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# Preface

This document demonstrates and explains the GnuTLS library API. A brief introduction to the protocols and the technology involved is also included so that an application programmer can better understand the GnuTLS purpose and actual offerings. Even if GnuTLS is a typical library software, it operates over several security and cryptographic protocols which require the programmer to make careful and correct usage of them. Otherwise it is likely to only obtain a false sense of security. The term of security is very broad even if restricted to computer software, and cannot be confined to a single cryptographic library. For that reason, do not consider any program secure just because it uses GnuTLS; there are several ways to compromise a program or a communication line and GnuTLS only helps with some of them.

Although this document tries to be self contained, basic network programming and public key infrastructure (PKI) knowledge is assumed in most of it. A good introduction to networking can be found in [38], to public key infrastructure in [14] and to security engineering in [5].

Updated versions of the GnuTLS software and this document will be available from <https://www.gnutls.org/>.



# 1

## Introduction to GnuTLS

In brief GnuTLS can be described as a library which offers an API to access secure communication protocols. These protocols provide privacy over insecure lines, and were designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, or message forgery.

Technically GnuTLS is a portable ANSI C based library which implements the protocols ranging from SSL 3.0 to TLS 1.3 (see [chapter 2](#), for a detailed description of the protocols), accompanied with the required framework for authentication and public key infrastructure. Important features of the GnuTLS library include:

- Support for TLS 1.3, TLS 1.2, TLS 1.1, TLS 1.0 and optionally SSL 3.0 protocols.
- Support for Datagram TLS 1.0 and 1.2.
- Support for handling and verification of X.509 certificates.
- Support for password authentication using TLS-SRP.
- Support for keyed authentication using TLS-PSK.
- Support for TPM, PKCS #11 tokens and smart-cards.

The GnuTLS library consists of three independent parts, namely the “TLS protocol part”, the “Certificate part”, and the “Cryptographic back-end” part. The “TLS protocol part” is the actual protocol implementation, and is entirely implemented within the GnuTLS library. The “Certificate part” consists of the certificate parsing, and verification functions and it uses functionality from the libtasn1 library. The “Cryptographic back-end” is provided by the nettle and gmp lib libraries.

### 1.1. Downloading and installing

GnuTLS is available for download at: <https://www.gnutls.org/download.html>

GnuTLS uses a development cycle where even minor version numbers indicate a stable release and a odd minor version number indicate a development release. For example, GnuTLS 1.6.3 denote a stable release since 6 is even, and GnuTLS 1.7.11 denote a development release since 7 is odd.

GnuTLS depends on `nettle` and `gmp lib`, and you will need to install it before installing GnuTLS. The `nettle` library is available from <https://www.lysator.liu.se/~nisse/nettle/>,

while `gmplib` is available from <https://www.gmp1ib.org/>. Don't forget to verify the cryptographic signature after downloading source code packages.

The package is then extracted, configured and built like many other packages that use Autoconf. For detailed information on configuring and building it, refer to the "INSTALL" file that is part of the distribution archive. Typically you invoke `./configure` and then `make check install`. There are a number of compile-time parameters, as discussed below.

Several parts of GnuTLS require ASN.1 functionality, which is provided by a library called `libtasn1`. A copy of `libtasn1` is included in GnuTLS. If you want to install it separately (e.g., to make it possibly to use `libtasn1` in other programs), you can get it from <https://www.gnu.org/software/libtasn1/>.

The compression library, `libz`, the PKCS #11 helper library `p11-kit`, the TPM library `trousers`, as well as the IDN library `libidn`<sup>1</sup> are optional dependencies. Check the README file in the distribution on how to obtain these libraries.

A few `configure` options may be relevant, summarized below. They disable or enable particular features, to create a smaller library with only the required features. Note however, that although a smaller library is generated, the included programs are not guaranteed to compile if some of these options are given.

```
--disable-srp-authentication
--disable-psk-authentication
--disable-anon-authentication
--disable-dhe
--disable-ecdh
--disable-openssl-compatibility
--disable-dtls-srtp-support
--disable-alpn-support
--disable-heartbeat-support
--disable-libdane
--without-p11-kit
--without-tpm
--without-zlib
```

For the complete list, refer to the output from `configure --help`.

## 1.2. Installing for a software distribution

When installing for a software distribution, it is often desirable to preconfigure GnuTLS with the system-wide paths and files. There two important configuration options, one sets the trust store in system, which are the CA certificates to be used by programs by default (if they don't override it), and the other sets to DNSSEC root key file used by unbound for DNSSEC verification.

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<sup>1</sup>Needed to use RFC6125 name comparison in internationalized domains.



For the latter the following configuration option is available, and if not specified GnuTLS will try to auto-detect the location of that file.

```
--with-unbound-root-key-file
```

To set the trust store the following options are available.

```
--with-default-trust-store-file  
--with-default-trust-store-dir  
--with-default-trust-store-pkcs11
```

The first option is used to set a PEM file which contains a list of trusted certificates, while the second will read all certificates in the given path. The recommended option is the last, which allows to use a PKCS #11 trust policy module. That module not only provides the trusted certificates, but allows the categorization of them using purpose, e.g., CAs can be restricted for e-mail usage only, or administrative restrictions of CAs, for examples by restricting a CA to only issue certificates for a given DNS domain using NameConstraints. A publicly available PKCS #11 trust module is p11-kit's trust module<sup>2</sup>.

### 1.3. Overview

In this document we present an overview of the supported security protocols in [chapter 2](#), and continue by providing more information on the certificate authentication in [section 3.1](#), and shared-key as well anonymous authentication in [section 3.3](#). We elaborate on certificate authentication by demonstrating advanced usage of the API in [section 3.2](#). The core of the TLS library is presented in [chapter 5](#) and example applications are listed in [chapter 6](#). In [chapter 8](#) the usage of few included programs that may assist debugging is presented. The last chapter is [chapter 9](#) that provides a short introduction to GnuTLS' internal architecture.

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<sup>2</sup><https://p11-glue.github.io/p11-glue/trust-module.html>



# 2

## Introduction to TLS and DTLS

TLS stands for “Transport Layer Security” and is the successor of SSL, the Secure Sockets Layer protocol [12] designed by Netscape. TLS is an Internet protocol, defined by IETF<sup>1</sup>, described in [9]. The protocol provides confidentiality, and authentication layers over any reliable transport layer. The description, above, refers to TLS 1.0 but applies to all other TLS versions as the differences between the protocols are not major.

The DTLS protocol, or “Datagram TLS” [31] is a protocol with identical goals as TLS, but can operate under unreliable transport layers such as UDP. The discussions below apply to this protocol as well, except when noted otherwise.

### 2.1. TLS Layers

TLS is a layered protocol, and consists of the record protocol, the handshake protocol and the alert protocol. The record protocol is to serve all other protocols and is above the transport layer. The record protocol offers symmetric encryption, and data authenticity<sup>2</sup>. The alert protocol offers some signaling to the other protocols. It can help informing the peer for the cause of failures and other error conditions. [section 2.4](#), for more information. The alert protocol is above the record protocol.

The handshake protocol is responsible for the security parameters’ negotiation, the initial key exchange and authentication. [section 2.5](#), for more information about the handshake protocol. The protocol layering in TLS is shown in [Figure 2.1](#).

### 2.2. The Transport Layer

TLS is not limited to any transport layer and can be used above any transport layer, as long as it is a reliable one. DTLS can be used over reliable and unreliable transport layers. GnuTLS supports TCP and UDP layers transparently using the Berkeley sockets API. However, any

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<sup>1</sup>IETF, or Internet Engineering Task Force, is a large open international community of network designers, operators, vendors, and researchers concerned with the evolution of the Internet architecture and the smooth operation of the Internet. It is open to any interested individual.

<sup>2</sup>In early versions of TLS compression was optionally available as well. This is no longer the case in recent versions of the protocol.

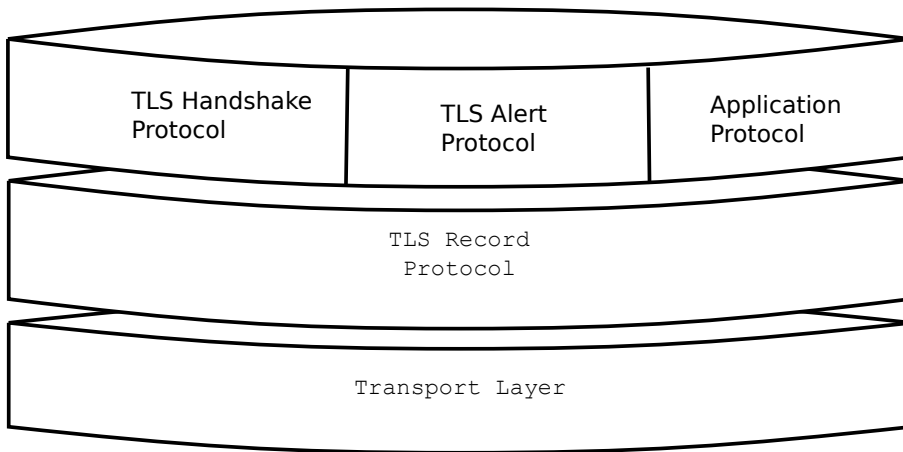


Figure 2.1.: The TLS protocol layers.

transport layer can be used by providing callbacks for GnuTLS to access the transport layer (for details see [section 5.5](#)).

## 2.3. The TLS record protocol

The record protocol is the secure communications provider. Its purpose is to encrypt, and authenticate packets. The record layer functions can be called at any time after the handshake process is finished, when there is need to receive or send data. In DTLS however, due to re-transmission timers used in the handshake out-of-order handshake data might be received for some time (maximum 60 seconds) after the handshake process is finished.

The functions to access the record protocol are limited to send and receive functions, which might, given the importance of this protocol in TLS, seem awkward. This is because the record protocol's parameters are all set by the handshake protocol. The record protocol initially starts with NULL parameters, which means no encryption, and no MAC is used. Encryption and authentication begin just after the handshake protocol has finished.

### 2.3.1. Encryption algorithms used in the record layer

Confidentiality in the record layer is achieved by using symmetric ciphers like AES or CHACHA20. Ciphers are encryption algorithms that use a single, secret, key to encrypt and decrypt data. Early versions of TLS separated between block and stream ciphers and had message authentication plugged in to them by the protocol, though later versions switched to using authenticated-encryption (AEAD) ciphers. The AEAD ciphers are defined to combine encryption and authentication, and as such they are not only more efficient, as the primitives used are designed to interoperate nicely, but they are also known to interoperate in a secure way.

The supported in GnuTLS ciphers and MAC algorithms are shown in [Table 2.1](#) and [Table 2.2](#).

Algorithm	Type	Applicable Protocols	Description
AES-128-GCM, AES-256-GCM	AEAD	TLS 1.2, TLS 1.3	This is the AES algorithm in the authenticated encryption GCM mode. This mode combines message authentication and encryption and can be extremely fast on CPUs that support hardware acceleration.
AES-128-CCM, AES-256-CCM	AEAD	TLS 1.2, TLS 1.3	This is the AES algorithm in the authenticated encryption CCM mode. This mode combines message authentication and encryption and is often used by systems without AES or GCM acceleration support.
CHACHA20-POLY1305	AEAD	TLS 1.2, TLS 1.3	CHACHA20-POLY1305 is an authenticated encryption algorithm based on CHACHA20 cipher and POLY1305 MAC. CHACHA20 is a refinement of SALSA20 algorithm, an approved cipher by the European ESTREAM project. POLY1305 is Wegman-Carter, one-time authenticator. The combination provides a fast stream cipher suitable for systems where a hardware AES accelerator is not available.
AES-128-CCM-8, AES-256-CCM-8	AEAD	TLS 1.2, TLS 1.3	This is the AES algorithm in the authenticated encryption CCM mode with a truncated to 64-bit authentication tag. This mode is for communication with restricted systems.
CAMELLIA-128-GCM, CAMELLIA-256-GCM	AEAD	TLS 1.2	This is the CAMELLIA algorithm in the authenticated encryption GCM mode.
AES-128-CBC, AES-256-CBC	Legacy (block)	TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1, TLS 1.2	AES or RIJNDAEL is the block cipher algorithm that replaces the old DES algorithm. It has 128 bits block size and is used in CBC mode.
CAMELLIA-128-CBC, CAMELLIA-256-CBC	Legacy (block)	TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1, TLS 1.2	This is an 128-bit block cipher developed by Mitsubishi and NTT. It is one of the approved ciphers of the European NESSIE and Japanese CRYPTREC projects.
3DES-CBC	Legacy (block)	TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1, TLS 1.2	This is the DES block cipher algorithm used with triple encryption (EDE). Has 64 bits block size and is used in CBC mode.
ARCFOUR-128	Legacy (stream)	TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1, TLS 1.2	ARCFOUR-128 is a compatible algorithm with RSA's RC4 algorithm, which is considered to be a trade secret. It is a considered to be broken, and is only used for compatibility purposed. For this reason it is not enabled by default.
GOST28147-TC26Z-CNT	Legacy (stream)	TLS 1.2	This is a 64-bit block cipher GOST 28147-89 with TC26Z S-Box working in CNT mode. It is one of the approved ciphers in Russia. It is not enabled by default.
NULL	Legacy (stream)	TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1, TLS 1.2	NULL is the empty/identity cipher which doesn't encrypt any data. It can be combined with data authentication under TLS 1.2 or earlier, but is only used transiently under TLS 1.3 until encryption starts. This cipher cannot be negotiated by default (need to be explicitly enabled) under TLS 1.2, and cannot be negotiated at all under TLS 1.3. When

Algorithm	Description
MAC-MD5	This is an HMAC based on MD5 a cryptographic hash algorithm designed by Ron Rivest. Outputs 128 bits of data.
MAC-SHA1	An HMAC based on the SHA1 cryptographic hash algorithm designed by NSA. Outputs 160 bits of data.
MAC-SHA256	An HMAC based on SHA2-256. Outputs 256 bits of data.
MAC-SHA384	An HMAC based on SHA2-384. Outputs 384 bits of data.
GOST28147-TC26Z-IMIT	This is a 64-bit block cipher GOST 28147-89 with TC26Z S-Box working in special MAC mode called Imitovstavks. It is one of the approved MAC algorithms in Russia. Outputs 32 bits of data. It is not enabled by default.
MAC-AEAD	This indicates that an authenticated encryption algorithm, such as GCM, is in use.

Table 2.2.: Supported MAC algorithms in TLS.

### 2.3.2. Compression algorithms and the record layer

In early versions of TLS the record layer supported compression. However, that proved to be problematic in many ways, and enabled several attacks based on traffic analysis on the transported data. For that newer versions of the protocol no longer offer compression, and GnuTLS since 3.6.0 no longer implements any support for compression.

### 2.3.3. On record padding

The TLS 1.3 protocol allows for extra padding of records to prevent statistical analysis based on the length of exchanged messages. GnuTLS takes advantage of this feature, by allowing the user to specify the amount of padding for a particular message. The simplest interface is provided by `gnutls_record_send2`, and is made available when under TLS1.3; alternatively `gnutls_record_can_use_length_hiding` can be queried.

Note that this interface is not sufficient to completely hide the length of the data. The application code may reveal the data transferred by leaking its data processing time, or by leaking the TLS1.3 record processing time by GnuTLS. That is because under TLS1.3 the padding removal time depends on the padding data for an efficient implementation. To make that processing constant time the `gnutls_init` function must be called with the flag `GNUTLS_SAFE_PADDING_CHECK`.

Older GnuTLS versions provided an API suitable for cases where the sender sends data that are always within a given range. That API is still available, and consists of the following functions.

```
ssize_t gnutls_record_send2 (gnutls_session_t session, const void * data, size_t
data_size, size_t pad, unsigned flags)
```

**Description:** This function is identical to `gnutls_record_send()` except that it takes an extra argument to specify padding to be added the record. To determine the maximum size of padding, use `gnutls_record_get_max_size()` and `gnutls_record_overhead_size()`. Note that in order for GnuTLS to provide constant time processing of padding and data in TLS1.3, the flag `GNUTLS_SAFE_PADDING_CHECK` must be used in `gnutls_init()`.

**Returns:** The number of bytes sent, or a negative error code. The number of bytes sent might be less than `data_size`. The maximum number of bytes this function can send in a single call depends on the negotiated maximum record size.

```
unsigned gnutls_record_can_use_length_hiding (gnutls_session_t session)
```

```
ssize_t gnutls_record_send_range (gnutls_session_t session, const void * data,
size_t data_size, const gnutls_range_st * range)
```

**Note:** This function currently is limited to blocking sockets.

## 2.4. The TLS alert protocol

The alert protocol is there to allow signals to be sent between peers. These signals are mostly used to inform the peer about the cause of a protocol failure. Some of these signals are used internally by the protocol and the application protocol does not have to cope with them (e.g. `GNUTLS_A_CLOSE_NOTIFY`), and others refer to the application protocol solely (e.g. `GNUTLS_A_USER_CANCELLED`). An alert signal includes a level indication which may be either fatal or warning (under TLS1.3 all alerts are fatal). Fatal alerts always terminate the current connection, and prevent future re-negotiations using the current session ID. All supported alert messages are summarized in the table below.

The alert messages are protected by the record protocol, thus the information that is included does not leak. You must take extreme care for the alert information not to leak to a possible attacker, via public log files etc.

Alert	ID	Description
<code>GNUTLS_A_CLOSE_NOTIFY</code>	0	Close notify
<code>GNUTLS_A_UNEXPECTED_MESSAGE</code>	10	Unexpected message
<code>GNUTLS_A_BAD_RECORD_MAC</code>	20	Bad record MAC
<code>GNUTLS_A_DECRYPTION_FAILED</code>	21	Decryption failed

GNUTLS_A.RECORD_OVERFLOW	22	Record overflow
GNUTLS_A.DECOMPRESSION_FAILURE	30	Decompression failed
GNUTLS_A.HANDSHAKE_FAILURE	40	Handshake failed
GNUTLS_A.SSL3_NO_CERTIFICATE	41	No certificate (SSL 3.0)
GNUTLS_A.BAD_CERTIFICATE	42	Certificate is bad
GNUTLS_A.UNSUPPORTED_CERTIFICATE	43	Certificate is not supported
GNUTLS_A.CERTIFICATE_REVOKED	44	Certificate was revoked
GNUTLS_A.CERTIFICATE_EXPIRED	45	Certificate is expired
GNUTLS_A.CERTIFICATE_UNKNOWN	46	Unknown certificate
GNUTLS_A.ILLEGAL_PARAMETER	47	Illegal parameter
GNUTLS_A.UNKNOWN_CA	48	CA is unknown
GNUTLS_A.ACCESS_DENIED	49	Access was denied
GNUTLS_A.DECODE_ERROR	50	Decode error
GNUTLS_A.DECRYPT_ERROR	51	Decrypt error
GNUTLS_A.EXPORT_RESTRICTION	60	Export restriction
GNUTLS_A.PROTOCOL_VERSION	70	Error in protocol version
GNUTLS_A.INSUFFICIENT_SECURITY	71	Insufficient security
GNUTLS_A.INTERNAL_ERROR	80	Internal error
GNUTLS_A.INAPPROPRIATE_FALLBACK	86	Inappropriate fallback
GNUTLS_A.USER_CANCELED	90	User canceled
GNUTLS_A.NO_RENEGOTIATION	100	No renegotiation is allowed
GNUTLS_A.MISSING_EXTENSION	109	An extension was expected but was not seen
GNUTLS_A.UNSUPPORTED_EXTENSION	110	An unsupported extension was sent
GNUTLS_A.CERTIFICATE_UNOBTAINABLE	111	Could not retrieve the specified certificate
GNUTLS_A.UNRECOGNIZED_NAME	112	The server name sent was not recognized
GNUTLS_A.UNKNOWN_PSK_IDENTITY	115	The SRP/PSK username is missing or not known
GNUTLS_A.CERTIFICATE_REQUIRED	116	Certificate is required
GNUTLS_A.NO_APPLICATION_PROTOCOL	120	No supported application protocol could be negotiated

Table 2.3.: The TLS alert table

## 2.5. The TLS handshake protocol

The handshake protocol is responsible for the ciphersuite negotiation, the initial key exchange, and the authentication of the two peers. This is fully controlled by the application layer, thus your program has to set up the required parameters. The main handshake function is `gnutls_handshake`. In the next paragraphs we elaborate on the handshake protocol, i.e., the ciphersuite negotiation.



### 2.5.1. TLS ciphersuites

The TLS cipher suites have slightly different meaning under different protocols. Under TLS 1.3, a cipher suite indicates the symmetric encryption algorithm in use, as well as the pseudo-random function (PRF) used in the TLS session.

Under TLS 1.2 or early the handshake protocol negotiates cipher suites of a special form illustrated by the `TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_CBC_SHA` cipher suite name. A typical cipher suite contains these parameters:

- The key exchange algorithm. `DHE_RSA` in the example.
- The Symmetric encryption algorithm and mode `3DES_CBC` in this example.
- The MAC<sup>3</sup> algorithm used for authentication. `MAC_SHA` is used in the above example.

The cipher suite negotiated in the handshake protocol will affect the record protocol, by enabling encryption and data authentication. Note that you should not over rely on TLS to negotiate the strongest available cipher suite. Do not enable ciphers and algorithms that you consider weak.

All the supported ciphersuites are listed in [Appendix C](#).

### 2.5.2. Authentication

The key exchange algorithms of the TLS protocol offer authentication, which is a prerequisite for a secure connection. The available authentication methods in GnuTLS, under TLS 1.3 or earlier versions, follow.

- Certificate authentication: Authenticated key exchange using public key infrastructure and X.509 certificates.
- PSK authentication: Authenticated key exchange using a pre-shared key.

Under TLS 1.2 or earlier versions, the following authentication methods are also available.

- SRP authentication: Authenticated key exchange using a password.
- Anonymous authentication: Key exchange without peer authentication.

### 2.5.3. Client authentication

In the case of ciphersuites that use certificate authentication, the authentication of the client is optional in TLS. A server may request a certificate from the client using the `gnutls_certificate_server_set_request` function. We elaborate in [subsection 5.4.1](#).

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<sup>3</sup>MAC stands for Message Authentication Code. It can be described as a keyed hash algorithm. See RFC2104.

### 2.5.4. Resuming sessions

The TLS handshake process performs expensive calculations and a busy server might easily be put under load. To reduce the load, session resumption may be used. This is a feature of the TLS protocol which allows a client to connect to a server after a successful handshake, without the expensive calculations. This is achieved by re-using the previously established keys, meaning the server needs to store the state of established connections (unless session tickets are used – [subsection 2.6.3](#)).

Session resumption is an integral part of GnuTLS, and [subsection 5.12.2](#), [subsection 6.1.4](#) illustrate typical uses of it.

## 2.6. TLS extensions

A number of extensions to the TLS protocol have been proposed mainly in [\[6\]](#). The extensions supported in GnuTLS are discussed in the subsections that follow.

### 2.6.1. Maximum fragment length negotiation

This extension allows a TLS implementation to negotiate a smaller value for record packet maximum length. This extension may be useful to clients with constrained capabilities. The functions shown below can be used to control this extension.

```
size_t gnutls_record_get_max_size (gnutls_session_t session)
```

```
ssize_t gnutls_record_set_max_size (gnutls_session_t session, size_t size)
```

**Deprecated:** if the client can assume that the 'record size limit' extension is supported by the server, we recommend using `gnutls_record_set_max_recv_size()` instead.

### 2.6.2. Server name indication

A common problem in HTTPS servers is the fact that the TLS protocol is not aware of the hostname that a client connects to, when the handshake procedure begins. For that reason the TLS server has no way to know which certificate to send.

