see NOTES below).

#### *content\_type*

This is one of the content type values defined in the protocol specification (**SSL3\_RT\_CHANGE\_CIPHER\_SPEC**, **SSL3\_RT\_ALERT**, **SSL3\_RT\_HANDSHAKE**; but never **SSL3\_RT\_APPLICATION\_DATA** because the callback will only be called for protocol messages). Alternatively it may be a "pseudo" content type. These pseudo content types are used to signal some other event in the processing of data (see NOTES below).

#### *buf, len*

*buf* points to a buffer containing the protocol message or other data (in the case of pseudo content types), which consists of *len* bytes. The buffer is no longer valid after the callback function has returned.

*ssl* The **SSL** object that received or sent the message.

*arg* The user-defined argument optionally defined by **SSL\_CTX\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg()** or **SSL\_set\_msg\_callback\_arg()**.

## NOTES

Protocol messages are passed to the callback function after decryption and fragment collection where applicable. (Thus record boundaries are not visible.)

If processing a received protocol message results in an error, the callback function may not be called. For example, the callback function will never see messages that are considered too large to be processed.

Due to automatic protocol version negotiation, *version* is not necessarily the protocol version used by the sender of the message: If a TLS 1.0 ClientHello message is received by an SSL 3.0-only server, *version* will be **SSL3\_VERSION**.

Pseudo content type values may be sent at various points during the processing of data. The following pseudo content types are currently defined:

### **SSL3\_RT\_HEADER**

Used when a record is sent or received. The **buf** contains the record header bytes only.

### **SSL3\_RT\_INNER\_CONTENT\_TYPE**

Used when an encrypted TLSv1.3 record is sent or received. In encrypted TLSv1.3 records the content type in the record header is always **SSL3\_RT\_APPLICATION\_DATA**. The real content

type for the record is contained in an "inner" content type. **buf** contains the encoded "inner" content type byte.

## RETURN VALUES

`SSL_CTX_set_msg_callback()`, `SSL_CTX_set_msg_callback_arg()`, `SSL_set_msg_callback()` and `SSL_set_msg_callback_arg()` do not return values.

## SEE ALSO

`ssl(7)`, `SSL_new(3)`

## HISTORY

The pseudo content type `SSL3_RT_INNER_CONTENT_TYPE` was added in OpenSSL 1.1.1.

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