This extension solves that problem within the TLS protocol, and allows a client to send the HTTP hostname before the handshake begins within the first handshake packet. The functions `gnutls_server_name_set` and `gnutls_server_name_get` can be used to enable this extension, or to retrieve the name sent by a client.

```
int gnutls_server_name_set (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_server_name_type_t
type, const void * name, size_t name_length)

int gnutls_server_name_get (gnutls_session_t session, void * data, size_t *
data_length, unsigned int * type, unsigned int indx)
```

### 2.6.3. Session tickets

To resume a TLS session, the server normally stores session parameters. This complicates deployment, and can be avoided by delegating the storage to the client. Because session parameters are sensitive they are encrypted and authenticated with a key only known to the server and then sent to the client. The Session Tickets extension is described in RFC 5077 [36].

A disadvantage of session tickets is that they eliminate the effects of forward secrecy when a server uses the same key for long time. That is, the secrecy of all sessions on a server using tickets depends on the ticket key being kept secret. For that reason server keys should be rotated and discarded regularly.

Since version 3.1.3 GnuTLS clients transparently support session tickets, unless forward secrecy is explicitly requested (with the PFS priority string).

Under TLS 1.3 session tickets are mandatory for session resumption, and they do not share the forward secrecy concerns as with TLS 1.2 or earlier.

### 2.6.4. HeartBeat

This is a TLS extension that allows to ping and receive confirmation from the peer, and is described in [29]. The extension is disabled by default and `gnutls_heartbeat_enable` can be used to enable it. A policy may be negotiated to only allow sending heartbeat messages or sending and receiving. The current session policy can be checked with `gnutls_heartbeat_allowed`. The requests coming from the peer result to `GNUTLS_E_HEARTBEAT_PING_RECEIVED` being returned from the receive function. Ping requests to peer can be send via `gnutls_heartbeat_ping`.

```
unsigned gnutls_heartbeat_allowed (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int type)

void gnutls_heartbeat_enable (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int type)
```

```

int gnutls_heartbeat_ping (gnutls_session_t session, size_t data_size, unsigned int
max_tries, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_heartbeat_pong (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int flags)

void gnutls_heartbeat_set_timeouts (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int re-
trans_timeout, unsigned int total_timeout)

unsigned int gnutls_heartbeat_get_timeout (gnutls_session_t session)

```

### 2.6.5. Safe renegotiation

TLS gives the option to two communicating parties to renegotiate and update their security parameters. One useful example of this feature was for a client to initially connect using anonymous negotiation to a server, and the renegotiate using some authenticated ciphersuite. This occurred to avoid having the client sending its credentials in the clear.

However this renegotiation, as initially designed would not ensure that the party one is renegotiating is the same as the one in the initial negotiation. For example one server could forward all renegotiation traffic to an other server who will see this traffic as an initial negotiation attempt.

This might be seen as a valid design decision, but it seems it was not widely known or understood, thus today some application protocols use the TLS renegotiation feature in a manner that enables a malicious server to insert content of his choice in the beginning of a TLS session.

The most prominent vulnerability was with HTTPS. There servers request a renegotiation to enforce an anonymous user to use a certificate in order to access certain parts of a web site. The attack works by having the attacker simulate a client and connect to a server, with server-only authentication, and send some data intended to cause harm. The server will then require renegotiation from him in order to perform the request. When the proper client attempts to contact the server, the attacker hijacks that connection and forwards traffic to the initial server that requested renegotiation. The attacker will not be able to read the data exchanged between the client and the server. However, the server will (incorrectly) assume that the initial request sent by the attacker was sent by the now authenticated client. The result is a prefix plain-text injection attack.

The above is just one example. Other vulnerabilities exists that do not rely on the TLS renegotiation to change the client's authenticated status (either TLS or application layer).

While fixing these application protocols and implementations would be one natural reaction, an extension to TLS has been designed that cryptographically binds together any renegotiated handshakes with the initial negotiation. When the extension is used, the attack is detected and the session can be terminated. The extension is specified in [32].

GnuTLS supports the safe renegotiation extension. The default behavior is as follows. Clients

will attempt to negotiate the safe renegotiation extension when talking to servers. Servers will accept the extension when presented by clients. Clients and servers will permit an initial handshake to complete even when the other side does not support the safe renegotiation extension. Clients and servers will refuse renegotiation attempts when the extension has not been negotiated.

Note that permitting clients to connect to servers when the safe renegotiation extension is not enabled, is open up for attacks. Changing this default behavior would prevent interoperability against the majority of deployed servers out there. We will reconsider this default behavior in the future when more servers have been upgraded. Note that it is easy to configure clients to always require the safe renegotiation extension from servers.

To modify the default behavior, we have introduced some new priority strings (see [section 5.10](#)). The `%UNSAFE_RENEGOTIATION` priority string permits (re-)handshakes even when the safe renegotiation extension was not negotiated. The default behavior is `%PARTIAL_RENEGOTIATION` that will prevent renegotiation with clients and servers not supporting the extension. This is secure for servers but leaves clients vulnerable to some attacks, but this is a trade-off between security and compatibility with old servers. The `%SAFE_RENEGOTIATION` priority string makes clients and servers require the extension for every handshake. The latter is the most secure option for clients, at the cost of not being able to connect to legacy servers. Servers will also deny clients that do not support the extension from connecting.

It is possible to disable use of the extension completely, in both clients and servers, by using the `%DISABLE_SAFE_RENEGOTIATION` priority string however we strongly recommend you to only do this for debugging and test purposes.

The default values if the flags above are not specified are:

- Server: `%PARTIAL_RENEGOTIATION`
- Client: `%PARTIAL_RENEGOTIATION`

For applications we have introduced a new API related to safe renegotiation. The `gnutls-safe_renegotiation_status` function is used to check if the extension has been negotiated on a session, and can be used both by clients and servers.

### 2.6.6. OCSP status request

The Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) is a protocol that allows the client to verify the server certificate for revocation without messing with certificate revocation lists. Its drawback is that it requires the client to connect to the server's CA OCSP server and request the status of the certificate. This extension however, enables a TLS server to include its CA OCSP server response in the handshake. That is an HTTPS server may periodically run `ocsptool` (see [subsection 3.2.7](#)) to obtain its certificate revocation status and serve it to the clients. That way a client avoids an additional connection to the OCSP server.

See [subsection 3.2.4](#) for further information.

Since version 3.1.3 GnuTLS clients transparently support the certificate status request.

### 2.6.7. SRTP

The TLS protocol was extended in [25] to provide keying material to the Secure RTP (SRTP) protocol. The SRTP protocol provides an encapsulation of encrypted data that is optimized for voice data. With the SRTP TLS extension two peers can negotiate keys using TLS or DTLS and obtain keying material for use with SRTP. The available SRTP profiles are listed below.

```
enum gnutls_srtp_profile_t:
  GNUTLS_SRTP_AES128_CM_HMAC_-      128 bit AES with a 80 bit HMAC-SHA1
  SHA1_80
  GNUTLS_SRTP_AES128_CM_HMAC_-      128 bit AES with a 32 bit HMAC-SHA1
  SHA1_32
  GNUTLS_SRTP_NULL_HMAC_SHA1_80     NULL cipher with a 80 bit HMAC-SHA1
  GNUTLS_SRTP_NULL_HMAC_SHA1_32     NULL cipher with a 32 bit HMAC-SHA1
```

Table 2.4.: Supported SRTP profiles

To enable use the following functions.

```
int gnutls_srtp_set_profile (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_srtp_profile_t profile)

int gnutls_srtp_set_profile_direct (gnutls_session_t session, const char * profiles,
const char ** err_pos)
```

To obtain the negotiated keys use the function below.

```
int gnutls_srtp_get_keys (gnutls_session_t session, void * key_material, unsigned
int key_material_size, gnutls_datum_t * client_key, gnutls_datum_t * client_salt,
gnutls_datum_t * server_key, gnutls_datum_t * server_salt)
```

**Description:** This is a helper function to generate the keying material for SRTP. It requires the space of the key material to be pre-allocated (should be at least 2x the maximum key size and salt size). The `client_key`, `client_salt`, `server_key` and `server_salt` are convenience datums that point inside the key material. They may be `NULL`.

**Returns:** On success the size of the key material is returned, otherwise, `GNUTLS_E_SHORT_MEMORY_BUFFER` if the buffer given is not sufficient, or a negative error code. Since 3.1.4

Other helper functions are listed below.

```
int gnutls_srtp_get_selected_profile (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_srtp_profile_t *
profile)

const char * gnutls_srtp_get_profile_name (gnutls_srtp_profile_t profile)

int gnutls_srtp_get_profile_id (const char * name, gnutls_srtp_profile_t * profile)
```

### 2.6.8. False Start

The TLS protocol was extended in [21] to allow the client to send data to server in a single round trip. This change however operates on the borderline of the TLS protocol security guarantees and should be used for the cases where the reduced latency outperforms the risk of an adversary intercepting the transferred data. In GnuTLS applications can use the `GNUTLS_ENABLE_FALSE_START` as option to `gnutls_init` to request an early return of the `gnutls_handshake` function. After that early return the application is expected to transfer any data to be piggybacked on the last handshake message.

After handshake's early termination, the application is expected to transmit data using `gnutls_record_send`, and call `gnutls_record_recv` on any received data as soon, to ensure that handshake completes timely. That is, especially relevant for applications which set an explicit time limit for the handshake process via `gnutls_handshake_set_timeout`.

Note however, that the API ensures that the early return will not happen if the false start requirements are not satisfied. That is, on ciphersuites which are not whitelisted for false start or on insufficient key sizes, the handshake process will complete properly (i.e., no early return). To verify that false start was used you may use `gnutls_session_get_flags` and check for the `GNUTLS_SFLAGS_FALSE_START` flag. For GnuTLS the false start is whitelisted for the following key exchange methods (see [21] for rationale)

- DHE
- ECDHE

but only when the negotiated parameters exceed `GNUTLS_SEC_PARAM_HIGH` –see Table 5.8, and when under (D)TLS 1.2 or later.

### 2.6.9. Application Layer Protocol Negotiation (ALPN)

The TLS protocol was extended in RFC7301 to provide the application layer a method of negotiating the application protocol version. This allows for negotiation of the application protocol during the TLS handshake, thus reducing round-trips. The application protocol is described by an opaque string. To enable, use the following functions.

```
int gnutls_alpn_set_protocols (gnutls_session_t session, const gnutls_datum_t * protocols, unsigned protocols_size, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_alpn_get_selected_protocol (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_datum_t * protocol)
```

Note that these functions are intended to be used with protocols that are registered in the Application Layer Protocol Negotiation IANA registry. While you can use them for other protocols (at the risk of collisions), it is preferable to register them.

### 2.6.10. Extensions and Supplemental Data

It is possible to transfer supplemental data during the TLS handshake, following [37]. This is for “custom” protocol modifications for applications which may want to transfer additional data (e.g. additional authentication messages). Such an exchange requires a custom extension to be registered. The provided API for this functionality is low-level and described in [section 9.4](#).

## 2.7. How to use TLS in application protocols

This chapter is intended to provide some hints on how to use TLS over simple custom made application protocols. The discussion below mainly refers to the TCP/IP transport layer but may be extended to other ones too.

### 2.7.1. Separate ports

Traditionally SSL was used in application protocols by assigning a new port number for the secure services. By doing this two separate ports were assigned, one for the non-secure sessions, and one for the secure sessions. This method ensures that if a user requests a secure session then the client will attempt to connect to the secure port and fail otherwise. The only possible attack with this method is to perform a denial of service attack. The most famous example of this method is “HTTP over TLS” or HTTPS protocol [30].

Despite its wide use, this method has several issues. This approach starts the TLS Handshake procedure just after the client connects on the —so called— secure port. That way the TLS protocol does not know anything about the client, and popular methods like the host advertising in HTTP do not work<sup>4</sup>. There is no way for the client to say “I connected to YYY server” before the Handshake starts, so the server cannot possibly know which certificate to use.

Other than that it requires two separate ports to run a single service, which is unnecessary complication. Due to the fact that there is a limitation on the available privileged ports, this approach was soon deprecated in favor of upward negotiation.

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<sup>4</sup>See also the Server Name Indication extension on [subsection 2.6.2](#).



### 2.7.2. Upward negotiation

Other application protocols<sup>5</sup> use a different approach to enable the secure layer. They use something often called as the “TLS upgrade” method. This method is quite tricky but it is more flexible. The idea is to extend the application protocol to have a “STARTTLS” request, whose purpose it to start the TLS protocols just after the client requests it. This approach does not require any extra port to be reserved. There is even an extension to HTTP protocol to support this method [18].

The tricky part, in this method, is that the “STARTTLS” request is sent in the clear, thus is vulnerable to modifications. A typical attack is to modify the messages in a way that the client is fooled and thinks that the server does not have the “STARTTLS” capability. See a typical conversation of a hypothetical protocol:

```
(client connects to the server)
CLIENT: HELLO I'M MR. XXX
SERVER: NICE TO MEET YOU XXX
CLIENT: PLEASE START TLS
SERVER: OK
*** TLS STARTS
CLIENT: HERE ARE SOME CONFIDENTIAL DATA
```

And an example of a conversation where someone is acting in between:

```
(client connects to the server)
CLIENT: HELLO I'M MR. XXX
SERVER: NICE TO MEET YOU XXX
CLIENT: PLEASE START TLS
(here someone inserts this message)
SERVER: SORRY I DON'T HAVE THIS CAPABILITY
CLIENT: HERE ARE SOME CONFIDENTIAL DATA
```

As you can see above the client was fooled, and was naïve enough to send the confidential data in the clear, despite the server telling the client that it does not support “STARTTLS”.

How do we avoid the above attack? As you may have already noticed this situation is easy to avoid. The client has to ask the user before it connects whether the user requests TLS or not. If the user answered that he certainly wants the secure layer the last conversation should be:

```
(client connects to the server)
CLIENT: HELLO I'M MR. XXX
```

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<sup>5</sup>See LDAP, IMAP etc.

SERVER: NICE TO MEET YOU XXX

CLIENT: PLEASE START TLS

(here someone inserts this message)

SERVER: SORRY I DON'T HAVE THIS CAPABILITY

CLIENT: BYE

(the client notifies the user that the secure connection was not possible)

This method, if implemented properly, is far better than the traditional method, and the security properties remain the same, since only denial of service is possible. The benefit is that the server may request additional data before the TLS Handshake protocol starts, in order to send the correct certificate, use the correct password file, or anything else!

## 2.8. On SSL 2 and older protocols

One of the initial decisions in the GnuTLS development was to implement the known security protocols for the transport layer. Initially TLS 1.0 was implemented since it was the latest at that time, and was considered to be the most advanced in security properties. Later the SSL 3.0 protocol was implemented since it is still the only protocol supported by several servers and there are no serious security vulnerabilities known.

One question that may arise is why we didn't implement SSL 2.0 in the library. There are several reasons, most important being that it has serious security flaws, unacceptable for a modern security library. Other than that, this protocol is barely used by anyone these days since it has been deprecated since 1996. The security problems in SSL 2.0 include:

- Message integrity compromised. The SSLv2 message authentication uses the MD5 function, and is insecure.
- Man-in-the-middle attack. There is no protection of the handshake in SSLv2, which permits a man-in-the-middle attack.
- Truncation attack. SSLv2 relies on TCP FIN to close the session, so the attacker can forge a TCP FIN, and the peer cannot tell if it was a legitimate end of data or not.
- Weak message integrity for export ciphers. The cryptographic keys in SSLv2 are used for both message authentication and encryption, so if weak encryption schemes are negotiated (say 40-bit keys) the message authentication code uses the same weak key, which isn't necessary.

Other protocols such as Microsoft's PCT 1 and PCT 2 were not implemented because they were also abandoned and deprecated by SSL 3.0 and later TLS 1.0.

# 3

## Authentication methods

The initial key exchange of the TLS protocol performs authentication of the peers. In typical scenarios the server is authenticated to the client, and optionally the client to the server.

While many associate TLS with X.509 certificates and public key authentication, the protocol supports various authentication methods, including pre-shared keys, and passwords. In this chapter a description of the existing authentication methods is provided, as well as some guidance on which use-cases each method can be used at.

### 3.1. Certificate authentication

The most known authentication method of TLS are certificates. The PKIX [16] public key infrastructure is daily used by anyone using a browser today. GnuTLS provides a simple API to verify the X.509 certificates as in [16].

The key exchange algorithms supported by certificate authentication are shown in [Table 3.1](#).

#### 3.1.1. X.509 certificates

The X.509 protocols rely on a hierarchical trust model. In this trust model Certification Authorities (CAs) are used to certify entities. Usually more than one certification authorities exist, and certification authorities may certify other authorities to issue certificates as well, following a hierarchical model.

One needs to trust one or more CAs for his secure communications. In that case only the certificates issued by the trusted authorities are acceptable. The framework is illustrated on [Figure 3.1](#).

#### X.509 certificate structure

An X.509 certificate usually contains information about the certificate holder, the signer, a unique serial number, expiration dates and some other fields [16] as shown in [Table 3.2](#).

The certificate's *subject or issuer name* is not just a single string. It is a Distinguished name and in the ASN.1 notation is a sequence of several object identifiers with their corresponding

Key exchange	Description
RSA	The RSA algorithm is used to encrypt a key and send it to the peer. The certificate must allow the key to be used for encryption.
DHE_RSA	The RSA algorithm is used to sign ephemeral Diffie-Hellman parameters which are sent to the peer. The key in the certificate must allow the key to be used for signing. Note that key exchange algorithms which use ephemeral Diffie-Hellman parameters, offer perfect forward secrecy. That means that even if the private key used for signing is compromised, it cannot be used to reveal past session data.
ECDHE_RSA	The RSA algorithm is used to sign ephemeral elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman parameters which are sent to the peer. The key in the certificate must allow the key to be used for signing. It also offers perfect forward secrecy. That means that even if the private key used for signing is compromised, it cannot be used to reveal past session data.
DHE_DSS	The DSA algorithm is used to sign ephemeral Diffie-Hellman parameters which are sent to the peer. The certificate must contain DSA parameters to use this key exchange algorithm. DSA is the algorithm of the Digital Signature Standard (DSS).
ECDHE_ECDSA	The Elliptic curve DSA algorithm is used to sign ephemeral elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman parameters which are sent to the peer. The certificate must contain ECDSA parameters (i.e., EC and marked for signing) to use this key exchange algorithm.

Table 3.1.: Supported key exchange algorithms.

Field	Description
version	The field that indicates the version of the certificate.
serialNumber	This field holds a unique serial number per certificate.
signature	The issuing authority's signature.
issuer	Holds the issuer's distinguished name.
validity	The activation and expiration dates.
subject	The subject's distinguished name of the certificate.
extensions	The extensions are fields only present in version 3 certificates.

Table 3.2.: X.509 certificate fields.

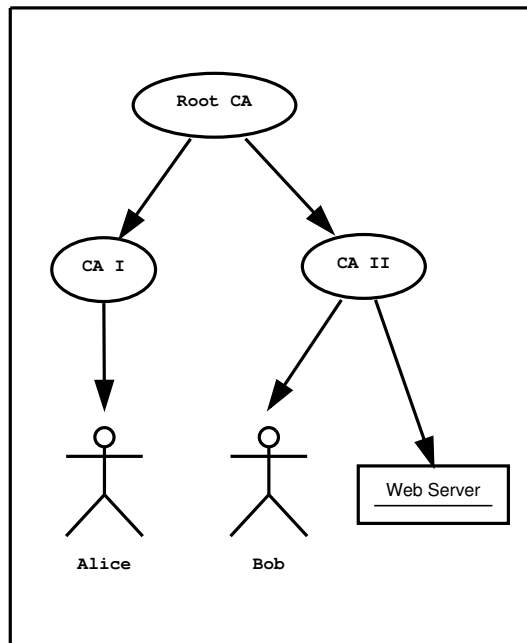


Figure 3.1.: An example of the X.509 hierarchical trust model.

values. Some of available OIDs to be used in an X.509 distinguished name are defined in “`gnutls/x509.h`”.

The *Version* field in a certificate has values either 1 or 3 for version 3 certificates. Version 1 certificates do not support the extensions field so it is not possible to distinguish a CA from a person, thus their usage should be avoided.

The *validity* dates are there to indicate the date that the specific certificate was activated and the date the certificate’s key would be considered invalid.

In GnuTLS the X.509 certificate structures are handled using the `gnutls_x509_cert_t` type and the corresponding private keys with the `gnutls_x509_privkey_t` type. All the available functions for X.509 certificate handling have their prototypes in “`gnutls/x509.h`”. An example program to demonstrate the X.509 parsing capabilities can be found in [subsection 6.5.2](#).

### Importing an X.509 certificate

The certificate structure should be initialized using `gnutls_x509_cert_init`, and a certificate structure can be imported using `gnutls_x509_cert_import`.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_init (gnutls_x509_cert_t * cert)

int gnutls_x509_cert_import (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, const gnutls_datum_t * data,
gnutls_x509_cert_fmt_t format)

void gnutls_x509_cert_deinit (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert)
```

In several functions an array of certificates is required. To assist in initialization and import the following two functions are provided.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_list_import (gnutls_x509_cert_t * certs, unsigned int *
cert_max, const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_cert_fmt_t format, unsigned
int flags)

int gnutls_x509_cert_list_import2 (gnutls_x509_cert_t ** certs, unsigned int * size,
const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_cert_fmt_t format, unsigned int flags)
```

In all cases after use a certificate must be deinitialized using `gnutls_x509_cert_deinit`. Note that although the functions above apply to `gnutls_x509_cert_t` structure, similar functions exist for the CRL structure `gnutls_x509_crl_t`.

## X.509 certificate names

X.509 certificates allow for multiple names and types of names to be specified. CA certificates often rely on X.509 distinguished names (see [subsubsection 3.1.1](#)) for unique identification, while end-user and server certificates rely on the 'subject alternative names'. The subject alternative names provide a typed name, e.g., a DNS name, or an email address, which identifies the owner of the certificate. The following functions provide access to that names.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_subject_alt_name2 (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned
int seq, void * san, size_t * san_size, unsigned int * san_type, unsigned int *
critical)

int gnutls_x509_cert_set_subject_alt_name (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert,
gnutls_x509_subject_alt_name_t type, const void * data, unsigned int data_size,
unsigned int flags)
```

```

int gnutls_subject_alt_names_init (gnutls_subject_alt_names_t * sans)

int gnutls_subject_alt_names_get (gnutls_subject_alt_names_t sans, unsigned int
seq, unsigned int * san_type, gnutls_datum_t * san, gnutls_datum_t * other-
name_oid)

int gnutls_subject_alt_names_set (gnutls_subject_alt_names_t sans, unsigned int
san_type, const gnutls_datum_t * san, const char * othername_oid)

```

Note however, that server certificates often used the Common Name (CN), part of the certificate DistinguishedName to place a single DNS address. That practice is discouraged (see [34]), because only a single address can be specified, and the CN field is free-form making matching ambiguous.

### X.509 distinguished names

The “subject” of an X.509 certificate is not described by a single name, but rather with a distinguished name. This in X.509 terminology is a list of strings each associated an object identifier. To make things simple GnuTLS provides `gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn2` which follows the rules in [45] and returns a single string. Access to each string by individual object identifiers can be accessed using `gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn_by_oid`.

```

int gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn2 (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, gnutls_datum_t * dn)

```

**Description:** This function will allocate buffer and copy the name of the Certificate. The name will be in the form "C=xxxx,O=yyyy,CN=zzzz" as described in RFC4514. The output string will be ASCII or UTF-8 encoded, depending on the certificate data. This function does not output a fully RFC4514 compliant string, if that is required see `gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn3()`.

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

```

int gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, char * buf, size_t * buf_size)

int gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn_by_oid (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, const char * oid, un-
signed indx, unsigned int raw_flag, void * buf, size_t * buf_size)

int gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn_oid (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned indx, void *
oid, size_t * oid_size)

```

Similar functions exist to access the distinguished name of the issuer of the certificate.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer_dn (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, char * buf, size_t *  
buf_size)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer_dn2 (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, gnutls_datum_t * dn)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer_dn_by_oid (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, const char *  
oid, unsigned int indx, unsigned int raw_flag, void * buf, size_t * buf_size)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer_dn_oid (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int indx,  
void * oid, size_t * oid_size)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, gnutls_x509_dn_t * dn)
```

The more powerful `gnutls_x509_cert_get_subject` and `gnutls_x509_dn_get_rdn_ava` provide efficient but low-level access to the contents of the distinguished name structure.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_subject (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, gnutls_x509_dn_t * dn)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, gnutls_x509_dn_t * dn)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_dn_get_rdn_ava (gnutls_x509_dn_t dn, int irdn, int iava,  
gnutls_x509_ava_st * ava)
```

**Description:** Get pointers to data within the DN. The format of the `ava` structure is shown below. `struct gnutls_x509_ava_st gnutls_datum_t oid; gnutls_datum_t value; unsigned long value_tag; ;` The X.509 distinguished name is a sequence of sequences of strings and this is what the `irdn` and `iava` indexes model. Note that `ava` will contain pointers into the `dn` structure which in turns points to the original certificate. Thus you should not modify any data or deallocate any of those. This is a low-level function that requires the caller to do the value conversions when necessary (e.g. from UCS-2).

**Returns:** Returns 0 on success, or an error code.



### X.509 extensions

X.509 version 3 certificates include a list of extensions that can be used to obtain additional information on the subject or the issuer of the certificate. Those may be e-mail addresses, flags that indicate whether the belongs to a CA etc. All the supported X.509 version 3 extensions are shown in [Table 3.3](#).

The certificate extensions access is split into two parts. The first requires to retrieve the extension, and the second is the parsing part.

To enumerate and retrieve the DER-encoded extension data available in a certificate the following two functions are available.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_extension_info (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned indx,
void * oid, size_t * oid_size, unsigned int * critical)

int gnutls_x509_cert_get_extension_data2 (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned indx,
gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_x509_cert_get_extension_by_oid2 (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, const char *
oid, unsigned indx, gnutls_datum_t * output, unsigned int * critical)
```

After a supported DER-encoded extension is retrieved it can be parsed using the APIs in `x509-ext.h`. Complex extensions may require initializing an intermediate structure that holds the parsed extension data. Examples of simple parsing functions are shown below.

```
int gnutls_x509_ext_import_basic_constraints (const gnutls_datum_t * ext, unsigned int * ca, int * pathlen)

int gnutls_x509_ext_export_basic_constraints (unsigned int ca, int pathlen, gnutls_datum_t * ext)

int gnutls_x509_ext_import_key_usage (const gnutls_datum_t * ext, unsigned int * key_usage)

int gnutls_x509_ext_export_key_usage (unsigned int usage, gnutls_datum_t * ext)
```

More complex extensions, such as Name Constraints, require an intermediate structure, in that case `gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t` to be initialized in order to store the parsed extension data.

```

int gnutls_x509_ext_import_name_constraints (const gnutls_datum_t * ext,
gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t nc, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_x509_ext_export_name_constraints (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t nc,
gnutls_datum_t * ext)

```

After the name constraints are extracted in the structure, the following functions can be used to access them.

```

int gnutls_x509_name_constraints_get_permitted (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t
nc, unsigned idx, unsigned * type, gnutls_datum_t * name)

int gnutls_x509_name_constraints_get_excluded (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t
nc, unsigned idx, unsigned * type, gnutls_datum_t * name)

int gnutls_x509_name_constraints_add_permitted (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t
nc, gnutls_x509_subject_alt_name_t type, const gnutls_datum_t * name)

int gnutls_x509_name_constraints_add_excluded (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t
nc, gnutls_x509_subject_alt_name_t type, const gnutls_datum_t * name)

```

```

unsigned gnutls_x509_name_constraints_check (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t nc,
gnutls_x509_subject_alt_name_t type, const gnutls_datum_t * name)

unsigned gnutls_x509_name_constraints_check_cert (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t
nc, gnutls_x509_subject_alt_name_t type, gnutls_x509_cert_t cert)

```

Other utility functions are listed below.

```

int gnutls_x509_name_constraints_init (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t * nc)

void gnutls_x509_name_constraints_deinit (gnutls_x509_name_constraints_t nc)

```

Similar functions exist for all of the other supported extensions, listed in [Table 3.3](#).

Note, that there are also direct APIs to access extensions that may be simpler to use for non-complex extensions. They are available in `x509.h` and some examples are listed below.

Extension	OID	Description
Subject key id	2.5.29.14	An identifier of the key of the subject.
Key usage	2.5.29.15	Constraints the key's usage of the certificate.
Private key usage period	2.5.29.16	Constraints the validity time of the private key.
Subject alternative name	2.5.29.17	Alternative names to subject's distinguished name.
Issuer alternative name	2.5.29.18	Alternative names to the issuer's distinguished name.
Basic constraints	2.5.29.19	Indicates whether this is a CA certificate or not, and specify the maximum path lengths of certificate chains.
Name constraints	2.5.29.30	A field in CA certificates that restricts the scope of the name of issued certificates.
CRL distribution points	2.5.29.31	This extension is set by the CA, in order to inform about the location of issued Certificate Revocation Lists.
Certificate policy	2.5.29.32	This extension is set to indicate the certificate policy as object identifier and may contain a descriptive string or URL.
Extended key usage	2.5.29.54	Inhibit any policy extension. Constraints the any policy OID (GNUTLS_X509_OID_POLICY_ANY) use in the policy extension.
Authority key identifier	2.5.29.35	An identifier of the key of the issuer of the certificate. That is used to distinguish between different keys of the same issuer.
Extended key usage	2.5.29.37	Constraints the purpose of the certificate.
Authority information access	1.3.6.1.5.5.7.1.1	Information on services by the issuer of the certificate.
Proxy Certification Information	1.3.6.1.5.5.7.1.14	Proxy Certificates includes this extension that contains the OID of the proxy policy language used, and can specify limits on the maximum lengths of proxy chains. Proxy Certificates are specified in [40].

Table 3.3.: Supported X.509 certificate extensions.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_basic_constraints (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int *  
critical, unsigned int * ca, int * pathlen)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_set_basic_constraints (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int ca,  
int pathLenConstraint)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_key_usage (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int *  
key_usage, unsigned int * critical)  
  
int gnutls_x509_cert_set_key_usage (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int usage)
```

### Accessing public and private keys

Each X.509 certificate contains a public key that corresponds to a private key. To get a unique identifier of the public key the `gnutls_x509_cert_get_key_id` function is provided. To export the public key or its parameters you may need to convert the X.509 structure to a `gnutls_pubkey_t`. See [subsection 4.1.1](#) for more information.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_key_id (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int flags, unsigned  
char * output_data, size_t * output_data_size)
```

**Description:** This function will return a unique ID that depends on the public key parameters. This ID can be used in checking whether a certificate corresponds to the given private key. If the buffer provided is not long enough to hold the output, then `*output_data_size` is updated and `GNUTLS_E_SHORT_MEMORY_BUFFER` will be returned. The output will normally be a SHA-1 hash output, which is 20 bytes.

**Returns:** In case of failure a negative error code will be returned, and 0 on success.

The private key parameters may be directly accessed by using one of the following functions.

```

int gnutls_x509_privkey_get_pk_algorithm2 (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key, unsigned
int * bits)

int gnutls_x509_privkey_export_rsa_raw2 (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
gnutls_datum_t * m, gnutls_datum_t * e, gnutls_datum_t * d, gnutls_datum_t *
p, gnutls_datum_t * q, gnutls_datum_t * u, gnutls_datum_t * e1, gnutls_datum_t *
e2)

int gnutls_x509_privkey_export_ecc_raw (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
gnutls_ecc_curve_t * curve, gnutls_datum_t * x, gnutls_datum_t * y, gnutls_datum_t *
k)

int gnutls_x509_privkey_export_dsa_raw (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
gnutls_datum_t * p, gnutls_datum_t * q, gnutls_datum_t * g, gnutls_datum_t * y,
gnutls_datum_t * x)

int gnutls_x509_privkey_get_key_id (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key, unsigned int flags,
unsigned char * output_data, size_t * output_data_size)

```

### Verifying X.509 certificate paths

Verifying certificate paths is important in X.509 authentication. For this purpose the following functions are provided.

```

int gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_cas (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, const
gnutls_x509_crt_t * clist, unsigned clist_size, unsigned int flags)

```

**Description:** This function will add the given certificate authorities to the trusted list. The CAs in `clist` must not be deinitialized during the lifetime of `list`. If the flag `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATES` is specified, then this function will ensure that no duplicates will be present in the final trust list. If the flag `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATE_KEY` is specified, then this function will ensure that no certificates with the same key are present in the final trust list. If either `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATE_KEY` or `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATES` are given, `gnutls_x509_trust_list_deinit()` must be called with parameter `all` being 1.

**Returns:** The number of added elements is returned; that includes duplicate entries.

The verification function will verify a given certificate chain against a list of certificate authorities and certificate revocation lists, and output a bit-wise OR of elements of the `gnutls_certificate_status_t` enumeration shown in [Table 3.4](#). The `GNUTLS_CERT_INVALID` flag is always set on a verification error and more detailed flags will also be set when appropriate.

An example of certificate verification is shown in [subsection 6.3.4](#). It is also possible to have a set of certificates that are trusted for a particular server but not to authorize other certificates.

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_named_cert (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list,  
gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, const void * name, size_t name_size, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will add the given certificate to the trusted list and associate it with a name. The certificate will not be used for verification with `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert()` but with `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_named_cert()` or `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert2()` - the latter only since GnuTLS 3.4.0 and if a hostname is provided. In principle this function can be used to set individual "server" certificates that are trusted by the user for that specific server but for no other purposes. The certificate `cert` must not be deinitialized during the lifetime of the list.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_crls (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, const  
gnutls_x509_crl_t * crl_list, unsigned crl_size, unsigned int flags, unsigned int  
verification_flags)
```

**Description:** This function will add the given certificate revocation lists to the trusted list. The CRLs in `crl_list` must not be deinitialized during the lifetime of `list`. This function must be called after `gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_cas()` to allow verifying the CRLs for validity. If the flag `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATES` is given, then the final CRL list will not contain duplicate entries. If the flag `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATES` is given, `gnutls_x509_trust_list_deinit()` must be called with parameter `all` being 1. If flag `GNUTLS_TL_VERIFY_CRL` is given the CRLs will be verified before being added, and if verification fails, they will be skipped.

**Returns:** The number of added elements is returned; that includes duplicate entries.

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, gnutls_x509_cert_t  
* cert_list, unsigned int cert_list_size, unsigned int flags, unsigned int * voutput,  
gnutls_verify_output_function func)
```

**Description:** This function will try to verify the given certificate and return its status. The `voutput` parameter will hold an OR'ed sequence of `gnutls_certificate_status_t` flags. The details of the verification are the same as in `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert2()`.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert2 (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, gnutls_x509_cert_t
* cert_list, unsigned int cert_list_size, gnutls_typed_vdata_st * data, unsigned int
elements, unsigned int flags, unsigned int * voutput, gnutls_verify_output_function
func)
```

**Description:** This function will attempt to verify the given certificate chain and return its status. The `voutput` parameter will hold an OR'ed sequence of `gnutls_certificate_status_t` flags. When a certificate chain of `cert_list_size` with more than one certificates is provided, the verification status will apply to the first certificate in the chain that failed verification. The verification process starts from the end of the chain (from CA to end certificate). The first certificate in the chain must be the end-certificate while the rest of the members may be sorted or not. Additionally a certificate verification profile can be specified from the ones in `gnutls_certificate_verification_profiles_t` by ORing the result of `GNUTLS_PROFILE_TO_VFLAGS()` to the verification flags. Additional verification parameters are possible via the data types; the acceptable types are `GNUTLS_DT_DNS_HOSTNAME`, `GNUTLS_DT_IP_ADDRESS` and `GNUTLS_DT_KEY_PURPOSE_OID`. The former accepts as data a null-terminated hostname, and the latter a null-terminated object identifier (e.g., `GNUTLS_KP_TLS_WWW_SERVER`). If a DNS hostname is provided then this function will compare the hostname in the end certificate against the given. If names do not match the `GNUTLS_CERT_UNEXPECTED_OWNER` status flag will be set. In addition it will consider certificates provided with `gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_named_cert()`. If a key purpose OID is provided and the end-certificate contains the extended key usage PKIX extension, it will be required to match the provided OID or be marked for any purpose, otherwise verification will fail with `GNUTLS_CERT_PURPOSE_MISMATCH` status.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value. Note that verification failure will not result to an error code, only `voutput` will be updated.

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_named_cert (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list,
gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, const void * name, size_t name_size, unsigned int flags,
unsigned int * voutput, gnutls_verify_output_function func)
```

**Description:** This function will try to find a certificate that is associated with the provided name --see `gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_named_cert()`. If a match is found the certificate is considered valid. In addition to that this function will also check CRLs. The `voutput` parameter will hold an OR'ed sequence of `gnutls_certificate_status_t` flags. Additionally a certificate verification profile can be specified from the ones in `gnutls_certificate_verification_profiles_t` by ORing the result of `GNUTLS_PROFILE_TO_VFLAGS()` to the verification flags.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_trust_file (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, const char *
ca_file, const char * crl_file, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type, unsigned int tl_flags, un-
signed int tl_vflags)
```

**Description:** This function will add the given certificate authorities to the trusted list. PKCS #11 URLs are also accepted, instead of files, by this function. A PKCS #11 URL implies a trust database (a specially marked module in p11-kit); the URL "pkcs11:" implies all trust databases in the system. Only a single URL specifying trust databases can be set; they cannot be stacked with multiple calls.

**Returns:** The number of added elements is returned.

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_trust_mem (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, const
gnutls_datum_t * cas, const gnutls_datum_t * crls, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type, un-
signed int tl_flags, unsigned int tl_vflags)
```

**Description:** This function will add the given certificate authorities to the trusted list. If this function is used `gnutls_x509_trust_list_deinit()` must be called with parameter all being 1.

**Returns:** The number of added elements is returned.

This purpose is served by the functions `gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_named_crt` and `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_named_crt`.

### Verifying a certificate in the context of TLS session

When operating in the context of a TLS session, the trusted certificate authority list may also be set using:

```
int gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_system_trust (gnutls_x509_trust_list_t list, unsigned
int tl_flags, unsigned int tl_vflags)
```

**Description:** This function adds the system's default trusted certificate authorities to the trusted list. Note that on unsupported systems this function returns `GNUTLS_E_UNIMPLEMENTED_FEATURE`. This function implies the flag `GNUTLS_TL_NO_DUPLICATES`.

**Returns:** The number of added elements or a negative error code on error.



```

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
const char * cafile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_dir (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
const char * ca_dir, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_crl_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res, const
char * crlfile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred)

```

These functions allow the specification of the trusted certificate authorities, either via a file, a directory or use the system-specified certificate authorities. Unless the authorities are application specific, it is generally recommended to use the system trust storage (see `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust`).

Unlike the previous section it is not required to setup a trusted list, and there are two approaches to verify the peer's certificate and identity. The recommended in GnuTLS 3.5.0 and later is via the `gnutls_session_set_verify_cert`, but for older GnuTLS versions you may use an explicit callback set via `gnutls_certificate_set_verify_function` and then utilize `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3` for verification. The reported verification status is identical to the verification functions described in the previous section.

Note that in certain cases it is required to check the marked purpose of the end certificate (e.g. `GNUTLS_KP_TLS_WWW_SERVER`); in these cases the more advanced `gnutls_session_set_verify_cert2` and `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers` should be used instead.

There is also the possibility to pass some input to the verification functions in the form of flags. For `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert2` the flags are passed directly, but for `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3`, the flags are set using `gnutls_certificate_set_verify_flags`. All the available flags are part of the enumeration `gnutls_certificate_verify_flags` shown in Table 3.5.

### Verifying a certificate using PKCS #11

Some systems provide a system wide trusted certificate storage accessible using the PKCS #11 API. That is, the trusted certificates are queried and accessed using the PKCS #11 API, and trusted certificate properties, such as purpose, are marked using attached extensions. One example is the p11-kit trust module<sup>1</sup>.

These special PKCS #11 modules can be used for GnuTLS certificate verification if marked as trust policy modules, i.e., with `trust-policy: yes` in the p11-kit module file. The way to use them is by specifying to the file verification function (e.g., `gnutls_certificate_set-`

<sup>1</sup>see <https://p11-glue.github.io/p11-glue/trust-module.html>.

`x509_trust_file`), a `pkcs11` URL, or simply `pkcs11:` to use all the marked with trust policy modules.

The trust modules of `p11-kit` assign a purpose to trusted authorities using the extended key usage object identifiers. The common purposes are shown in [Table 3.6](#). Note that typically according to [8] the extended key usage object identifiers apply to end certificates. Their application to CA certificates is an extension used by the trust modules.

With such modules, it is recommended to use the verification functions `gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert2`, or `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers`, which allow to explicitly specify the key purpose. The other verification functions which do not allow setting a purpose, would operate as if `GNUTLS_KP_TLS_WWW_SERVER` was requested from the trusted authorities.

### 3.1.2. OpenPGP certificates

Previous versions of GnuTLS supported limited OpenPGP key authentication. That functionality has been deprecated and is no longer made available. The reason is that, supporting alternative authentication methods, when X.509 and PKIX were new on the Internet and not well established, seemed like a good idea, in today's Internet X.509 is unquestionably the main container for certificates. As such supporting more options with no clear use-cases, is a distraction that consumes considerable resources for improving and testing the library. For that we have decided to drop this functionality completely in 3.6.0.

### 3.1.3. Raw public-keys

There are situations in which a rather large certificate / certificate chain is undesirable or impractical. An example could be a resource constrained sensor network in which you do want to use authentication of and encryption between your devices but where your devices lack loads of memory or processing power. Furthermore, there are situations in which you don't want to or can't rely on a PKIX. TLS is, next to a PKIX environment, also commonly used with self-signed certificates in smaller deployments where the self-signed certificates are distributed to all involved protocol endpoints out-of-band. This practice does, however, still require the overhead of the certificate generation even though none of the information found in the certificate is actually used.

With raw public-keys, only a subset of the information found in typical certificates is utilized: namely, the `SubjectPublicKeyInfo` structure (in ASN.1 format) of a PKIX certificate that carries the parameters necessary to describe the public-key. Other parameters found in PKIX certificates are omitted. By omitting various certificate-related structures, the resulting raw public-key is kept fairly small in comparison to the original certificate, and the code to process the keys can be simpler.

It should be noted however, that the authenticity of these raw keys must be verified by an out-of-band mechanism or something like TOFU.

### Importing raw public-keys

Raw public-keys and their private counterparts can best be handled by using the abstract types `gnutls_pubkey_t` and `gnutls_privkey_t` respectively. To learn how to use these see [section 4.1](#).

#### 3.1.4. Advanced certificate verification

The verification of X.509 certificates in the HTTPS and other Internet protocols is typically done by loading a trusted list of commercial Certificate Authorities (see `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust`), and using them as trusted anchors. However, there are several examples (eg. the Diginotar incident) where one of these authorities was compromised. This risk can be mitigated by using in addition to CA certificate verification, other verification methods. In this section we list the available in GnuTLS methods.

#### Verifying a certificate using trust on first use authentication

It is possible to use a trust on first use (TOFU) authentication method in GnuTLS. That is the concept used by the SSH programs, where the public key of the peer is not verified, or verified in an out-of-bound way, but subsequent connections to the same peer require the public key to remain the same. Such a system in combination with the typical CA verification of a certificate, and OCSP revocation checks, can help to provide multiple factor verification, where a single point of failure is not enough to compromise the system. For example a server compromise may be detected using OCSP, and a CA compromise can be detected using the trust on first use method. Such a hybrid system with X.509 and trust on first use authentication is shown in [subsection 6.1.5](#).

See [subsection 5.12.3](#) on how to use the available functionality.

#### Verifying a certificate using DANE (DNSSEC)

The DANE protocol is a protocol that can be used to verify TLS certificates using the DNS (or better DNSSEC) protocols. The DNS security extensions (DNSSEC) provide an alternative public key infrastructure to the commercial CAs that are typically used to sign TLS certificates. The DANE protocol takes advantage of the DNSSEC infrastructure to verify TLS certificates. This can be in addition to the verification by CA infrastructure or may even replace it where DNSSEC is fully deployed. Note however, that DNSSEC deployment is fairly new and it would be better to use it as an additional verification method rather than the only one.

The DANE functionality is provided by the `libgnutls-dane` library that is shipped with GnuTLS and the function prototypes are in `gnutls/dane.h`. See [subsection 5.12.3](#) for information on how to use the library.

Note however, that the DANE RFC mandates the verification methods one should use in addition to the validation via DNSSEC TLSA entries. GnuTLS doesn't follow that RFC requirement, and the term DANE verification in this manual refers to the TLSA entry verification. In GnuTLS any other verification methods can be used (e.g., PKIX or TOFU) on top of DANE.

### 3.1.5. Digital signatures

In this section we will provide some information about digital signatures, how they work, and give the rationale for disabling some of the algorithms used.

Digital signatures work by using somebody's secret key to sign some arbitrary data. Then anybody else could use the public key of that person to verify the signature. Since the data may be arbitrary it is not suitable input to a cryptographic digital signature algorithm. For this reason and also for performance cryptographic hash algorithms are used to preprocess the input to the signature algorithm. This works as long as it is difficult enough to generate two different messages with the same hash algorithm output. In that case the same signature could be used as a proof for both messages. Nobody wants to sign an innocent message of donating 1 euro to Greenpeace and find out that they donated 1.000.000 euros to Bad Inc.

For a hash algorithm to be called cryptographic the following three requirements must hold:

1. Preimage resistance. That means the algorithm must be one way and given the output of the hash function  $H(x)$ , it is impossible to calculate  $x$ .
2. 2nd preimage resistance. That means that given a pair  $x, y$  with  $y = H(x)$  it is impossible to calculate an  $x'$  such that  $y = H(x')$ .
3. Collision resistance. That means that it is impossible to calculate random  $x$  and  $x'$  such  $H(x') = H(x)$ .

The last two requirements in the list are the most important in digital signatures. These protect against somebody who would like to generate two messages with the same hash output. When an algorithm is considered broken usually it means that the Collision resistance of the algorithm is less than brute force. Using the birthday paradox the brute force attack takes  $2^{\text{textasciicircum}(\text{hash size})/2}$  operations. Today colliding certificates using the MD5 hash algorithm have been generated as shown in [23].

There has been cryptographic results for the SHA-1 hash algorithms as well, although they are not yet critical. Before 2004, MD5 had a presumed collision strength of  $2^{\text{textasciicircum}64}$ , but it has been showed to have a collision strength well under  $2^{\text{textasciicircum}50}$ . As of November 2005, it is believed that SHA-1's collision strength is around  $2^{\text{textasciicircum}63}$ .

We consider this sufficiently hard so that we still support SHA-1. We anticipate that SHA-256/386/512 will be used in publicly-distributed certificates in the future. When  $2^{\text{textasciicircum}63}$

can be considered too weak compared to the computer power available sometime in the future, SHA-1 will be disabled as well. The collision attacks on SHA-1 may also get better, given the new interest in tools for creating them.

### Trading security for interoperability

If you connect to a server and use GnuTLS' functions to verify the certificate chain, and get a `GNUTLS_CERT_INSECURE_ALGORITHM` validation error (see [subsection 3.1.1](#)), it means that somewhere in the certificate chain there is a certificate signed using RSA-MD2 or RSA-MD5. These two digital signature algorithms are considered broken, so GnuTLS fails verifying the

certificate. In some situations, it may be useful to be able to verify the certificate chain anyway, assuming an attacker did not utilize the fact that these signatures algorithms are broken. This section will give help on how to achieve that.

It is important to know that you do not have to enable any of the flags discussed here to be able to use trusted root CA certificates self-signed using RSA-MD2 or RSA-MD5. The certificates in the trusted list are considered trusted irrespective of the signature.

If you are using `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3` to verify the certificate chain, you can call `gnutls_certificate_set_verify_flags` with the flags:

- `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_RSA_MD2`
- `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_RSA_MD5`
- `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_WITH_SHA1`
- `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_BROKEN`

as in the following example:

```
1 gnutls_certificate_set_verify_flags (x509cred,  
2 GnutlsVerifyAllowSignRsaMd5);
```

This will signal the verifier algorithm to enable RSA-MD5 when verifying the certificates.

If you are using `gnutls_x509 crt_verify` or `gnutls_x509 crt_list_verify`, you can pass the `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_RSA_MD5` parameter directly in the `flags` parameter.

If you are using these flags, it may also be a good idea to warn the user when verification failure occur for this reason. The simplest is to not use the flags by default, and only fall back to using them after warning the user. If you wish to inspect the certificate chain yourself, you can use `gnutls_certificate_get_peers` to extract the raw server's certificate chain, `gnutls_x509 crt_list_import` to parse each of the certificates, and then `gnutls_x509 crt_get_signature_algorithm` to find out the signing algorithm used for each certificate. If any of the intermediary certificates are using `GNUTLS_SIGN_RSA_MD2` or `GNUTLS_SIGN_RSA_MD5`, you could present a warning.

## 3.2. More on certificate authentication

Certificates are not the only structures involved in a public key infrastructure. Several other structures that are used for certificate requests, encrypted private keys, revocation lists, GnuTLS abstract key structures, etc., are discussed in this chapter.

### 3.2.1. PKCS #10 certificate requests

A certificate request is a structure, which contain information about an applicant of a certificate service. It typically contains a public key, a distinguished name and secondary data such as a challenge password. GnuTLS supports the requests defined in PKCS #10 [27]. Other formats of certificate requests are not currently supported by GnuTLS.

A certificate request can be generated by associating it with a private key, setting the subject's information and finally self signing it. The last step ensures that the requester is in possession of the private key.

```
int gnutls_x509_crq_set_version (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, unsigned int version)

int gnutls_x509_crq_set_dn (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, const char * dn, const char **
err)

int gnutls_x509_crq_set_dn_by_oid (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, const char * oid, un-
signed int raw_flag, const void * data, unsigned int sizeof_data)

int gnutls_x509_crq_set_key_usage (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, unsigned int usage)

int gnutls_x509_crq_set_key_purpose_oid (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, const void * oid,
unsigned int critical)

int gnutls_x509_crq_set_basic_constraints (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, unsigned int ca,
int pathLenConstraint)
```

The `gnutls_x509_crq_set_key` and `gnutls_x509_crq_sign2` functions associate the request with a private key and sign it. If a request is to be signed with a key residing in a PKCS #11 token it is recommended to use the signing functions shown in [section 4.1](#).

```
int gnutls_x509_crq_set_key (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, gnutls_x509_privkey_t key)
```

**Description:** This function will set the public parameters from the given private key to the request.

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

The following example is about generating a certificate request, and a private key. A certificate request can be later be processed by a CA which should return a signed certificate.

```
1 /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3 #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4 #include <config.h>
5 #endif
6
7 #include <stdio.h>
8 #include <stdlib.h>
9 #include <string.h>
10 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
```

```
int gnutls_x509_crq_sign2 (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will sign the certificate request with a private key. This must be the same key as the one used in `gnutls_x509 crt_set_key()` since a certificate request is self signed. This must be the last step in a certificate request generation since all the previously set parameters are now signed. A known limitation of this function is, that a newly-signed request will not be fully functional (e.g., for signature verification), until it is exported and re-imported. After GnuTLS 3.6.1 the value of `dig` may be `GNUTLS_DIG_UNKNOWN`, and in that case, a suitable but reasonable for the key algorithm will be selected.

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, otherwise a negative error code. `GNUTLS_E_ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND` is returned if you didn't set all information in the certificate request (e.g., the version using `gnutls_x509_crq_set_version()`).

```
11 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
12 #include <gnutls/abstract.h>
13 #include <time.h>
14
15 /* This example will generate a private key and a certificate
16  * request.
17  */
18
19 int main(void)
20 {
21     gnutls_x509_crq_t crq;
22     gnutls_x509_privkey_t key;
23     unsigned char buffer[10 * 1024];
24     size_t buffer_size = sizeof(buffer);
25     unsigned int bits;
26
27     gnutls_global_init();
28
29     /* Initialize an empty certificate request, and
30      * an empty private key.
31      */
32     gnutls_x509_crq_init(&crq);
33
34     gnutls_x509_privkey_init(&key);
35
36     /* Generate an RSA key of moderate security.
37      */
38     bits =
39         gnutls_sec_param_to_pk_bits(GNUTLS_PK_RSA,
40                                     GNUTLS_SEC_PARAM_MEDIUM);
41     gnutls_x509_privkey_generate(key, GNUTLS_PK_RSA, bits, 0);
42
43     /* Add stuff to the distinguished name
44      */
```

```

45     gnutls_x509_crq_set_dn_by_oid(crq, GNUTLS_OID_X520_COUNTRY_NAME,
46                                   0, "GR", 2);
47
48     gnutls_x509_crq_set_dn_by_oid(crq, GNUTLS_OID_X520_COMMON_NAME,
49                                   0, "Nikos", strlen("Nikos"));
50
51     /* Set the request version.
52     */
53     gnutls_x509_crq_set_version(crq, 1);
54
55     /* Set a challenge password.
56     */
57     gnutls_x509_crq_set_challenge_password(crq,
58                                           "something to remember here");
59
60     /* Associate the request with the private key
61     */
62     gnutls_x509_crq_set_key(crq, key);
63
64     /* Self sign the certificate request.
65     */
66     gnutls_x509_crq_sign2(crq, key, GNUTLS_DIG_SHA1, 0);
67
68     /* Export the PEM encoded certificate request, and
69     * display it.
70     */
71     gnutls_x509_crq_export(crq, GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM, buffer,
72                           &buffer_size);
73
74     printf("Certificate Request: \n%s", buffer);
75
76
77     /* Export the PEM encoded private key, and
78     * display it.
79     */
80     buffer_size = sizeof(buffer);
81     gnutls_x509_privkey_export(key, GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM, buffer,
82                               &buffer_size);
83
84     printf("\n\nPrivate key: \n%s", buffer);
85
86     gnutls_x509_crq_deinit(crq);
87     gnutls_x509_privkey_deinit(key);
88
89     return 0;
90 }
91

```

### 3.2.2. PKIX certificate revocation lists

A certificate revocation list (CRL) is a structure issued by an authority periodically containing a list of revoked certificates serial numbers. The CRL structure is signed with the issuing authorities' keys. A typical CRL contains the fields as shown in [Table 3.7](#). Certificate revocation lists are used to complement the expiration date of a certificate, in order to account for other reasons of revocation, such as compromised keys, etc.



Each CRL is valid for limited amount of time and is required to provide, except for the current issuing time, also the issuing time of the next update.

The basic CRL structure functions follow.

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_init (gnutls_x509_crl_t * crl)

int gnutls_x509_crl_import (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, const gnutls_datum_t * data,
gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format)

int gnutls_x509_crl_export (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format,
void * output_data, size_t * output_data_size)

int gnutls_x509_crl_export (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format,
void * output_data, size_t * output_data_size)
```

### Reading a CRL

The most important function that extracts the certificate revocation information from a CRL is `gnutls_x509_crl_get_cert_serial`. Other functions that return other fields of the CRL structure are also provided.

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_get_cert_serial (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, unsigned indx, unsigned
char * serial, size_t * serial_size, time_t * t)
```

**Description:** This function will retrieve the serial number of the specified, by the index, revoked certificate. Note that this function will have performance issues in large sequences of revoked certificates. In that case use `gnutls_x509_crl_iter_cert_serial()`.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_get_version (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl)

int gnutls_x509_crl_get_issuer_dn (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, char * buf, size_t *
sizeof_buf)

int gnutls_x509_crl_get_issuer_dn2 (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_datum_t * dn)

time_t gnutls_x509_crl_get_this_update (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl)

time_t gnutls_x509_crl_get_next_update (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl)

int gnutls_x509_crl_get_crt_count (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl)
```

### Generation of a CRL

The following functions can be used to generate a CRL.

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_set_version (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, unsigned int version)

int gnutls_x509_crl_set_crt_serial (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, const void * serial, size_t
serial_size, time_t revocation_time)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_set_crt (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_x509_crt_t crt, time_t
revocation_time)

int gnutls_x509_crl_set_next_update (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, time_t exp_time)

int gnutls_x509_crl_set_this_update (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, time_t act_time)
```

The `gnutls_x509_crl_sign2` and `gnutls_x509_crl_privkey_sign` functions sign the revocation list with a private key. The latter function can be used to sign with a key residing in a PKCS #11 token.

Few extensions on the CRL structure are supported, including the CRL number extension and the authority key identifier.

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_sign2 (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer,  
gnutls_x509_privkey_t issuer_key, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will sign the CRL with the issuer's private key, and will copy the issuer's information into the CRL. This must be the last step in a certificate CRL since all the previously set parameters are now signed. A known limitation of this function is, that a newly-signed CRL will not be fully functional (e.g., for signature verification), until it is exported and re-imported. After GnuTLS 3.6.1 the value of `dig` may be `GNUTLS_DIG_UNKNOWN`, and in that case, a suitable but reasonable for the key algorithm will be selected.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_privkey_sign (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer,  
gnutls_privkey_t issuer_key, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will sign the CRL with the issuer's private key, and will copy the issuer's information into the CRL. This must be the last step in a certificate CRL since all the previously set parameters are now signed. A known limitation of this function is, that a newly-signed CRL will not be fully functional (e.g., for signature verification), until it is exported and re-imported. After GnuTLS 3.6.1 the value of `dig` may be `GNUTLS_DIG_UNKNOWN`, and in that case, a suitable but reasonable for the key algorithm will be selected.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value. Since 2.12.0

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_set_number (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, const void * nr, size_t  
nr_size)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_crl_set_authority_key_id (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, const void * id,  
size_t id_size)
```

### 3.2.3. OCSP certificate status checking

Certificates may be revoked before their expiration time has been reached. There are several reasons for revoking certificates, but a typical situation is when the private key associated with a certificate has been compromised. Traditionally, Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs) have been used by application to implement revocation checking, however, several problems with

CRLs have been identified [33].

The Online Certificate Status Protocol, or OCSP [26], is a widely implemented protocol which performs certificate revocation status checking. An application that wish to verify the identity of a peer will verify the certificate against a set of trusted certificates and then check whether the certificate is listed in a CRL and/or perform an OCSP check for the certificate.

Applications are typically expected to contact the OCSP server in order to request the certificate validity status. The OCSP server replies with an OCSP response. This section describes this online communication (which can be avoided when using OCSP stapled responses, for that, see subsection 3.2.4).

Before performing the OCSP query, the application will need to figure out the address of the OCSP server. The OCSP server address can be provided by the local user in manual configuration or may be stored in the certificate that is being checked. When stored in a certificate the OCSP server is in the extension field called the Authority Information Access (AIA). The following function extracts this information from a certificate.

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_get_authority_info_access (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, unsigned int seq, int what, gnutls_datum_t * data, unsigned int * critical)
```

There are several functions in GnuTLS for creating and manipulating OCSP requests and responses. The general idea is that a client application creates an OCSP request object, stores some information about the certificate to check in the request, and then exports the request in DER format. The request will then need to be sent to the OCSP responder, which needs to be done by the application (GnuTLS does not send and receive OCSP packets). Normally an OCSP response is received that the application will need to import into an OCSP response object. The digital signature in the OCSP response needs to be verified against a set of trust anchors before the information in the response can be trusted.

The ASN.1 structure of OCSP requests are briefly as follows. It is useful to review the structures to get an understanding of which fields are modified by GnuTLS functions.

```
1 OCSPRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
2   tbsRequest      TBSRequest,
3   optionalSignature [0] EXPLICIT Signature OPTIONAL }
4
5 TBSRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
6   version          [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
7   requestorName    [1] EXPLICIT GeneralName OPTIONAL,
8   requestList      SEQUENCE OF Request,
9   requestExtensions [2] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }
10
11 Request ::= SEQUENCE {
12   reqCert          CertID,
13   singleRequestExtensions [0] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }
14
15 CertID ::= SEQUENCE {
16   hashAlgorithm    AlgorithmIdentifier,
```

17	<code>issuerNameHash</code>	OCTET STRING, -- Hash of Issuer's DN
18	<code>issuerKeyHash</code>	OCTET STRING, -- Hash of Issuers public key
19	<code>serialNumber</code>	CertificateSerialNumber }

The basic functions to initialize, import, export and deallocate OCSF requests are the following.

```
int gnutls_ocsp_req_init (gnutls_ocsp_req_t * req)

void gnutls_ocsp_req_deinit (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_import (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, const gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_export (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_print (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, gnutls_ocsp_print_formats_t
format, gnutls_datum_t * out)
```

To generate an OCSF request the issuer name hash, issuer key hash, and the checked certificate's serial number are required. There are two interfaces available for setting those in an OCSF request. The first is a low-level function when you have the issuer name hash, issuer key hash, and certificate serial number in binary form. The second is more useful if you have the certificate (and its issuer) in a `gnutls_x509_cert_t` type. There is also a function to extract this information from existing an OCSF request.

```
int gnutls_ocsp_req_add_cert_id (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t
digest, const gnutls_datum_t * issuer_name_hash, const gnutls_datum_t * is-
suer_key_hash, const gnutls_datum_t * serial_number)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_add_cert (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t di-
gest, gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer, gnutls_x509_cert_t cert)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_get_cert_id (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, unsigned indx,
gnutls_digest_algorithm_t * digest, gnutls_datum_t * issuer_name_hash,
gnutls_datum_t * issuer_key_hash, gnutls_datum_t * serial_number)
```

Each OCSF request may contain a number of extensions. Extensions are identified by an Object Identifier (OID) and an opaque data buffer whose syntax and semantics is implied by the OID. You can extract or set those extensions using the following functions.

```

int gnutls_ocsp_req_get_extension (gnutls_ocsp_req_const_t req, unsigned indx,
gnutls_datum_t * oid, unsigned int * critical, gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_set_extension (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, const char * oid, un-
signed int critical, const gnutls_datum_t * data)

```

A common OCSF Request extension is the nonce extension (OID 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.1.2), which is used to avoid replay attacks of earlier recorded OCSF responses. The nonce extension carries a value that is intended to be sufficiently random and unique so that an attacker will not be able to give a stale response for the same nonce.

```

int gnutls_ocsp_req_get_nonce (gnutls_ocsp_req_const_t req, unsigned int * critical,
gnutls_datum_t * nonce)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_set_nonce (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req, unsigned int critical, const
gnutls_datum_t * nonce)

int gnutls_ocsp_req_randomize_nonce (gnutls_ocsp_req_t req)

```

The OCSF response structures is a complex structure. A simplified overview of it is in [Table 3.8](#). Note that a response may contain information on multiple certificates.

We provide basic functions for initialization, importing, exporting and deallocating OCSF responses.

```

int gnutls_ocsp_resp_init (gnutls_ocsp_resp_t * resp)

void gnutls_ocsp_resp_deinit (gnutls_ocsp_resp_t resp)

int gnutls_ocsp_resp_import (gnutls_ocsp_resp_t resp, const gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_ocsp_resp_export (gnutls_ocsp_resp_const_t resp, gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_ocsp_resp_print (gnutls_ocsp_resp_const_t resp,
gnutls_ocsp_print_formats_t format, gnutls_datum_t * out)

```

The utility function that extracts the revocation as well as other information from a response is shown below.

```
int gnutls_ocsp_resp_get_single (gnutls_ocsp_resp_const_t resp, unsigned
indx, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t * digest, gnutls_datum_t * issuer_name_hash,
gnutls_datum_t * issuer_key_hash, gnutls_datum_t * serial_number, unsigned int
* cert_status, time_t * this_update, time_t * next_update, time_t * revoca-
tion_time, unsigned int * revocation_reason)
```

**Description:** This function will return the certificate information of the `indx`'ed response in the Basic OCSP Response `resp`. The information returned corresponds to the OCSP `SingleResponse` structure except the final `singleExtensions`. Each of the pointers to output variables may be `NULL` to indicate that the caller is not interested in that value.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error code is returned. If you have reached the last `CertID` available `GNUTLS_E_REQUESTED_DATA_NOT_AVAILABLE` will be returned.

The possible revocation reasons available in an OCSP response are shown below.

Note, that the OCSP response needs to be verified against some set of trust anchors before it can be relied upon. It is also important to check whether the received OCSP response corresponds to the certificate being checked.

```
int gnutls_ocsp_resp_verify (gnutls_ocsp_resp_const_t resp, gnutls_x509_trust_list_t
trustlist, unsigned int * verify, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_ocsp_resp_verify_direct (gnutls_ocsp_resp_const_t resp, gnutls_x509_crt_t
issuer, unsigned int * verify, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_ocsp_resp_check_crt (gnutls_ocsp_resp_const_t resp, unsigned int indx,
gnutls_x509_crt_t crt)
```

### 3.2.4. OCSP stapling

To avoid applications contacting the OCSP server directly, TLS servers can provide a "stapled" OCSP response in the TLS handshake. That way the client application needs to do nothing more. GnuTLS will automatically consider the stapled OCSP response during the TLS certificate verification (see `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers2`). To disable the automatic OCSP verification the flag `GNUTLS_VERIFY_DISABLE_CRL_CHECKS` should be specified to `gnutls_certificate_set_verify_flags`.

Since GnuTLS 3.5.1 the client certificate verification will consider the [15] OCSP-Must-staple certificate extension, and will consider it while checking for stapled OCSP responses. If the extension is present and no OCSP staple is found, the certificate verification will fail and the status code `GNUTLS_CERT_MISSING_OCSP_STATUS` will be returned from the verification function.

Under TLS 1.2 only one stapled response can be sent by a server, the OCSF response associated with the end-certificate. Under TLS 1.3 a server can send multiple OCSF responses, typically one for each certificate in the certificate chain. The following functions can be used by a client application to retrieve the OCSF responses as sent by the server.

```
int gnutls_ocsp_status_request_get (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_datum_t * response)

int gnutls_ocsp_status_request_get2 (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned idx,
gnutls_datum_t * response)
```

GnuTLS servers can provide OCSF responses to their clients using the following functions.

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function3 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_certificate_retrieve_function3 * func)

int gnutls_certificate_set_ocsp_status_request_file2 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t
sc, const char * response_file, unsigned idx, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t fmt)

unsigned gnutls_ocsp_status_request_is_checked (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int flags)
```

A server is expected to provide the relevant certificate's OCSF responses using `gnutls_certificate_set_ocsp_status_request_file2`, and ensure a periodic reload/renew of the credentials. An estimation of the OCSF responses expiration can be obtained using the `gnutls_certificate_get_ocsp_expiration` function.

```
time_t gnutls_certificate_get_ocsp_expiration (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t sc,
unsigned idx, int oidx, unsigned flags)
```

**Description:** This function returns the validity of the loaded OCSF responses, to provide information on when to reload/refresh them. Note that the credentials structure should be read-only when in use, thus when reloading, either the credentials structure must not be in use by any sessions, or a new credentials structure should be allocated for new sessions. When `oidx` is (-1) then the minimum refresh time for all responses is returned. Otherwise the index specifies the response corresponding to the `oidx` certificate in the certificate chain.

**Returns:** On success, the expiration time of the OCSF response. Otherwise `(time_t)(-1)` on error, or `(time_t)-2` on out of bounds.



Prior to GnuTLS 3.6.4, the functions `gnutls_certificate_set_ocsp_status_request_function2` and `gnutls_certificate_set_ocsp_status_request_file` were provided to set OSCP responses. These functions are still functional, but cannot be used to set multiple OSCP responses as allowed by TLS1.3.

The responses can be updated periodically using the 'ocsptool' command (see also [subsection 3.2.7](#)).

```
1 ocsptool --ask --load-cert server_cert.pem --load-issuer the_issuer.pem
2          --load-signer the_issuer.pem --outfile ocsp.resp
```

In order to allow multiple OSCP responses to be concatenated, GnuTLS supports PEM-encoded OSCP responses. These can be generated using 'ocsptool' with the '-no-outder' parameter.

### 3.2.5. Managing encrypted keys

Transferring or storing private keys in plain may not be a good idea, since any compromise is irreparable. Storing the keys in hardware security modules (see [section 4.3](#)) could solve the storage problem but it is not always practical or efficient enough. This section describes ways to store and transfer encrypted private keys.

There are methods for key encryption, namely the PKCS #8, PKCS #12 and OpenSSL's custom encrypted private key formats. The PKCS #8 and the OpenSSL's method allow encryption of the private key, while the PKCS #12 method allows, in addition, the bundling of accompanying data into the structure. That is typically the corresponding certificate, as well as a trusted CA certificate.

#### High level functionality

Generic and higher level private key import functions are available, that import plain or encrypted keys and will auto-detect the encrypted key format.

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_x509_raw (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, const gnutls_datum_t *
data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will import the given private key to the abstract `gnutls_privkey_t` type. The supported formats are basic unencrypted key, PKCS8, PKCS12, and the openssl format.

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

Any keys imported using those functions can be imported to a certificate credentials structure using `gnutls_certificate_set_key`, or alternatively they can be directly imported using `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2`.

```
int gnutls_x509_privkey_import2 (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key, const gnutls_datum_t *
data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will import the given DER or PEM encoded key, to the native *gnutls\_x509\_privkey\_t* format, irrespective of the input format. The input format is auto-detected. The supported formats are basic unencrypted key, PKCS8, PKCS12, and the openssl format. If the provided key is encrypted but no password was given, then **GNUTLS\_E\_DECRYPTION\_FAILED** is returned. Since GnuTLS 3.4.0 this function will utilize the PIN callbacks if any.

**Returns:** On success, **GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS** (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

### PKCS #8 structures

PKCS #8 keys can be imported and exported as normal private keys using the functions below. An addition to the normal import functions, are a password and a flags argument. The flags can be any element of the *gnutls\_pkcs\_encrypt\_flags\_t* enumeration. Note however, that GnuTLS only supports the PKCS #5 PBES2 encryption scheme. Keys encrypted with the obsolete PBES1 scheme cannot be decrypted.

```
int gnutls_x509_privkey_import_pkcs8 (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key, const
gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password,
unsigned int flags)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_privkey_export_pkcs8 (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password, unsigned int flags, void
* output_data, size_t * output_data_size)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_privkey_export2_pkcs8 (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password, unsigned int flags,
gnutls_datum_t * out)
```

### PKCS #12 structures

A PKCS #12 structure [19] usually contains a user's private keys and certificates. It is commonly used in browsers to export and import the user's identities. A file containing such a key can be directly imported to a certificate credentials structure by using *gnutls\_certificate-set\_x509\_simple\_pkcs12\_file*.

In GnuTLS the PKCS #12 structures are handled using the *gnutls\_pkcs12\_t* type. This is an abstract type that may hold several *gnutls\_pkcs12\_bag\_t* types. The bag types are the

holders of the actual data, which may be certificates, private keys or encrypted data. A bag of type encrypted should be decrypted in order for its data to be accessed.

To reduce the complexity in parsing the structures the simple helper function `gnutls_pkcs12_simple_parse` is provided. For more advanced uses, manual parsing of the structure is required using the functions below.

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_get_bag (gnutls_pkcs12_t pkcs12, int indx, gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_verify_mac (gnutls_pkcs12_t pkcs12, const char * pass)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_decrypt (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, const char * pass)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_get_count (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_simple_parse (gnutls_pkcs12_t p12, const char * password,
gnutls_x509_privkey_t * key, gnutls_x509_crt_t ** chain, unsigned int * chain_len,
gnutls_x509_crt_t ** extra_certs, unsigned int * extra_certs_len, gnutls_x509_crl_t *
crl, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function parses a PKCS12 structure in `pkcs12` and extracts the private key, the corresponding certificate chain, any additional certificates and a CRL. The structures in `key`, `chain`, `crl`, and `extra_certs` must not be initialized. The `extra_certs` and `extra_certs_len` parameters are optional and both may be set to `NULL`. If either is non-`NULL`, then both must be set. The value for `extra_certs` is allocated using `gnutls_malloc()`. Encrypted PKCS12 bags and PKCS8 private keys are supported, but only with password based security and the same password for all operations. Note that a PKCS12 structure may contain many keys and/or certificates, and there is no way to identify which key/certificate pair you want. For this reason this function is useful for PKCS12 files that contain only one key/certificate pair and/or one CRL. If the provided structure has encrypted fields but no password is provided then this function returns `GNUTLS_E_DECRYPTION_FAILED`. Note that normally the chain constructed does not include self signed certificates, to comply with TLS' requirements. If, however, the flag `GNUTLS_PKCS12_SP_INCLUDE_SELF_SIGNED` is specified then self signed certificates will be included in the chain. Prior to using this function the PKCS #12 structure integrity must be verified using `gnutls_pkcs12_verify_mac()`.

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

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_get_data (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, unsigned indx,  
gnutls_datum_t * data)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_get_key_id (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, unsigned indx,  
gnutls_datum_t * id)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_get_friendly_name (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, unsigned  
indx, char ** name)
```

The functions below are used to generate a PKCS #12 structure. An example of their usage is shown at [subsection 6.5.4](#).

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_set_bag (gnutls_pkcs12_t pkcs12, gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_encrypt (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, const char * pass, un-  
signed int flags)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_generate_mac (gnutls_pkcs12_t pkcs12, const char * pass)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_data (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, gnutls_pkcs12_bag_type_t  
type, const gnutls_datum_t * data)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_crl (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, gnutls_x509_crl_t crl)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_cert (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, gnutls_x509_cert_t cert)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_key_id (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, unsigned indx, const  
gnutls_datum_t * id)  
  
int gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_friendly_name (gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, unsigned  
indx, const char * name)
```

### OpenSSL encrypted keys

Unfortunately the structures discussed in the previous sections are not the only structures that may hold an encrypted private key. For example the OpenSSL library offers a custom key encryption method. Those structures are also supported in GnuTLS with `gnutls_x509_privkey_import_openssl`.

```
int gnutls_x509_privkey_import_openssl (gnutls_x509_privkey_t key, const
gnutls_datum_t * data, const char * password)
```

**Description:** This function will convert the given PEM encrypted to the native gnutls\_x509\_privkey\_t format. The output will be stored in `key`. The `password` should be in ASCII. If the password is not provided or wrong then `GNUTLS_E_DECRYPTION_FAILED` will be returned. If the Certificate is PEM encoded it should have a header of "PRIVATE KEY" and the "DEK-Info" header.

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

### 3.2.6. Invoking certtool

Tool to parse and generate X.509 certificates, requests and private keys. It can be used interactively or non interactively by specifying the template command line option.

The tool accepts files or supported URIs via the `-infile` option. In case PIN is required for URI access you can provide it using the environment variables `GNUTLS_PIN` and `GNUTLS_SO_PIN`.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `certtool` program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

#### certtool help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for `certtool`.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```
1 certtool - GnuTLS certificate tool
2 Usage: certtool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                          - it must be in the range:
6                          0 to 9999
7 -V, --verbose            More verbose output
8                          - may appear multiple times
9 --infile=file            Input file
10                         - file must pre-exist
11 --outfile=str           Output file
12
13 Certificate related options:
14
15 -i, --certificate-info    Print information on the given certificate
```

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```
16      --pubkey-info          Print information on a public key
17  -s, --generate-self-signed  Generate a self-signed certificate
18  -c, --generate-certificate  Generate a signed certificate
19      --generate-proxy       Generates a proxy certificate
20  -u, --update-certificate    Update a signed certificate
21      --fingerprint          Print the fingerprint of the given certificate
22      --key-id                Print the key ID of the given certificate
23      --v1                    Generate an X.509 version 1 certificate (with no extensions)
24      --sign-params=str       Sign a certificate with a specific signature algorithm
25
26  Certificate request related options:
27
28      --crq-info              Print information on the given certificate request
29  -q, --generate-request      Generate a PKCS #10 certificate request
30                              - prohibits the option 'infile'
31      --no-crq-extensions     Do not use extensions in certificate requests
32
33  PKCS#12 file related options:
34
35      --p12-info              Print information on a PKCS #12 structure
36      --p12-name=str          The PKCS #12 friendly name to use
37      --to-p12                Generate a PKCS #12 structure
38
39  Private key related options:
40
41  -k, --key-info              Print information on a private key
42      --p8-info               Print information on a PKCS #8 structure
43      --to-rsa                 Convert an RSA-PSS key to raw RSA format
44  -p, --generate-privkey      Generate a private key
45      --key-type=str           Specify the key type to use on key generation
46      --bits=num              Specify the number of bits for key generation
47      --curve=str              Specify the curve used for EC key generation
48      --sec-param=str          Specify the security level [low, legacy, medium, high, ultra]
49      --to-p8                  Convert a given key to a PKCS #8 structure
50  -8, --pkcs8                 Use PKCS #8 format for private keys
51      --provable               Generate a private key or parameters from a seed using a provable method
52      --verify-provable-privkey Verify a private key generated from a seed using a provable method
53      --seed=str               When generating a private key use the given hex-encoded seed
54
55  CRL related options:
56
57  -l, --crl-info              Print information on the given CRL structure
58      --generate-crl           Generate a CRL
59      --verify-crl             Verify a Certificate Revocation List using a trusted list
60                              - requires the option 'load-ca-certificate'
61
62  Certificate verification related options:
63
64  -e, --verify-chain           Verify a PEM encoded certificate chain
65      --verify                 Verify a PEM encoded certificate (chain) against a trusted set
66      --verify-hostname=str     Specify a hostname to be used for certificate chain verification
67      --verify-email=str        Specify a email to be used for certificate chain verification
68                              - prohibits the option 'verify-hostname'
69      --verify-purpose=str       Specify a purpose OID to be used for certificate chain verification
70      --verify-allow-broken      Allow broken algorithms, such as MD5 for verification
71      --verify-profile=str       Specify a security level profile to be used for verification
72
73  PKCS#7 structure options:
```

```

74
75     --p7-generate          Generate a PKCS #7 structure
76     --p7-sign             Signs using a PKCS #7 structure
77     --p7-detached-sign    Signs using a detached PKCS #7 structure
78     --p7-include-cert     The signer's certificate will be included in the cert list.
79                           - disabled as '--no-p7-include-cert'
80                           - enabled by default
81     --p7-time             Will include a timestamp in the PKCS #7 structure
82                           - disabled as '--no-p7-time'
83     --p7-show-data        Will show the embedded data in the PKCS #7 structure
84                           - disabled as '--no-p7-show-data'
85     --p7-info             Print information on a PKCS #7 structure
86     --p7-verify           Verify the provided PKCS #7 structure
87     --smime-to-p7         Convert S/MIME to PKCS #7 structure
88
89 Other options:
90
91     --get-dh-params       List the included PKCS #3 encoded Diffie-Hellman parameters
92     --dh-info            Print information PKCS #3 encoded Diffie-Hellman parameters
93     --load-privkey=str    Loads a private key file
94     --load-pubkey=str     Loads a public key file
95     --load-request=str    Loads a certificate request file
96     --load-certificate=str Loads a certificate file
97     --load-ca-privkey=str Loads the certificate authority's private key file
98     --load-ca-certificate=str Loads the certificate authority's certificate file
99     --load-crl=str        Loads the provided CRL
100    --load-data=str        Loads auxiliary data
101    --password=str         Password to use
102    --null-password        Enforce a NULL password
103    --empty-password       Enforce an empty password
104    --hex-numbers          Print big number in an easier format to parse
105    --cprint               In certain operations it prints the information in C-friendly format
106    --hash=str             Hash algorithm to use for signing
107    --salt-size=num        Specify the RSA-PSS key default salt size
108    --inder                Use DER format for input certificates, private keys, and DH parameters
109                           - disabled as '--no-inder'
110    --inraw                an alias for the 'inder' option
111    --outder               Use DER format for output certificates, private keys, and DH parameters
112                           - disabled as '--no-outder'
113    --outraw               an alias for the 'outder' option
114    --template=str         Template file to use for non-interactive operation
115    --stdout-info          Print information to stdout instead of stderr
116    --ask-pass             Enable interaction for entering password when in batch mode.
117    --pkcs-cipher=str      Cipher to use for PKCS #8 and #12 operations
118    --provider=str         Specify the PKCS #11 provider library
119    --text                 Output textual information before PEM-encoded certificates, private
120    keys, etc
121                           - disabled as '--no-text'
122                           - enabled by default
123
124 Version, usage and configuration options:
125
126     -v, --version[=arg]   output version information and exit
127     -h, --help            display extended usage information and exit
128     -!, --more-help       extended usage information passed thru pager
129
130 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
131 hyphen and the flag character.

```

```
132 |
133 | Tool to parse and generate X.509 certificates, requests and private keys.
134 | It can be used interactively or non interactively by specifying the
135 | template command line option.
136 |
137 | The tool accepts files or supported URIs via the --infile option. In case
138 | PIN is required for URI access you can provide it using the environment
139 | variables GNUTLS_PIN and GNUTLS_SO_PIN.
140 |
```

### Base options

#### debug option (-d).

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

### cert-options options

Certificate related options.

#### pubkey-info option.

This is the “print information on a public key” option. The option combined with `-load-request`, `-load-pubkey`, `-load-privkey` and `-load-certificate` will extract the public key of the object in question.

#### fingerprint option.

This is the “print the fingerprint of the given certificate” option. This is a simple hash of the DER encoding of the certificate. It can be combined with the `-hash` parameter. However, it is recommended for identification to use the key-id which depends only on the certificate’s key.

#### key-id option.

This is the “print the key id of the given certificate” option. This is a hash of the public key of the given certificate. It identifies the key uniquely, remains the same on a certificate renewal and depends only on signed fields of the certificate.

#### certificate-pubkey option.

This is the “print certificate’s public key” option. This option is deprecated as a duplicate of `-pubkey-info`

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**



### **sign-params option.**

This is the “sign a certificate with a specific signature algorithm” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be combined with `-generate-certificate`, to sign the certificate with a specific signature algorithm variant. The only option supported is 'RSA-PSS', and should be specified when the signer does not have a certificate which is marked for RSA-PSS use only.

### **crq-options options**

Certificate request related options.

### **generate-request option (-q).**

This is the “generate a pkcs #10 certificate request” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `infile`.

Will generate a PKCS #10 certificate request. To specify a private key use `-load-privkey`.

### **pkcs12-options options**

PKCS#12 file related options.

### **p12-info option.**

This is the “print information on a pkcs #12 structure” option. This option will dump the contents and print the metadata of the provided PKCS #12 structure.

### **p12-name option.**

This is the “the pkcs #12 friendly name to use” option. This option takes a string argument. The name to be used for the primary certificate and private key in a PKCS #12 file.

### **to-p12 option.**

This is the “generate a pkcs #12 structure” option. It requires a certificate, a private key and possibly a CA certificate to be specified.

### **key-options options**

Private key related options.

**p8-info option.**

This is the “print information on a pkcs #8 structure” option. This option will print information about encrypted PKCS #8 structures. That option does not require the decryption of the structure.

**to-rsa option.**

This is the “convert an rsa-pss key to raw rsa format” option. It requires an RSA-PSS key as input and will output a raw RSA key. This command is necessary for compatibility with applications that cannot read RSA-PSS keys.

**generate-privkey option (-p).**

This is the “generate a private key” option. When generating RSA-PSS private keys, the `-hash` option will restrict the allowed hash for the key; in the same keys the `-salt-size` option is also acceptable.

**key-type option.**

This is the “specify the key type to use on key generation” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be combined with `-generate-privkey`, to specify the key type to be generated. Valid options are, `'rsa'`, `'rsa-pss'`, `'dsa'`, `'ecdsa'`, `'ed25519'`, and `'ed448'`. When combined with certificate generation it can be used to specify an RSA-PSS certificate when an RSA key is given.

**curve option.**

This is the “specify the curve used for ec key generation” option. This option takes a string argument. Supported values are `secp192r1`, `secp224r1`, `secp256r1`, `secp384r1` and `secp521r1`.

**sec-param option.**

This is the “specify the security level [low, legacy, medium, high, ultra]” option. This option takes a string argument “**Security parameter**”. This is alternative to the `bits` option.

**to-p8 option.**

This is the “convert a given key to a pkcs #8 structure” option. This needs to be combined with `-load-privkey`.

**provable option.**

This is the “generate a private key or parameters from a seed using a provable method” option. This will use the FIPS PUB186-4 algorithms (i.e., Shawe-Taylor) for provable key generation.

When specified the private keys or parameters will be generated from a seed, and can be later validated with `-verify-provable-privkey` to be correctly generated from the seed. You may specify `-seed` or allow GnuTLS to generate one (recommended). This option can be combined with `-generate-privkey` or `-generate-dh-params`.

That option applies to RSA and DSA keys. On the DSA keys the PQG parameters are generated using the seed, and on RSA the two primes.

### **verify-provable-privkey option.**

This is the “verify a private key generated from a seed using a provable method” option. This will use the FIPS-186-4 algorithms for provable key generation. You may specify `-seed` or use the seed stored in the private key structure.

### **seed option.**

This is the “when generating a private key use the given hex-encoded seed” option. This option takes a string argument. The seed acts as a security parameter for the private key, and thus a seed size which corresponds to the security level of the private key should be provided (e.g., 256-bits seed).

### **crl-options options**

CRL related options.

### **generate-crl option.**

This is the “generate a crl” option. This option generates a Certificate Revocation List. When combined with `-load-crl` it would use the loaded CRL as base for the generated (i.e., all revoked certificates in the base will be copied to the new CRL). To add new certificates to the CRL use `-load-certificate`.

### **verify-crl option.**

This is the “verify a certificate revocation list using a trusted list” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must appear in combination with the following options: `load-ca-certificate`.

The trusted certificate list must be loaded with `-load-ca-certificate`.

### **cert-verify-options options**

Certificate verification related options.

**verify-chain option (-e).**

This is the “verify a pem encoded certificate chain” option. Verifies the validity of a certificate chain. That is, an ordered set of certificates where each one is the issuer of the previous, and the first is the end-certificate to be validated. In a proper chain the last certificate is a self signed one. It can be combined with `-verify-purpose` or `-verify-hostname`.

**verify option.**

This is the “verify a pem encoded certificate (chain) against a trusted set” option. The trusted certificate list can be loaded with `-load-ca-certificate`. If no certificate list is provided, then the system’s trusted certificate list is used. Note that during verification multiple paths may be explored. On a successful verification the successful path will be the last one. It can be combined with `-verify-purpose` or `-verify-hostname`.

**verify-hostname option.**

This is the “specify a hostname to be used for certificate chain verification” option. This option takes a string argument. This is to be combined with one of the verify certificate options.

**verify-email option.**

This is the “specify a email to be used for certificate chain verification” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `verify-hostname`.

This is to be combined with one of the verify certificate options.

**verify-purpose option.**

This is the “specify a purpose oid to be used for certificate chain verification” option. This option takes a string argument. This object identifier restricts the purpose of the certificates to be verified. Example purposes are 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.1 (TLS WWW), 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4 (EMAIL) etc. Note that a CA certificate without a purpose set (extended key usage) is valid for any purpose.

**verify-allow-broken option.**

This is the “allow broken algorithms, such as md5 for verification” option. This can be combined with `-p7-verify`, `-verify` or `-verify-chain`.

**verify-profile option.**

This is the “specify a security level profile to be used for verification” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be used to specify a certificate verification profile. Certificate verification profiles correspond to the security level. This should be one of 'none', 'very weak', 'low', 'legacy', 'medium', 'high', 'ultra', 'future'. Note that by default no profile is applied, unless one is set as minimum in the gnutls configuration file.

**pkcs7-options options**

PKCS#7 structure options.

**p7-generate option.**

This is the “generate a pkcs #7 structure” option. This option generates a PKCS #7 certificate container structure. To add certificates in the structure use `-load-certificate` and `-load-crl`.

**p7-sign option.**

This is the “signs using a pkcs #7 structure” option. This option generates a PKCS #7 structure containing a signature for the provided data from infile. The data are stored within the structure. The signer certificate has to be specified using `-load-certificate` and `-load-privkey`. The input to `-load-certificate` can be a list of certificates. In case of a list, the first certificate is used for signing and the other certificates are included in the structure.

**p7-detached-sign option.**

This is the “signs using a detached pkcs #7 structure” option. This option generates a PKCS #7 structure containing a signature for the provided data from infile. The signer certificate has to be specified using `-load-certificate` and `-load-privkey`. The input to `-load-certificate` can be a list of certificates. In case of a list, the first certificate is used for signing and the other certificates are included in the structure.

**p7-include-cert option.**

This is the “the signer’s certificate will be included in the cert list.” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-p7-include-cert`.
- It is enabled by default.

This options works with `-p7-sign` or `-p7-detached-sign` and will include or exclude the signer’s certificate into the generated signature.

**p7-time option.**

This is the “will include a timestamp in the pkcs #7 structure” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-p7-time`.

This option will include a timestamp in the generated signature

**p7-show-data option.**

This is the “will show the embedded data in the pkcs #7 structure” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-p7-show-data`.

This option can be combined with `-p7-verify` or `-p7-info` and will display the embedded signed data in the PKCS #7 structure.

**p7-verify option.**

This is the “verify the provided pkcs #7 structure” option. This option verifies the signed PKCS #7 structure. The certificate list to use for verification can be specified with `-load-ca-certificate`. When no certificate list is provided, then the system’s certificate list is used. Alternatively a direct signer can be provided using `-load-certificate`. A key purpose can be enforced with the `-verify-purpose` option, and the `-load-data` option will utilize detached data.

**other-options options**

Other options.

**generate-dh-params option.**

This is the “generate pkcs #3 encoded diffie-hellman parameters” option. The will generate random parameters to be used with Diffie-Hellman key exchange. The output parameters will be in PKCS #3 format. Note that it is recommended to use the `-get-dh-params` option instead.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**get-dh-params option.**

This is the “list the included pkcs #3 encoded diffie-hellman parameters” option. Returns stored DH parameters in GnuTLS. Those parameters returned are defined in RFC7919, and can be considered standard parameters for a TLS key exchange. This option is provided for old applications which require DH parameters to be specified; modern GnuTLS applications should not require them.

### **load-privkey option.**

This is the “loads a private key file” option. This option takes a string argument. This can be either a file or a PKCS #11 URL

### **load-pubkey option.**

This is the “loads a public key file” option. This option takes a string argument. This can be either a file or a PKCS #11 URL

### **load-request option.**

This is the “loads a certificate request file” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be used with a file

### **load-certificate option.**

This is the “loads a certificate file” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be used with a file

### **load-ca-privkey option.**

This is the “loads the certificate authority’s private key file” option. This option takes a string argument. This can be either a file or a PKCS #11 URL

### **load-ca-certificate option.**

This is the “loads the certificate authority’s certificate file” option. This option takes a string argument. This can be either a file or a PKCS #11 URL

### **load-crl option.**

This is the “loads the provided crl” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be used with a file

### **load-data option.**

This is the “loads auxiliary data” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be used with a file

### **password option.**

This is the “password to use” option. This option takes a string argument. You can use this option to specify the password in the command line instead of reading it from the tty. Note,

that the command line arguments are available for view in others in the system. Specifying password as ” is the same as specifying no password.

**null-password option.**

This is the “enforce a null password” option. This option enforces a NULL password. This is different than the empty or no password in schemas like PKCS #8.

**empty-password option.**

This is the “enforce an empty password” option. This option enforces an empty password. This is different than the NULL or no password in schemas like PKCS #8.

**cprint option.**

This is the “in certain operations it prints the information in c-friendly format” option. In certain operations it prints the information in C-friendly format, suitable for including into C programs.

**rsa option.**

This is the “generate rsa key” option. When combined with `-generate-privkey` generates an RSA private key.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**dsa option.**

This is the “generate dsa key” option. When combined with `-generate-privkey` generates a DSA private key.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**ecc option.**

This is the “generate ecc (ecdsa) key” option. When combined with `-generate-privkey` generates an elliptic curve private key to be used with ECDSA.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**ecdsa option.**

This is an alias for the `ecc` option, [section 3.2.6](#).



**hash option.**

This is the “hash algorithm to use for signing” option. This option takes a string argument. Available hash functions are SHA1, RMD160, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512, SHA3-224, SHA3-256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512.

**salt-size option.**

This is the “specify the rsa-pss key default salt size” option. This option takes a number argument. Typical keys shouldn’t set or restrict this option.

**inder option.**

This is the “use der format for input certificates, private keys, and dh parameters ” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-inder`.

The input files will be assumed to be in DER or RAW format. Unlike options that in PEM input would allow multiple input data (e.g. multiple certificates), when reading in DER format a single data structure is read.

**inraw option.**

This is an alias for the `inder` option, [section 3.2.6](#).

**outder option.**

This is the “use der format for output certificates, private keys, and dh parameters” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-outder`.

The output will be in DER or RAW format.

**outraw option.**

This is an alias for the `outder` option, [section 3.2.6](#).

**ask-pass option.**

This is the “enable interaction for entering password when in batch mode.” option. This option will enable interaction to enter password when in batch mode. That is useful when the template option has been specified.

**pkcs-cipher option.**

This is the “cipher to use for pkcs #8 and #12 operations” option. This option takes a string argument “**Cipher**”. Cipher may be one of 3des, 3des-pkcs12, aes-128, aes-192, aes-256, rc2-40, arcfour.

**provider option.**

This is the “specify the pkcs #11 provider library” option. This option takes a string argument. This will override the default options in `/etc/gnutls/pkcs11.conf`

**text option.**

This is the “output textual information before pem-encoded certificates, private keys, etc” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-text`.
- It is enabled by default.

Output textual information before PEM-encoded data

**certtool exit status**

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

**certtool See Also**

`p11tool` (1), `psktool` (1), `srptool` (1)

**certtool Examples****Generating private keys**

To create an RSA private key, run:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-privkey --outfile key.pem --rsa
```

To create a DSA or elliptic curves (ECDSA) private key use the above command combined with `'dsa'` or `'ecc'` options.

### Generating certificate requests

To create a certificate request (needed when the certificate is issued by another party), run:

```
1 certtool --generate-request --load-privkey key.pem \  
2 --outfile request.pem
```

If the private key is stored in a smart card you can generate a request by specifying the private key object URL.

```
1 $ ./certtool --generate-request --load-privkey "pkcs11:..." \  
2 --load-pubkey "pkcs11:..." --outfile request.pem
```

### Generating a self-signed certificate

To create a self signed certificate, use the command:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-privkey --outfile ca-key.pem  
2 $ certtool --generate-self-signed --load-privkey ca-key.pem \  
3 --outfile ca-cert.pem
```

Note that a self-signed certificate usually belongs to a certificate authority, that signs other certificates.

### Generating a certificate

To generate a certificate using the previous request, use the command:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-certificate --load-request request.pem \  
2 --outfile cert.pem --load-ca-certificate ca-cert.pem \  
3 --load-ca-privkey ca-key.pem
```

To generate a certificate using the private key only, use the command:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-certificate --load-privkey key.pem \  
2 --outfile cert.pem --load-ca-certificate ca-cert.pem \  
3 --load-ca-privkey ca-key.pem
```

### Certificate information

To view the certificate information, use:

```
1 $ certtool --certificate-info --infile cert.pem
```

### Changing the certificate format

To convert the certificate from PEM to DER format, use:

```
1 $ certtool --certificate-info --infile cert.pem --outder --outfile cert.der
```

### PKCS #12 structure generation

To generate a PKCS #12 structure using the previous key and certificate, use the command:

```
1 $ certtool --load-certificate cert.pem --load-privkey key.pem \  
2   --to-p12 --outder --outfile key.p12
```

Some tools (reportedly web browsers) have problems with that file because it does not contain the CA certificate for the certificate. To work around that problem in the tool, you can use the `--load-ca-certificate` parameter as follows:

```
1 $ certtool --load-ca-certificate ca.pem \  
2   --load-certificate cert.pem --load-privkey key.pem \  
3   --to-p12 --outder --outfile key.p12
```

### Obtaining Diffie-Hellman parameters

To obtain the RFC7919 parameters for Diffie-Hellman key exchange, use the command:

```
1 $ certtool --get-dh-params --outfile dh.pem --sec-param medium
```

### Verifying a certificate

To verify a certificate in a file against the system's CA trust store use the following command:

```
1 $ certtool --verify --infile cert.pem
```

It is also possible to simulate hostname verification with the following options:

```
1 $ certtool --verify --verify-hostname www.example.com --infile cert.pem
```

### Proxy certificate generation

Proxy certificate can be used to delegate your credential to a temporary, typically short-lived, certificate. To create one from the previously created certificate, first create a temporary key and then generate a proxy certificate for it, using the commands:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-privkey > proxy-key.pem  
2 $ certtool --generate-proxy --load-ca-privkey key.pem \  
3   --load-privkey proxy-key.pem --load-certificate cert.pem \  
4   --outfile proxy-cert.pem
```

### Certificate revocation list generation

To create an empty Certificate Revocation List (CRL) do:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-crl --load-ca-privkey x509-ca-key.pem \  
2   --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem
```

To create a CRL that contains some revoked certificates, place the certificates in a file and use `--load-certificate` as follows:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-crl --load-ca-privkey x509-ca-key.pem \  
2   --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem --load-certificate revoked-certs.pem
```

To verify a Certificate Revocation List (CRL) do:

```
1 $ certtool --verify-crl --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem < crl.pem
```

## certtool Files

### Certtool's template file format

A template file can be used to avoid the interactive questions of certtool. Initially create a file named 'cert.cfg' that contains the information about the certificate. The template can be used as below:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-certificate --load-privkey key.pem \  
2   --template cert.cfg --outfile cert.pem \  
3   --load-ca-certificate ca-cert.pem --load-ca-privkey ca-key.pem
```

An example certtool template file that can be used to generate a certificate request or a self signed certificate follows.

```
1 # X.509 Certificate options  
2 #  
3 # DN options  
4  
5 # The organization of the subject.  
6 organization = "Koko inc."  
7  
8 # The organizational unit of the subject.  
9 unit = "sleeping dept."  
10  
11 # The locality of the subject.  
12 # locality =  
13  
14 # The state of the certificate owner.  
15 state = "Attiki"  
16  
17 # The country of the subject. Two letter code.  
18 country = GR  
19  
20 # The common name of the certificate owner.  
21 cn = "Cindy Lauper"  
22  
23 # A user id of the certificate owner.  
24 #uid = "clauper"  
25  
26 # Set domain components  
27 #dc = "name"  
28 #dc = "domain"  
29  
30 # If the supported DN OIDs are not adequate you can set
```

```

31 # any OID here.
32 # For example set the X.520 Title and the X.520 Pseudonym
33 # by using OID and string pairs.
34 #dn_oid = "2.5.4.12 Dr."
35 #dn_oid = "2.5.4.65 jackal"
36
37 # This is deprecated and should not be used in new
38 # certificates.
39 # pkcs9_email = "none@none.org"
40
41 # An alternative way to set the certificate's distinguished name directly
42 # is with the "dn" option. The attribute names allowed are:
43 # C (country), street, O (organization), OU (unit), title, CN (common name),
44 # L (locality), ST (state), placeOfBirth, gender, countryOfCitizenship,
45 # countryOfResidence, serialNumber, telephoneNumber, surName, initials,
46 # generationQualifier, givenName, pseudonym, dnQualifier, postalCode, name,
47 # businessCategory, DC, UID, jurisdictionOfIncorporationLocalityName,
48 # jurisdictionOfIncorporationStateOrProvinceName,
49 # jurisdictionOfIncorporationCountryName, XmppAddr, and numeric OIDs.
50
51 #dn = "cn = Nikos,st = New\, Something,C=GR,surName=Mavrogiannopoulos,2.5.4.9=Arkadias"
52
53 # The serial number of the certificate
54 # The value is in decimal (i.e. 1963) or hex (i.e. 0x07ab).
55 # Comment the field for a random serial number.
56 serial = 007
57
58 # In how many days, counting from today, this certificate will expire.
59 # Use -1 if there is no expiration date.
60 expiration_days = 700
61
62 # Alternatively you may set concrete dates and time. The GNU date string
63 # formats are accepted. See:
64 # https://www.gnu.org/software/tar/manual/html_node/Date-input-formats.html
65
66 #activation_date = "2004-02-29 16:21:42"
67 #expiration_date = "2025-02-29 16:24:41"
68
69 # X.509 v3 extensions
70
71 # A dnsname in case of a WWW server.
72 #dns_name = "www.none.org"
73 #dns_name = "www.morethanone.org"
74
75 # An othername defined by an OID and a hex encoded string
76 #other_name = "1.3.6.1.5.2.2 302ca00d1b0b56414e5245494e2e4f5247a11b3019a006020400000002a10f300d1b047269636b1b05"
77 #other_name_utf8 = "1.2.4.5.6 A UTF8 string"
78 #other_name_octet = "1.2.4.5.6 A string that will be encoded as ASN.1 octet string"
79
80 # Allows writing an XmppAddr Identifier
81 #xmpp_name = juliet@im.example.com
82
83 # Names used in PKINIT
84 #krb5_principal = user@REALM.COM
85 #krb5_principal = HTTP/user@REALM.COM
86
87 # A subject alternative name URI
88 #uri = "https://www.example.com"

```

```
89 |
90 | # An IP address in case of a server.
91 | #ip_address = "192.168.1.1"
92 |
93 | # An email in case of a person
94 | email = "none@none.org"
95 |
96 | # TLS feature (rfc7633) extension. That can is used to indicate mandatory TLS
97 | # extension features to be provided by the server. In practice this is used
98 | # to require the Status Request (extid: 5) extension from the server. That is,
99 | # to require the server holding this certificate to provide a stapled OCSP response.
100 | # You can have multiple lines for multiple TLS features.
101 |
102 | # To ask for OCSP status request use:
103 | #tls_feature = 5
104 |
105 | # Challenge password used in certificate requests
106 | challenge_password = 123456
107 |
108 | # Password when encrypting a private key
109 | #password = secret
110 |
111 | # An URL that has CRLs (certificate revocation lists)
112 | # available. Needed in CA certificates.
113 | #crl_dist_points = "https://www.getcrl.crl/getcrl/"
114 |
115 | # Whether this is a CA certificate or not
116 | #ca
117 |
118 | # Subject Unique ID (in hex)
119 | #subject_unique_id = 00153224
120 |
121 | # Issuer Unique ID (in hex)
122 | #issuer_unique_id = 00153225
123 |
124 | #### Key usage
125 |
126 | # The following key usage flags are used by CAs and end certificates
127 |
128 | # Whether this certificate will be used to sign data (needed
129 | # in TLS DHE ciphersuites). This is the digitalSignature flag
130 | # in RFC5280 terminology.
131 | signing_key
132 |
133 | # Whether this certificate will be used to encrypt data (needed
134 | # in TLS RSA ciphersuites). Note that it is preferred to use different
135 | # keys for encryption and signing. This is the keyEncipherment flag
136 | # in RFC5280 terminology.
137 | encryption_key
138 |
139 | # Whether this key will be used to sign other certificates. The
140 | # keyCertSign flag in RFC5280 terminology.
141 | #cert_signing_key
142 |
143 | # Whether this key will be used to sign CRLs. The
144 | # cRLSign flag in RFC5280 terminology.
145 | #crl_signing_key
146 |
```

```

147 # The keyAgreement flag of RFC5280. It's purpose is loosely
148 # defined. Not use it unless required by a protocol.
149 #key_agreement
150
151 # The dataEncipherment flag of RFC5280. It's purpose is loosely
152 # defined. Not use it unless required by a protocol.
153 #data_encipherment
154
155 # The nonRepudiation flag of RFC5280. It's purpose is loosely
156 # defined. Not use it unless required by a protocol.
157 #non_repudiation
158
159 ##### Extended key usage (key purposes)
160
161 # The following extensions are used in an end certificate
162 # to clarify its purpose. Some CAs also use it to indicate
163 # the types of certificates they are purposed to sign.
164
165
166 # Whether this certificate will be used for a TLS client;
167 # this sets the id-kp-clientAuth (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2) of
168 # extended key usage.
169 #tls_www_client
170
171 # Whether this certificate will be used for a TLS server;
172 # this sets the id-kp-serverAuth (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.1) of
173 # extended key usage.
174 #tls_www_server
175
176 # Whether this key will be used to sign code. This sets the
177 # id-kp-codeSigning (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.3) of extended key usage
178 # extension.
179 #code_signing_key
180
181 # Whether this key will be used to sign OCSP data. This sets the
182 # id-kp-OCSPSigning (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.9) of extended key usage extension.
183 #ocsp_signing_key
184
185 # Whether this key will be used for time stamping. This sets the
186 # id-kp-timeStamping (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.8) of extended key usage extension.
187 #time_stamping_key
188
189 # Whether this key will be used for email protection. This sets the
190 # id-kp-emailProtection (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4) of extended key usage extension.
191 #email_protection_key
192
193 # Whether this key will be used for IPsec IKE operations (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.17).
194 #ipsec_ike_key
195
196 ## adding custom key purpose OIDs
197
198 # for microsoft smart card logon
199 # key_purpose_oid = 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.20.2.2
200
201 # for email protection
202 # key_purpose_oid = 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4
203
204 # for any purpose (must not be used in intermediate CA certificates)

```



```
205 # key_purpose_oid = 2.5.29.37.0
206
207 ### end of key purpose OIDs
208
209 ### Adding arbitrary extensions
210 # This requires to provide the extension OIDs, as well as the extension data in
211 # hex format. The following two options are available since GnuTLS 3.5.3.
212 #add_extension = "1.2.3.4 0x0AAB01ACFE"
213
214 # As above but encode the data as an octet string
215 #add_extension = "1.2.3.4 octet_string(0x0AAB01ACFE)"
216
217 # For portability critical extensions shouldn't be set to certificates.
218 #add_critical_extension = "5.6.7.8 0x1AAB01ACFE"
219
220 # When generating a certificate from a certificate
221 # request, then honor the extensions stored in the request
222 # and store them in the real certificate.
223 #honor_crq_extensions
224
225 # Alternatively only specific extensions can be copied.
226 #honor_crq_ext = 2.5.29.17
227 #honor_crq_ext = 2.5.29.15
228
229 # Path length constraint. Sets the maximum number of
230 # certificates that can be used to certify this certificate.
231 # (i.e. the certificate chain length)
232 #path_len = -1
233 #path_len = 2
234
235 # OCSP URI
236 # ocsp_uri = https://my.ocsp.server/ocsp
237
238 # CA issuers URI
239 # ca_issuers_uri = https://my.ca.issuer
240
241 # Certificate policies
242 #policy1 = 1.3.6.1.4.1.5484.1.10.99.1.0
243 #policy1_txt = "This is a long policy to summarize"
244 #policy1_url = https://www.example.com/a-policy-to-read
245
246 #policy2 = 1.3.6.1.4.1.5484.1.10.99.1.1
247 #policy2_txt = "This is a short policy"
248 #policy2_url = https://www.example.com/another-policy-to-read
249
250 # The number of additional certificates that may appear in a
251 # path before the anyPolicy is no longer acceptable.
252 #inhibit_anypolicy_skip_certs 1
253
254 # Name constraints
255
256 # DNS
257 #nc_permit_dns = example.com
258 #nc_exclude_dns = test.example.com
259
260 # EMAIL
261 #nc_permit_email = "nmav@ex.net"
262
```

```

263 # Exclude subdomains of example.com
264 #nc_exclude_email = .example.com
265
266 # Exclude all e-mail addresses of example.com
267 #nc_exclude_email = example.com
268
269 # IP
270 #nc_permit_ip = 192.168.0.0/16
271 #nc_exclude_ip = 192.168.5.0/24
272 #nc_permit_ip = fc0a:eef2:e7e7:a56e::/64
273
274
275 # Options for proxy certificates
276 #proxy_policy_language = 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.21.1
277
278
279 # Options for generating a CRL
280
281 # The number of days the next CRL update will be due.
282 # next CRL update will be in 43 days
283 #crl_next_update = 43
284
285 # this is the 5th CRL by this CA
286 # The value is in decimal (i.e. 1963) or hex (i.e. 0x07ab).
287 # Comment the field for a time-based number.
288 # Time-based CRL numbers generated in GnuTLS 3.6.3 and later
289 # are significantly larger than those generated in previous
290 # versions. Since CRL numbers need to be monotonic, you need
291 # to specify the CRL number here manually if you intend to
292 # downgrade to an earlier version than 3.6.3 after publishing
293 # the CRL as it is not possible to specify CRL numbers greater
294 # than 2**63-2 using hex notation in those versions.
295 #crl_number = 5
296
297 # Specify the update dates more precisely.
298 #crl_this_update_date = "2004-02-29 16:21:42"
299 #crl_next_update_date = "2025-02-29 16:24:41"
300
301 # The date that the certificates will be made seen as
302 # being revoked.
303 #crl_revocation_date = "2025-02-29 16:24:41"
304

```

### 3.2.7. Invoking ocsptool

#### On verification

Responses are typically signed/issued by designated certificates or certificate authorities and thus this tool requires on verification the certificate of the issuer or the full certificate chain in order to determine the appropriate signing authority. The specified certificate of the issuer is assumed trusted.

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**ocsptool help/usage (“--help”)**

This is the automatically generated usage text for ocsptool.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the **help** option (“--help”) or the **more-help** option (“--more-help”). **more-help** will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. **more-help** is disabled on platforms without a working **fork(2)** function. The **PAGER** environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```
1 ocsptool - GnuTLS OCSF tool
2 Usage: ocsptool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                          - it must be in the range:
6                          0 to 9999
7 -V, --verbose            More verbose output
8                          - may appear multiple times
9 --infile=file            Input file
10                         - file must pre-exist
11 --outfile=str            Output file
12 --ask[=arg]             Ask an OCSF/HTTP server on a certificate validity
13 -e, --verify-response   Verify response
14 -i, --request-info       Print information on a OCSF request
15 -j, --response-info      Print information on a OCSF response
16 -q, --generate-request   Generates an OCSF request
17 --nonce                 Use (or not) a nonce to OCSF request
18                         - disabled as '--no-nonce'
19 --load-chain=file        Reads a set of certificates forming a chain from file
20                         - file must pre-exist
21 --load-issuer=file       Reads issuer's certificate from file
22                         - file must pre-exist
23 --load-cert=file         Reads the certificate to check from file
24                         - file must pre-exist
25 --load-trust=file        Read OCSF trust anchors from file
26                         - prohibits the option 'load-signer'
27                         - file must pre-exist
28 --load-signer=file       Reads the OCSF response signer from file
29                         - prohibits the option 'load-trust'
30                         - file must pre-exist
31 --inder                 Use DER format for input certificates and private keys
32                         - disabled as '--no-inder'
33 --outder                 Use DER format for output of responses (this is the default)
34 --outpem                 Use PEM format for output of responses
35 -Q, --load-request=file   Reads the DER encoded OCSF request from file
36                         - file must pre-exist
37 -S, --load-response=file  Reads the DER encoded OCSF response from file
38                         - file must pre-exist
39 --ignore-errors          Ignore any verification errors
40 --verify-allow-broken    Allow broken algorithms, such as MD5 for verification
41 -v, --version[=arg]      output version information and exit
42 -h, --help               display extended usage information and exit
43 -!, --more-help          extended usage information passed thru pager
44
45 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
46 hyphen and the flag character.
```

```
48 | ocsptool is a program that can parse and print information about OCSF
49 | requests/responses, generate requests and verify responses. Unlike other
50 | GnuTLS applications it outputs DER encoded structures by default unless the
51 | '--outpem' option is specified.
52 |
```

#### **debug option (-d)**

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

#### **ask option**

This is the “ask an ocsf/http server on a certificate validity” option. This option takes an optional string argument @fileserver name—url. Connects to the specified HTTP OCSF server and queries on the validity of the loaded certificate. Its argument can be a URL or a plain server name. It can be combined with `-load-chain`, where it checks all certificates in the provided chain, or with `-load-cert` and `-load-issuer` options. The latter checks the provided certificate against its specified issuer certificate.

#### **verify-response option (-e)**

This is the “verify response” option. Verifies the provided OCSF response against the system trust anchors (unless `-load-trust` is provided). It requires the `-load-signer` or `-load-chain` options to obtain the signer of the OCSF response.

#### **request-info option (-i)**

This is the “print information on a ocsf request” option. Display detailed information on the provided OCSF request.

#### **response-info option (-j)**

This is the “print information on a ocsf response” option. Display detailed information on the provided OCSF response.

#### **load-trust option**

This is the “read ocsf trust anchors from file” option. This option takes a file argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `load-signer`.

When verifying an OCSF response read the trust anchors from the provided file. When this is not provided, the system’s trust anchors will be used.

### outder option

This is the “use der format for output of responses (this is the default)” option. The output will be in DER encoded format. Unlike other GnuTLS tools, this is the default for this tool

### outpem option

This is the “use pem format for output of responses” option. The output will be in PEM format.

### verify-allow-broken option

This is the “allow broken algorithms, such as md5 for verification” option. This can be combined with `-verify-response`.

### ocsptool exit status

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

### ocsptool See Also

`certtool` (1)

### ocsptool Examples

#### Print information about an OCSP request

To parse an OCSP request and print information about the content, the `-i` or `--request-info` parameter may be used as follows. The `-Q` parameter specify the name of the file containing the OCSP request, and it should contain the OCSP request in binary DER format.

```
1 $ ocsptool -i -Q ocspr-request.der
```

The input file may also be sent to standard input like this:

```
1 $ cat ocspr-request.der | ocsptool --request-info
```

#### Print information about an OCSP response

Similar to parsing OCSP requests, OCSP responses can be parsed using the `-j` or `--response-info` as follows.

```
1 $ ocsptool -j -Q ocspr-response.der
2 $ cat ocspr-response.der | ocsptool --response-info
```

### Generate an OCSF request

The `-q` or `--generate-request` parameters are used to generate an OCSF request. By default the OCSF request is written to standard output in binary DER format, but can be stored in a file using `--outfile`. To generate an OCSF request the issuer of the certificate to check needs to be specified with `--load-issuer` and the certificate to check with `--load-cert`. By default PEM format is used for these files, although `--inder` can be used to specify that the input files are in DER format.

```
1 $ ocsptool -q --load-issuer issuer.pem --load-cert client.pem \  
2      --outfile ocsf-request.der
```

When generating OCSF requests, the tool will add an OCSF extension containing a nonce. This behaviour can be disabled by specifying `--no-nonce`.

### Verify signature in OCSF response

To verify the signature in an OCSF response the `-e` or `--verify-response` parameter is used. The tool will read an OCSF response in DER format from standard input, or from the file specified by `--load-response`. The OCSF response is verified against a set of trust anchors, which are specified using `--load-trust`. The trust anchors are concatenated certificates in PEM format. The certificate that signed the OCSF response needs to be in the set of trust anchors, or the issuer of the signer certificate needs to be in the set of trust anchors and the OCSF Extended Key Usage bit has to be asserted in the signer certificate.

```
1 $ ocsptool -e --load-trust issuer.pem \  
2      --load-response ocsf-response.der
```

The tool will print status of verification.

### Verify signature in OCSF response against given certificate

It is possible to override the normal trust logic if you know that a certain certificate is supposed to have signed the OCSF response, and you want to use it to check the signature. This is achieved using `--load-signer` instead of `--load-trust`. This will load one certificate and it will be used to verify the signature in the OCSF response. It will not check the Extended Key Usage bit.

```
1 $ ocsptool -e --load-signer ocsf-signer.pem \  
2      --load-response ocsf-response.der
```

This approach is normally only relevant in two situations. The first is when the OCSF response does not contain a copy of the signer certificate, so the `--load-trust` code would fail. The second is if you want to avoid the indirect mode where the OCSF response signer certificate is signed by a trust anchor.

### Real-world example

Here is an example of how to generate an OCSLP request for a certificate and to verify the response. For illustration we'll use the `blog.josefsson.org` host, which (as of writing) uses a certificate from CACert. First we'll use `gnutls-cli` to get a copy of the server certificate chain. The server is not required to send this information, but this particular one is configured to do so.

```
1 $ echo | gnutls-cli -p 443 blog.josefsson.org --save-cert chain.pem
```

The saved certificates normally contain a pointer to where the OCSLP responder is located, in the Authority Information Access Information extension. For example, from `certtool -i <chain.pem` there is this information:

```
1 Authority Information Access Information (not critical):
2 Access Method: 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.1 (id-ad-ocsp)
3 Access Location URI: https://ocsp.CAcert.org/
```

This means that `ocsptool` can discover the servers to contact over HTTP. We can now request information on the chain certificates.

```
1 $ ocsptool --ask --load-chain chain.pem
```

The request is sent via HTTP to the OCSLP server address found in the certificates. It is possible to override the address of the OCSLP server as well as ask information on a particular certificate using `-load-cert` and `-load-issuer`.

```
1 $ ocsptool --ask https://ocsp.CAcert.org/ --load-chain chain.pem
```

### 3.2.8. Invoking danetool

Tool to generate and check DNS resource records for the DANE protocol.

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#### danetool help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for `danetool`.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```
1 danetool - GnuTLS DANE tool
2 Usage: danetool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
```

```

4  -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                          - it must be in the range:
6                          0 to 9999
7  -V, --verbose            More verbose output
8                          - may appear multiple times
9      --infile=file        Input file
10                         - file must pre-exist
11      --outfile=str        Output file
12      --load-pubkey=str     Loads a public key file
13      --load-certificate=str Loads a certificate file
14      --dlv=str            Sets a DLV file
15      --hash=str           Hash algorithm to use for signing
16      --check=str          Check a host's DANE TLSA entry
17      --check-ee           Check only the end-entity's certificate
18      --check-ca           Check only the CA's certificate
19      --tlsa-rr            Print the DANE RR data on a certificate or public key
20                         - requires the option 'host'
21      --host=str           Specify the hostname to be used in the DANE RR
22      --proto=str          The protocol set for DANE data (tcp, udp etc.)
23      --port=str           The port or service to connect to, for DANE data
24      --app-protocol=str   an alias for the 'starttls-protocol' option
25      --starttls-protocol=str The application protocol to be used to obtain the server's certificate
26 (https, ftp, smtp, imap, ldap, xmpp, lmt, pop3, nntp, sieve, postgres)
27      --ca                 Whether the provided certificate or public key is a Certificate
28 Authority
29      --x509               Use the hash of the X.509 certificate, rather than the public key
30      --local              an alias for the 'domain' option
31                         - enabled by default
32      --domain             The provided certificate or public key is issued by the local domain
33                         - disabled as '--no-domain'
34                         - enabled by default
35      --local-dns          Use the local DNS server for DNSSEC resolving
36                         - disabled as '--no-local-dns'
37      --insecure           Do not verify any DNSSEC signature
38      --inder              Use DER format for input certificates and private keys
39                         - disabled as '--no-inder'
40      --inraw              an alias for the 'inder' option
41      --print-raw          Print the received DANE data in raw format
42                         - disabled as '--no-print-raw'
43      --quiet              Suppress several informational messages
44  -v, --version[=arg]     output version information and exit
45  -h, --help              display extended usage information and exit
46  -!, --more-help         extended usage information passed thru pager
47
48 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
49 hyphen and the flag character.
50
51 Tool to generate and check DNS resource records for the DANE protocol.
52

```

### debug option (-d)

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.



### **load-pubkey option**

This is the “loads a public key file” option. This option takes a string argument. This can be either a file or a PKCS #11 URL

### **load-certificate option**

This is the “loads a certificate file” option. This option takes a string argument. This can be either a file or a PKCS #11 URL

### **dlv option**

This is the “sets a dlv file” option. This option takes a string argument. This sets a DLV file to be used for DNSSEC verification.

### **hash option**

This is the “hash algorithm to use for signing” option. This option takes a string argument. Available hash functions are SHA1, RMD160, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512.

### **check option**

This is the “check a host’s dane tlsa entry” option. This option takes a string argument. Obtains the DANE TLSA entry from the given hostname and prints information. Note that the actual certificate of the host can be provided using `-load-certificate`, otherwise `danetool` will connect to the server to obtain it. The exit code on verification success will be zero.

### **check-ee option**

This is the “check only the end-entity’s certificate” option. Checks the end-entity’s certificate only. Trust anchors or CAs are not considered.

### **check-ca option**

This is the “check only the ca’s certificate” option. Checks the trust anchor’s and CA’s certificate only. End-entities are not considered.

### **tlsa-rr option**

This is the “print the dane rr data on a certificate or public key” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must appear in combination with the following options: `host`.

This command prints the DANE RR data needed to enable DANE on a DNS server.

### **host option**

This is the “specify the hostname to be used in the dane rr” option. This option takes a string argument “**Hostname**”. This command sets the hostname for the DANE RR.

### **proto option**

This is the “the protocol set for dane data (tcp, udp etc.)” option. This option takes a string argument “**Protocol**”. This command specifies the protocol for the service set in the DANE data.

### **app-proto option**

This is an alias for the `starttls-proto` option, [section 3.2.8](#).

### **starttls-**proto** option**

This is the “the application protocol to be used to obtain the server’s certificate (https, ftp, smtp, imap, ldap, xmpp, lmtpp, pop3, nntp, sieve, postgres)” option. This option takes a string argument. When the server’s certificate isn’t provided danetool will connect to the server to obtain the certificate. In that case it is required to know the protocol to talk with the server prior to initiating the TLS handshake.

### **ca option**

This is the “whether the provided certificate or public key is a certificate authority” option. Marks the DANE RR as a CA certificate if specified.

### **x509 option**

This is the “use the hash of the x.509 certificate, rather than the public key” option. This option forces the generated record to contain the hash of the full X.509 certificate. By default only the hash of the public key is used.

### **local option**

This is an alias for the `domain` option, [section 3.2.8](#).

### **domain option**

This is the “the provided certificate or public key is issued by the local domain” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `–no-domain`.
- It is enabled by default.

DANE distinguishes certificates and public keys offered via the DNSSEC to trusted and local entities. This flag indicates that this is a domain-issued certificate, meaning that there could be no CA involved.

### **local-dns option**

This is the “use the local dns server for dnssec resolving” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-local-dns`.

This option will use the local DNS server for DNSSEC. This is disabled by default due to many servers not allowing DNSSEC.

### **insecure option**

This is the “do not verify any dnssec signature” option. Ignores any DNSSEC signature verification results.

### **inder option**

This is the “use der format for input certificates and private keys” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-inder`.

The input files will be assumed to be in DER or RAW format. Unlike options that in PEM input would allow multiple input data (e.g. multiple certificates), when reading in DER format a single data structure is read.

### **inraw option**

This is an alias for the `inder` option, [section 3.2.8](#).

### **print-raw option**

This is the “print the received dane data in raw format” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-print-raw`.

This option will print the received DANE data.

### **quiet option**

This is the “suppress several informational messages” option. In that case on the exit code can be used as an indication of verification success

### danetool exit status

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

### danetool See Also

certtool (1)

### danetool Examples

#### DANE TLSA RR generation

To create a DANE TLSA resource record for a certificate (or public key) that was issued locally and may or may not be signed by a CA use the following command.

```
1 $ danetool --tlsa-rr --host www.example.com --load-certificate cert.pem
```

To create a DANE TLSA resource record for a CA signed certificate, which will be marked as such use the following command.

```
1 $ danetool --tlsa-rr --host www.example.com --load-certificate cert.pem \  
2 --no-domain
```

The former is useful to add in your DNS entry even if your certificate is signed by a CA. That way even users who do not trust your CA will be able to verify your certificate using DANE.

In order to create a record for the CA signer of your certificate use the following.

```
1 $ danetool --tlsa-rr --host www.example.com --load-certificate cert.pem \  
2 --ca --no-domain
```

To read a server's DANE TLSA entry, use:

```
1 $ danetool --check www.example.com --proto tcp --port 443
```

To verify an HTTPS server's DANE TLSA entry, use:

```
1 $ danetool --check www.example.com --proto tcp --port 443 --load-certificate chain.pem
```

To verify an SMTP server's DANE TLSA entry, use:

```
1 $ danetool --check www.example.com --proto tcp --starttls-proto=smtp --load-certificate chain.pem
```

## 3.3. Shared-key and anonymous authentication

In addition to certificate authentication, the TLS protocol may be used with password, shared-key and anonymous authentication methods. The rest of this chapter discusses details of these methods.

### 3.3.1. PSK authentication

#### Authentication using PSK

Authentication using Pre-shared keys is a method to authenticate using usernames and binary keys. This protocol avoids making use of public key infrastructure and expensive calculations, thus it is suitable for constraint clients. It is available under all TLS protocol versions.

The implementation in GnuTLS is based on [10]. The supported PSK key exchange methods are:

- PSK: Authentication using the PSK protocol (no forward secrecy).
- DHE-PSK: Authentication using the PSK protocol and Diffie-Hellman key exchange. This method offers perfect forward secrecy.
- ECDHE-PSK: Authentication using the PSK protocol and Elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman key exchange. This method offers perfect forward secrecy.
- RSA-PSK: Authentication using the PSK protocol for the client and an RSA certificate for the server. This is not available under TLS 1.3.

Helper functions to generate and maintain PSK keys are also included in GnuTLS.

```
int gnutls_key_generate (gnutls_datum_t * key, unsigned int key_size)

int gnutls_hex_encode (const gnutls_datum_t * data, char * result, size_t * result_size)

int gnutls_hex_decode (const gnutls_datum_t * hex_data, void * result, size_t * result_size)
```

#### Invoking psktool

Program that generates random keys for use with TLS-PSK. The keys are stored in hexadecimal format in a key file.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `psktool` program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

**psktool help/usage (“--help”)**

This is the automatically generated usage text for psktool.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the **help** option (“--help”) or the **more-help** option (“--more-help”). **more-help** will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. **more-help** is disabled on platforms without a working **fork(2)** function. The **PAGER** environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```

1 psktool - GnuTLS PSK tool
2 Usage: psktool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                          - it must be in the range:
6                          0 to 9999
7 -s, --keysize=num        Specify the key size in bytes (default is 32-bytes or 256-bits)
8                          - it must be in the range:
9                          0 to 512
10 -u, --username=str       Specify the username to use
11 -p, --pskfile=str        Specify a pre-shared key file
12 -v, --version[=arg]      output version information and exit
13 -h, --help               display extended usage information and exit
14 -!, --more-help          extended usage information passed thru pager
15
16 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
17 hyphen and the flag character.
18
19 Program that generates random keys for use with TLS-PSK. The keys are
20 stored in hexadecimal format in a key file.
21
```

**debug option (-d)**

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

**pskfile option (-p)**

This is the “specify a pre-shared key file” option. This option takes a string argument. This option will specify the pre-shared key file to store the generated keys.

**passwd option**

This is an alias for the **pskfile** option, [section 3.3.1](#).

**psktool exit status**

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.

- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

### psktool See Also

gnutls-cli-debug (1), gnutls-serv (1), srptool (1), certtool (1)

### psktool Examples

To add a user 'psk\_identity' in "keys.psk" for use with GnuTLS run:

```
1 $ ./psktool -u psk_identity -p keys.psk
2 Generating a random key for user 'psk_identity'
3 Key stored to keys.psk
4 $ cat keys.psk
5 psk_identity:88f3824b3e5659f52d00e959bacab954b6540344
6 $
```

This command will create "keys.psk" if it does not exist and will add user 'psk\_identity'.

## 3.3.2. SRP authentication

### Authentication using SRP

GnuTLS supports authentication via the Secure Remote Password or SRP protocol (see [44, 43] for a description). The SRP key exchange is an extension to the TLS protocol, and it provides an authenticated with a password key exchange. The peers can be identified using a single password, or there can be combinations where the client is authenticated using SRP and the server using a certificate. It is only available under TLS 1.2 or earlier versions.

The advantage of SRP authentication, over other proposed secure password authentication schemes, is that SRP is not susceptible to off-line dictionary attacks. Moreover, SRP does not require the server to hold the user's password. This kind of protection is similar to the one used traditionally in the UNIX "/etc/passwd" file, where the contents of this file did not cause harm to the system security if they were revealed. The SRP needs instead of the plain password something called a verifier, which is calculated using the user's password, and if stolen cannot be used to impersonate the user.

Typical conventions in SRP are a password file, called "tpasswd" that holds the SRP verifiers (encoded passwords) and another file, "tpasswd.conf", which holds the allowed SRP parameters. The included in GnuTLS helper follow those conventions. The srptool program, discussed in the next section is a tool to manipulate the SRP parameters.

The implementation in GnuTLS is based on [39]. The supported key exchange methods are shown below. Enabling any of these key exchange methods in a session disables support for TLS1.3.

- SRP: Authentication using the SRP protocol.
- SRP\_DSS: Client authentication using the SRP protocol. Server is authenticated using a certificate with DSA parameters.

- **SRP\_RSA**: Client authentication using the SRP protocol. Server is authenticated using a certificate with RSA parameters.

```
int gnutls_srp_verifier (const char * username, const char * password, const  
gnutls_datum_t * salt, const gnutls_datum_t * generator, const gnutls_datum_t *  
prime, gnutls_datum_t * res)
```

**Description:** This function will create an SRP verifier, as specified in RFC2945. The **prime** and **generator** should be one of the static parameters defined in `gnutls/gnutls.h` or may be generated. The verifier will be allocated with `gnutls_malloc()` and will be stored in **res** using binary format.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, or an error code.

```
int gnutls_srp_base64_encode2 (const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_datum_t * re-  
sult)
```

```
int gnutls_srp_base64_decode2 (const gnutls_datum_t * b64_data, gnutls_datum_t *  
result)
```

### Invoking srptool

Simple program that emulates the programs in the Stanford SRP (Secure Remote Password) libraries using GnuTLS. It is intended for use in places where you don't expect SRP authentication to be the used for system users.

In brief, to use SRP you need to create two files. These are the password file that holds the users and the verifiers associated with them and the configuration file to hold the group parameters (called `tpasswd.conf`).

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `srptool` program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

### srptool help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for `srptool`.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.



```
1 srptool - GnuTLS SRP tool
2 Usage: srptool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                          - it must be in the range:
6                          0 to 9999
7 -i, --index=num          specify the index of the group parameters in tpasswd.conf to use
8 -u, --username=str       specify a username
9 -p, --passwd=str         specify a password file
10 -s, --salt=num           specify salt size
11 --verify                just verify the password.
12 -v, --passwd-conf=str    specify a password conf file.
13 --create-conf=str       Generate a password configuration file.
14 -v, --version[=arg]      output version information and exit
15 -h, --help              display extended usage information and exit
16 -!, --more-help         extended usage information passed thru pager
17
18 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
19 hyphen and the flag character.
20
21 Simple program that emulates the programs in the Stanford SRP (Secure
22 Remote Password) libraries using GnuTLS. It is intended for use in places
23 where you don't expect SRP authentication to be the used for system users.
24
25 In brief, to use SRP you need to create two files. These are the password
26 file that holds the users and the verifiers associated with them and the
27 configuration file to hold the group parameters (called tpasswd.conf).
28
```

### debug option (-d)

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

### verify option

This is the “just verify the password.” option. Verifies the password provided against the password file.

### passwd-conf option (-v)

This is the “specify a password conf file.” option. This option takes a string argument. Specify a filename or a PKCS #11 URL to read the CAs from.

### create-conf option

This is the “generate a password configuration file.” option. This option takes a string argument. This generates a password configuration file (tpasswd.conf) containing the required for TLS parameters.

**srptool exit status**

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

**srptool See Also**

gnutls-cli-debug (1), gnutls-serv (1), srptool (1), pskttool (1), certtool (1)

**srptool Examples**

To create “**tpasswd.conf**” which holds the *g* and *n* values for SRP protocol (generator and a large prime), run:

```
1 $ srptool --create-conf /etc/tpasswd.conf
```

This command will create “**/etc/tpasswd**” and will add user ‘test’ (you will also be prompted for a password). Verifiers are stored by default in the way libsrp expects.

```
1 $ srptool --passwd /etc/tpasswd --passwd-conf /etc/tpasswd.conf -u test
```

This command will check against a password. If the password matches the one in “**/etc/tpasswd**” you will get an ok.

```
1 $ srptool --passwd /etc/tpasswd --passwd\-conf /etc/tpasswd.conf --verify -u test
```

### 3.3.3. Anonymous authentication

The anonymous key exchange offers encryption without any indication of the peer’s identity. This kind of authentication is vulnerable to a man in the middle attack, but can be used even if there is no prior communication or shared trusted parties with the peer. It is useful to establish a session over which certificate authentication will occur in order to hide the identities of the participants from passive eavesdroppers. It is only available under TLS 1.2 or earlier versions.

Unless in the above case, it is not recommended to use anonymous authentication. In the cases where there is no prior communication with the peers, an alternative with better properties, such as key continuity, is trust on first use (see [subsubsection 3.1.4](#)).

The available key exchange algorithms for anonymous authentication are shown below, but note that few public servers support them, and they have to be explicitly enabled. These ciphersuites are negotiated only under TLS 1.2.

- ANON\_DH: This algorithm exchanges Diffie-Hellman parameters.
- ANON\_ECDH: This algorithm exchanges elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman parameters. It is more efficient than ANON\_DH on equivalent security levels.

## 3.4. Selecting an appropriate authentication method

This section provides some guidance on how to use the available authentication methods in GnuTLS in various scenarios.

### 3.4.1. Two peers with an out-of-band channel

Let's consider two peers who need to communicate over an untrusted channel (the Internet), but have an out-of-band channel available. The latter channel is considered safe from eavesdropping and message modification and thus can be used for an initial bootstrapping of the protocol. The options available are:

- Pre-shared keys (see [subsection 3.3.1](#)). The server and a client communicate a shared randomly generated key over the trusted channel and use it to negotiate further sessions over the untrusted channel.
- Passwords (see [subsection 3.3.2](#)). The client communicates to the server its username and password of choice and uses it to negotiate further sessions over the untrusted channel.
- Public keys (see [section 3.1](#)). The client and the server exchange their public keys (or fingerprints of them) over the trusted channel. On future sessions over the untrusted channel they verify the key being the same (similar to [subsubsection 3.1.4](#)).

Provided that the out-of-band channel is trusted all of the above provide a similar level of protection. An out-of-band channel may be the initial bootstrapping of a user's PC in a corporate environment, in-person communication, communication over an alternative network (e.g. the phone network), etc.

### 3.4.2. Two peers without an out-of-band channel

When an out-of-band channel is not available a peer cannot be reliably authenticated. What can be done, however, is to allow some form of registration of users connecting for the first time and ensure that their keys remain the same after that initial connection. This is termed key continuity or trust on first use (TOFU).

The available option is to use public key authentication (see [section 3.1](#)). The client and the server store each other's public keys (or fingerprints of them) and associate them with their identity. On future sessions over the untrusted channel they verify the keys being the same (see [subsubsection 3.1.4](#)).

To mitigate the uncertainty of the information exchanged in the first connection other channels over the Internet may be used, e.g., DNSSEC (see [subsubsection 3.1.4](#)).

### 3.4.3. Two peers and a trusted third party

When a trusted third party is available (or a certificate authority) the most suitable option is to use certificate authentication (see [section 3.1](#)). The client and the server obtain certificates that associate their identity and public keys using a digital signature by the trusted party

and use them to on the subsequent communications with each other. Each party verifies the peer's certificate using the trusted third party's signature. The parameters of the third party's signature are present in its certificate which must be available to all communicating parties.

While the above is the typical authentication method for servers in the Internet by using the commercial CAs, the users that act as clients in the protocol rarely possess such certificates. In that case a hybrid method can be used where the server is authenticated by the client using the commercial CAs and the client is authenticated based on some information the client provided over the initial server-authenticated channel. The available options are:

- Passwords (see [subsection 3.3.2](#)). The client communicates to the server its username and password of choice on the initial server-authenticated connection and uses it to negotiate further sessions. This is possible because the SRP protocol allows for the server to be authenticated using a certificate and the client using the password.
- Public keys (see [section 3.1](#)). The client sends its public key to the server (or a fingerprint of it) over the initial server-authenticated connection. On future sessions the client verifies the server using the third party certificate and the server verifies that the client's public key remained the same (see [subsubsection 3.1.4](#)).

<b>enum gnutls_certificate_status_t:</b>	
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_INVALID</b>	The certificate is not signed by one of the known authorities or the signature is invalid (deprecated by the flags <b>GNUTLS_CERT_SIGNATURE_FAILURE</b> and <b>GNUTLS_CERT_SIGNER_NOT_FOUND</b> ).
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_REVOKED</b>	Certificate is revoked by its authority. In X.509 this will be set only if CRLs are checked.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_SIGNER_NOT_FOUND</b>	The certificate's issuer is not known. This is the case if the issuer is not included in the trusted certificate list.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_SIGNER_NOT_CA</b>	The certificate's signer was not a CA. This may happen if this was a version 1 certificate, which is common with some CAs, or a version 3 certificate without the basic constraints extension.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_INSECURE_ALGORITHM</b>	The certificate was signed using an insecure algorithm such as MD2 or MD5. These algorithms have been broken and should not be trusted.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_NOT_ACTIVATED</b>	The certificate is not yet activated.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_EXPIRED</b>	The certificate has expired.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_SIGNATURE_FAILURE</b>	The signature verification failed.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_REVOCATION_DATA_SUPERSEDED</b>	The revocation data are old and have been superseded.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_UNEXPECTED_OWNER</b>	The owner is not the expected one.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_REVOCATION_DATA_ISSUED_IN_FUTURE</b>	The revocation data have a future issue date.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_SIGNER_CONSTRAINTS_FAILURE</b>	The certificate's signer constraints were violated.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_MISMATCH</b>	The certificate presented isn't the expected one (TOFU)
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_PURPOSE_MISMATCH</b>	The certificate or an intermediate does not match the intended purpose (extended key usage).
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_MISSING_OCSP_STATUS</b>	The certificate requires the server to send the certificate status, but no status was received.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_INVALID_OCSP_STATUS</b>	The received OCSP status response is invalid.
<b>GNUTLS_CERT_UNKNOWN_CRITICAL_EXTENSIONS</b>	The certificate has extensions marked as critical which are not supported.

Table 3.4.: The `gnutls_certificate_status_t` enumeration.

<b>enum gnutls_certificate_verify_flags:</b>	
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DISABLE_CA_SIGN</b>	If set a signer does not have to be a certificate authority. This flag should normally be disabled, unless you know what this means.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DO_NOT_ALLOW_IP_MATCHES</b>	When verifying a hostname prevent textual IP addresses from matching IP addresses in the certificate. Treat the input only as a DNS name.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DO_NOT_ALLOW_SAME</b>	If a certificate is not signed by anyone trusted but exists in the trusted CA list do not treat it as trusted.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_ANY_X509_V1_CA_CRT</b>	Allow CA certificates that have version 1 (both root and intermediate). This might be dangerous since those haven't the basicConstraints extension.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_RSA_MD2</b>	Allow certificates to be signed using the broken MD2 algorithm.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_RSA_MD5</b>	Allow certificates to be signed using the broken MD5 algorithm.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DISABLE_TIME_CHECKS</b>	Disable checking of activation and expiration validity periods of certificate chains. Don't set this unless you understand the security implications.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DISABLE_TRUSTED_TIME_CHECKS</b>	If set a signer in the trusted list is never checked for expiration or activation.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DO_NOT_ALLOW_X509_V1_CA_CRT</b>	Do not allow trusted CA certificates that have version 1. This option is to be used to deprecate all certificates of version 1.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DISABLE_CRL_CHECKS</b>	Disable checking for validity using certificate revocation lists or the available OCSP data.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_UNSORTED_CHAIN</b>	A certificate chain is tolerated if unsorted (the case with many TLS servers out there). This is the default since GnuTLS 3.1.4.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DO_NOT_ALLOW_UNSORTED_CHAIN</b>	Do not tolerate an unsorted certificate chain.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_DO_NOT_ALLOW_WILDCARDS</b>	When including a hostname check in the verification, do not consider any wildcards.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_USE_TLS1_RSA</b>	This indicates that a (raw) RSA signature is provided as in the TLS 1.0 protocol. Not all functions accept this flag.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_IGNORE_UNKNOWN_CRIT_EXTENSIONS</b>	This signals the verification process, not to fail on unknown critical extensions.
<b>GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_WITH_SHA1</b>	Allow certificates to be signed using the broken SHA1 hash algorithm.

Table 3.5.: The `gnutls_certificate_verify_flags` enumeration.

Purpose	OID	Description
GNUTLS_KP_TLS_WWW_SERVER	2.5.29.32	The certificate is to be used for TLS WWW authentication. When in a CA certificate, it indicates that the CA is allowed to sign certificates for TLS WWW authentication.
GNUTLS_KP_TLS_WWW_CLIENT	2.5.29.32	The certificate is to be used for TLS WWW client authentication. When in a CA certificate, it indicates that the CA is allowed to sign certificates for TLS WWW client authentication.
GNUTLS_KP_CODE_SIGNING	2.5.29.3.3	The certificate is to be used for code signing. When in a CA certificate, it indicates that the CA is allowed to sign certificates for code signing.
GNUTLS_KP_EMAIL_PROTECTION	2.5.29.32	The certificate is to be used for email protection. When in a CA certificate, it indicates that the CA is allowed to sign certificates for email users.
GNUTLS_KP_OCSP_SIGNING	2.5.29.3.9	The certificate is to be used for signing OCSP responses. When in a CA certificate, it indicates that the CA is allowed to sign certificates which sign OCSP responses.
GNUTLS_KP_ANY	2.5.29.37.0	The certificate is to be used for any purpose. When in a CA certificate, it indicates that the CA is allowed to sign any kind of certificates.

Table 3.6.: Key purpose object identifiers.

Field	Description
version	The field that indicates the version of the CRL structure.
signature	A signature by the issuing authority.
issuer	Holds the issuer's distinguished name.
thisUpdate	The issuing time of the revocation list.
nextUpdate	The issuing time of the revocation list that will update that one.
revokedCertificates	List of revoked certificates serial numbers.
extensions	Optional CRL structure extensions.

Table 3.7.: Certificate revocation list fields.

Field	Description
version	The OCSP response version number (typically 1).
responder ID	An identifier of the responder (DN name or a hash of its key).
issue time	The time the response was generated.
thisUpdate	The issuing time of the revocation information.
nextUpdate	The issuing time of the revocation information that will update that one.
	Revoked certificates
certificate status	The status of the certificate.
certificate serial	The certificate's serial number.
revocationTime	The time the certificate was revoked.
revocationReason	The reason the certificate was revoked.

Table 3.8.: The most important OCSP response fields.

```
enum gnutls_x509_crl_reason_t:
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Unspecified reason.
    UNSPECIFIED
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Private key compromised.
    KEYCOMPROMISE
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          CA compromised.
    CACOMPROMISE
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Affiliation has changed.
    AFFILIATIONCHANGED
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Certificate superseded.
    SUPERSEDED
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Operation has ceased.
    CESSATIONOFOPERATION
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Certificate is on hold.
    CERTIFICATEHOLD
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Will be removed from delta CRL.
    REMOVEFROMCRL
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          Privilege withdrawn.
    PRIVILEGEWITHDRAWN
    GNUTLS_X509_CRLREASON_-          AA compromised.
    AACOMPROMISE
```

Table 3.9.: The revocation reasons



<b>enum gnutls_pkcs_encrypt_flags_t:</b>	
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PLAIN</b>	Unencrypted private key.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PKCS12_3DES</b>	PKCS-12 3DES.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PKCS12_ARCFOUR</b>	PKCS-12 ARCFOUR.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PKCS12_RC2_40</b>	PKCS-12 RC2-40.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_3DES</b>	PBES2 3DES.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_AES_128</b>	PBES2 AES-128.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_AES_192</b>	PBES2 AES-192.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_AES_256</b>	PBES2 AES-256.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_NULL_PASSWORD</b>	Some schemas distinguish between an empty and a NULL password.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_DES</b>	PBES2 single DES.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES1_DES_MD5</b>	PBES1 with single DES; for compatibility with openssl only.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_GOST_TC26Z</b>	PBES2 GOST 28147-89 CFB with TC26-Z S-box.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_GOST_CPA</b>	PBES2 GOST 28147-89 CFB with CryptoPro-A S-box.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_GOST_CPB</b>	PBES2 GOST 28147-89 CFB with CryptoPro-B S-box.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_GOST_CPC</b>	PBES2 GOST 28147-89 CFB with CryptoPro-C S-box.
<b>GNUTLS_PKCS_PBES2_GOST_CPD</b>	PBES2 GOST 28147-89 CFB with CryptoPro-D S-box.

Table 3.10.: Encryption flags



# 4

## Abstract key types and Hardware security modules

In several cases storing the long term cryptographic keys in a hard disk or even in memory poses a significant risk. Once the system they are stored is compromised the keys must be replaced as the secrecy of future sessions is no longer guaranteed. Moreover, past sessions that were not protected by a perfect forward secrecy offering ciphersuite are also to be assumed compromised.

If such threats need to be addressed, then it may be wise storing the keys in a security module such as a smart card, an HSM or the TPM chip. Those modules ensure the protection of the cryptographic keys by only allowing operations on them and preventing their extraction. The purpose of the abstract key API is to provide an API that will allow the handle of keys in memory and files, as well as keys stored in such modules.

In GnuTLS the approach is to handle all keys transparently by the high level API, e.g., the API that loads a key or certificate from a file. The high-level API will accept URIs in addition to files that specify keys on an HSM or in TPM, and a callback function will be used to obtain any required keys. The URI format is defined in [28].

More information on the API is provided in the next sections. Examples of a URI of a certificate stored in an HSM, as well as a key stored in the TPM chip are shown below. To discover the URIs of the objects the `p11tool` (see [subsection 4.3.9](#)).

```
1 pkcs11:token=Nikos;serial=307521161601031;model=PKCS%2315; \  
2 manufacturer=EnterSafe;object=test1;type=cert  
3
```

### 4.1. Abstract key types

Since there are many forms of a public or private keys supported by GnuTLS such as X.509, PKCS #11 or TPM it is desirable to allow common operations on them. For these reasons the abstract `gnutls_privkey_t` and `gnutls_pubkey_t` were introduced in `gnutls/abstract.h` header. Those types are initialized using a specific type of key and then can be used to perform operations in an abstract way. For example in order to sign an X.509 certificate with a key that resides in a token the following steps can be used.

```

1 #include <gnutls/abstract.h>
2
3 void sign_cert( gnutls_x509_cert_t to_be_signed)
4 {
5     gnutls_x509_cert_t ca_cert;
6     gnutls_privkey_t abs_key;
7
8     /* initialize the abstract key */
9     gnutls_privkey_init(&abs_key);
10
11     /* keys stored in tokens are identified by URLs */
12     gnutls_privkey_import_url(abs_key, key_url);
13
14     gnutls_x509_cert_init(&ca_cert);
15     gnutls_x509_cert_import_url(&ca_cert, cert_url);
16
17     /* sign the certificate to be signed */
18     gnutls_x509_cert_privkey_sign(to_be_signed, ca_cert, abs_key,
19                                   GNUTLS_DIG_SHA256, 0);
20 }

```

#### 4.1.1. Public keys

An abstract `gnutls_pubkey_t` can be initialized and freed by using the functions below.

```

int gnutls_pubkey_init (gnutls_pubkey_t * key)

void gnutls_pubkey_deinit (gnutls_pubkey_t key)

```

After initialization its values can be imported from an existing structure like `gnutls_x509_cert_t`, or through an ASN.1 encoding of the X.509 `SubjectPublicKeyInfo` sequence.

```

int gnutls_pubkey_import_x509 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_x509_cert_t crt, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_import_pkcs11 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t obj, unsigned int flags)

```

```
int gnutls_pubkey_import_url (gnutls_pubkey_t key, const char * url, unsigned int flags)
```

```
int gnutls_pubkey_import_privkey (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_privkey_t pkey, unsigned int usage, unsigned int flags)
```

```
int gnutls_pubkey_import (gnutls_pubkey_t key, const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format)
```

```
int gnutls_pubkey_export (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, void * output_data, size_t * output_data_size)
```

```
int gnutls_pubkey_export2 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, gnutls_datum_t * out)
```

**Description:** This function will export the public key to DER or PEM format. The contents of the exported data is the SubjectPublicKeyInfo X.509 structure. The output buffer will be allocated using `gnutls_malloc()`. If the structure is PEM encoded, it will have a header of "BEGIN CERTIFICATE".

**Returns:** In case of failure a negative error code will be returned, and 0 on success.

Other helper functions that allow directly importing from raw X.509 structures are shown below.

```
int gnutls_pubkey_import_x509_raw (gnutls_pubkey_t pkey, const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, unsigned int flags)
```

An important function is `gnutls_pubkey_import_url` which will import public keys from URLs that identify objects stored in tokens (see [section 4.3](#) and [section 4.4](#)). A function to check for a supported by GnuTLS URL is `gnutls_url_is_supported`.

```
unsigned gnutls_url_is_supported (const char * url)
```

**Description:** Check whether the provided url is supported. Depending on the system libraries GnuTLS may support pkcs11, tpmkey or other URLs.

**Returns:** return non-zero if the given URL is supported, and zero if it is not known.

Additional functions are available that will return information over a public key, such as a unique key ID, as well as a function that given a public key fingerprint would provide a memorable sketch.

Note that `gnutls_pubkey_get_key_id` calculates a SHA1 digest of the public key as a DER-formatted, `subjectPublicKeyInfo` object. Other implementations use different approaches, e.g., some use the “common method” described in section 4.2.1.2 of [8] which calculates a digest on a part of the `subjectPublicKeyInfo` object.

```
int gnutls_pubkey_get_pk_algorithm (gnutls_pubkey_t key, unsigned int * bits)

int gnutls_pubkey_get_preferred_hash_algorithm (gnutls_pubkey_t key,
gnutls_digest_algorithm_t * hash, unsigned int * mand)

int gnutls_pubkey_get_key_id (gnutls_pubkey_t key, unsigned int flags, unsigned
char * output_data, size_t * output_data_size)

int gnutls_random_art (gnutls_random_art_t type, const char * key_type, un-
signed int key_size, void * fpr, size_t fpr_size, gnutls_datum_t * art)
```

To export the key-specific parameters, or obtain a unique key ID the following functions are provided.

```
int gnutls_pubkey_export_rsa_raw2 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_datum_t * m,
gnutls_datum_t * e, unsigned flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_export_dsa_raw2 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_datum_t * p,
gnutls_datum_t * q, gnutls_datum_t * g, gnutls_datum_t * y, unsigned flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_export_ecc_raw2 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_ecc_curve_t *
curve, gnutls_datum_t * x, gnutls_datum_t * y, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_export_ecc_x962 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_datum_t * pa-
rameters, gnutls_datum_t * ecpoint)
```

### 4.1.2. Private keys

An abstract `gnutls_privkey_t` can be initialized and freed by using the functions below.

```
int gnutls_privkey_init (gnutls_privkey_t * key)

void gnutls_privkey_deinit (gnutls_privkey_t key)
```

After initialization its values can be imported from an existing structure like `gnutls_x509_privkey_t`, but unlike public keys it cannot be exported. That is to allow abstraction over keys stored in hardware that makes available only operations.

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_x509 (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, gnutls_x509_privkey_t key,
unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_privkey_import_pkcs11 (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, gnutls_pkcs11_privkey_t
key, unsigned int flags)
```

Other helper functions that allow directly importing from raw X.509 structures are shown below. Again, as with public keys, private keys can be imported from a hardware module using URLs.

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_url (gnutls_privkey_t key, const char * url, unsigned int
flags)
```

**Description:** This function will import a PKCS11 or TPM URL as a private key. The supported URL types can be checked using `gnutls_url.is_supported()`.

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

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_x509_raw (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, const gnutls_datum_t *
data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_privkey_get_pk_algorithm (gnutls_privkey_t key, unsigned int * bits)

gnutls_privkey_type_t gnutls_privkey_get_type (gnutls_privkey_t key)

int gnutls_privkey_status (gnutls_privkey_t key)
```

In order to support cryptographic operations using an external API, the following function is provided. This allows for a simple extensibility API without resorting to PKCS #11.

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_ext4 (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, void * user-
data, gnutls_privkey_sign_data_func sign_data_fn, gnutls_privkey_sign_hash_func
sign_hash_fn, gnutls_privkey_decrypt_func decrypt_fn, gnutls_privkey_deinit_func
deinit_fn, gnutls_privkey_info_func info_fn, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will associate the given callbacks with the *gnutls\_privkey\_t* type. At least one of the callbacks must be non-null. If a deinitialization function is provided then flags is assumed to contain **GNUTLS\_PRIVKEY\_IMPORT\_AUTO-RELEASE**. Note that in contrast with the signing function of *gnutls\_privkey\_import\_ext3()*, the signing functions provided to this function take explicitly the signature algorithm as parameter and different functions are provided to sign the data and hashes. The *sign\_hash\_fn* is to be called to sign pre-hashed data. The input to the callback is the output of the hash (such as SHA256) corresponding to the signature algorithm. For RSA PKCS#1 signatures, the signature algorithm can be set to **GNUTLS\_SIGN\_RSA\_RAW**, and in that case the data should be handled as if they were an RSA PKCS#1 DigestInfo structure. The *sign\_data\_fn* is to be called to sign data. The input data will be the data to be signed (and hashed), with the provided signature algorithm. This function is to be used for signature algorithms like Ed25519 which cannot take pre-hashed data as input. When both *sign\_data\_fn* and *sign\_hash\_fn* functions are provided they must be able to operate on all the supported signature algorithms, unless prohibited by the type of the algorithm (e.g., as with Ed25519). The *info\_fn* must provide information on the signature algorithms supported by this private key, and should support the flags **GNUTLS\_PRIVKEY\_INFO\_PK\_ALGO**, **GNUTLS\_PRIVKEY\_INFO\_HAVE\_SIGN\_ALGO** and **GNUTLS\_PRIVKEY\_INFO\_PK\_ALGO\_BITS**. It must return -1 on unknown flags.

**Returns:** On success, **GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS** (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

On the private keys where exporting of parameters is possible (i.e., software keys), the following functions are also available.



```

int gnutls_privkey_export_rsa_raw2 (gnutls_privkey_t key, gnutls_datum_t * m,
gnutls_datum_t * e, gnutls_datum_t * d, gnutls_datum_t * p, gnutls_datum_t * q,
gnutls_datum_t * u, gnutls_datum_t * e1, gnutls_datum_t * e2, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_privkey_export_dsa_raw2 (gnutls_privkey_t key, gnutls_datum_t * p,
gnutls_datum_t * q, gnutls_datum_t * g, gnutls_datum_t * y, gnutls_datum_t * x,
unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_privkey_export_ecc_raw2 (gnutls_privkey_t key, gnutls_ecc_curve_t *
curve, gnutls_datum_t * x, gnutls_datum_t * y, gnutls_datum_t * k, unsigned int
flags)

```

### 4.1.3. Operations

The abstract key types can be used to access signing and signature verification operations with the underlying keys.

```

int gnutls_pubkey_verify_data2 (gnutls_pubkey_t pubkey, gnutls_sign_algorithm_t
algo, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * data, const gnutls_datum_t *
signature)

```

**Description:** This function will verify the given signed data, using the parameters from the certificate.

**Returns:** In case of a verification failure `GNUTLS_E_PK_SIG_VERIFY_FAILED` is returned, and zero or positive code on success. For known to be insecure signatures this function will return `GNUTLS_E_INSUFFICIENT_SECURITY` unless the flag `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_BROKEN` is specified.

Signing existing structures, such as certificates, CRLs, or certificate requests, as well as associating public keys with structures is also possible using the key abstractions.

```

int gnutls_x509_cert_privkey_sign (gnutls_x509_cert_t crt, gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer,
gnutls_privkey_t issuer_key, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_x509_crl_privkey_sign (gnutls_x509_crl_t crl, gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer,
gnutls_privkey_t issuer_key, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_x509_crq_privkey_sign (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, gnutls_privkey_t key,
gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig, unsigned int flags)

```

```
int gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash2 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_sign_algorithm_t
algo, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * hash, const gnutls_datum_t *
signature)
```

**Description:** This function will verify the given signed digest, using the parameters from the public key. Note that unlike `gnutls_privkey_sign_hash()`, this function accepts a signature algorithm instead of a digest algorithm. You can use `gnutls_pk_to_sign()` to get the appropriate value.

**Returns:** In case of a verification failure `GNUTLS_E_PK_SIG_VERIFY_FAILED` is returned, and zero or positive code on success. For known to be insecure signatures this function will return `GNUTLS_E_INSUFFICIENT_SECURITY` unless the flag `GNUTLS_VERIFY_ALLOW_BROKEN` is specified.

```
int gnutls_pubkey_encrypt_data (gnutls_pubkey_t key, unsigned int flags, const
gnutls_datum_t * plaintext, gnutls_datum_t * ciphertext)
```

**Description:** This function will encrypt the given data, using the public key. On success the `ciphertext` will be allocated using `gnutls_malloc()`.

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

```
int gnutls_privkey_sign_data (gnutls_privkey_t signer, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t
hash, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_datum_t * signature)
```

**Description:** This function will sign the given data using a signature algorithm supported by the private key. Signature algorithms are always used together with a hash functions. Different hash functions may be used for the RSA algorithm, but only the SHA family for the DSA keys. You may use `gnutls_pubkey_get_preferred_hash_algorithm()` to determine the hash algorithm.

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

```
int gnutls_privkey_sign_hash (gnutls_privkey_t signer, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t
hash_algo, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * hash_data, gnutls_datum_t *
signature)
```

**Description:** This function will sign the given hashed data using a signature algorithm supported by the private key. Signature algorithms are always used together with a hash functions. Different hash functions may be used for the RSA algorithm, but only SHA-XXX for the DSA keys. You may use `gnutls_pubkey_get_preferred_hash_algorithm()` to determine the hash algorithm. The flags may be `GNUTLS_PRIVKEY_SIGN_FLAG_TLS1_RSA` or `GNUTLS_PRIVKEY_SIGN_FLAG_RSA_PSS`. In the former case this function will ignore `hash_algo` and perform a raw PKCS1 signature, and in the latter an RSA-PSS signature will be generated. Note that, not all algorithm support signing already hashed data. When signing with Ed25519, `gnutls_privkey_sign_data()` should be used.

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

```
int gnutls_privkey_decrypt_data (gnutls_privkey_t key, unsigned int flags, const
gnutls_datum_t * ciphertext, gnutls_datum_t * plaintext)
```

**Description:** This function will decrypt the given data using the algorithm supported by the private key.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_crq_set_pubkey (gnutls_x509_crq_t crq, gnutls_pubkey_t key)
```

**Description:** This function will set the public parameters from the given public key to the request. The key can be deallocated after that.

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

```
int gnutls_x509_cert_set_pubkey (gnutls_x509_cert_t cert, gnutls_pubkey_t key)
```

**Description:** This function will set the public parameters from the given public key to the certificate. The key can be deallocated after that.

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

## 4.2. System and application-specific keys

### 4.2.1. System-specific keys

In several systems there are keystores which allow to read, store and use certificates and private keys. For these systems GnuTLS provides the system-key API in `gnutls/system-keys.h`. That API provides the ability to iterate through all stored keys, add and delete keys as well as use these keys using a URL which starts with "system:". The format of the URLs is system-specific. The `systemkey` tool is also provided to assist in listing keys and debugging.

The systems supported via this API are the following.

- Windows Cryptography API (CNG)

```
int gnutls_system_key_iter_get_info (gnutls_system_key_iter_t * iter, unsigned
cert_type, char ** cert_url, char ** key_url, char ** label, gnutls_datum_t *
der, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will return on each call a certificate and key pair URLs, as well as a label associated with them, and the DER-encoded certificate. When the iteration is complete it will return GNUTLS\_E\_REQUESTED\_DATA\_NOT\_AVAILABLE. Typically `cert_type` should be GNUTLS\_CERT\_X509. All values set are allocated and must be cleared using `gnutls_free()`,

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

```

void gnutls_system_key_iter_deinit (gnutls_system_key_iter_t iter)

int gnutls_system_key_add_x509 (gnutls_x509_cert_t crt, gnutls_x509_privkey_t
privkey, const char * label, char ** cert_url, char ** key_url)

int gnutls_system_key_delete (const char * cert_url, const char * key_url)

```

### 4.2.2. Application-specific keys

For systems where GnuTLS doesn't provide a system specific store, it may often be desirable to define a custom class of keys that are identified via URLs and available to GnuTLS calls such as `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2`. Such keys can be registered using the API in `gnutls/urls.h`. The function which registers such keys is `gnutls_register_custom_url`.

```
int gnutls_register_custom_url (const gnutls_custom_url_st * st)
```

**Description:** Register a custom URL. This will affect the following functions: `gnutls_url_is_supported()`, `gnutls_privkey_import_url()`, `gnutls_pubkey_import_url`, `gnutls_x509_cert_import_url()` and all functions that depend on them, e.g., `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2()`. The provided structure and callback functions must be valid throughout the lifetime of the process. The registration of an existing URL type will fail with `GNUTLS_E_INVALID_REQUEST`. Since GnuTLS 3.5.0 this function can be used to override the builtin URLs. This function is not thread safe.

**Returns:** returns zero if the given structure was imported or a negative value otherwise.

The input to this function are three callback functions as well as the prefix of the URL, (e.g., "mypkcs11:") and the length of the prefix. The types of the callbacks are shown below, and are expected to use the exported gnutls functions to import the keys and certificates. E.g., a typical `import_key` callback should use `gnutls_privkey_import_ext4`.

```

1 typedef int (*gnutls_privkey_import_url_func)(gnutls_privkey_t pkey,
2                                               const char *url,
3                                               unsigned flags);
4
5 typedef int (*gnutls_x509_cert_import_url_func)(gnutls_x509_cert_t pkey,
6                                                  const char *url,
7                                                  unsigned flags);
8
9 /* The following callbacks are optional */
10
11 /* This is to enable gnutls_pubkey_import_url() */
12 typedef int (*gnutls_pubkey_import_url_func)(gnutls_pubkey_t pkey,

```

```

13         const char *url, unsigned flags);
14
15     /* This is to allow constructing a certificate chain. It will be provided
16     * the initial certificate URL and the certificate to find its issuer, and must
17     * return zero and the DER encoding of the issuer's certificate. If not available,
18     * it should return GNUTLS_E_REQUESTED_DATA_NOT_AVAILABLE. */
19     typedef int (*gnutls_get_raw_issuer_func)(const char *url, gnutls_x509_cert_t crt,
20                                             gnutls_datum_t *issuer_der, unsigned flags);
21
22     typedef struct custom_url_st {
23         const char *name;
24         unsigned name_size;
25         gnutls_privkey_import_url_func import_key;
26         gnutls_x509_cert_import_url_func import_cert;
27         gnutls_pubkey_import_url_func import_pubkey;
28         gnutls_get_raw_issuer_func get_issuer;
29     } gnutls_custom_url_st;

```

## 4.3. Smart cards and HSMs

In this section we present the smart-card and hardware security module (HSM) support in GnuTLS using PKCS #11 [2]. Hardware security modules and smart cards provide a way to store private keys and perform operations on them without exposing them. This decouples cryptographic keys from the applications that use them and provide an additional security layer against cryptographic key extraction. Since this can also be achieved in software components such as in Gnome keyring, we will use the term security module to describe any cryptographic key separation subsystem.

PKCS #11 is plugin API allowing applications to access cryptographic operations on a security module, as well as to objects residing on it. PKCS #11 modules exist for hardware tokens such as smart cards<sup>1</sup>, cryptographic tokens, as well as for software modules like Gnome Keyring. The objects residing on a security module may be certificates, public keys, private keys or secret keys. Of those certificates and public/private key pairs can be used with GnuTLS. PKCS #11's main advantage is that it allows operations on private key objects such as decryption and signing without exposing the key. In GnuTLS the PKCS #11 functionality is available in `gnutls/pkcs11.h`.

### 4.3.1. Initialization

To allow all GnuTLS applications to transparently access smart cards and tokens, PKCS #11 is automatically initialized during the first call of a PKCS #11 related function, in a thread safe way. The default initialization process, utilizes p11-kit configuration, and loads any appropriate PKCS #11 modules. The p11-kit configuration files<sup>2</sup> are typically stored in `/etc/pkcs11/modules/`. For example a file that will instruct GnuTLS to load the OpenSC module, could be named `/etc/pkcs11/modules/opensc.module` and contain the following:

<sup>1</sup>For example, OpenSC-supported cards.

<sup>2</sup><https://p11-glue.github.io/p11-kit.html>

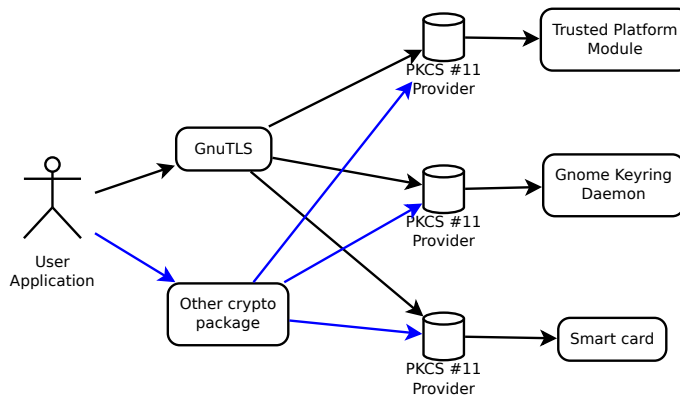


Figure 4.1.: PKCS #11 module usage.

```
1 module: /usr/lib/opensc-pkcs11.so
```

If you use these configuration files, then there is no need for other initialization in GnuTLS, except for the PIN and token callbacks (see next section). In several cases, however, it is desirable to limit badly behaving modules (e.g., modules that add an unacceptable delay on initialization) to single applications. That can be done using the “enable-in:” option followed by the base name of applications that this module should be used.

It is also possible to manually initialize or even disable the PKCS #11 subsystem if the default settings are not desirable or not available (see [subsection 4.3.2](#) for more information).

Note that, PKCS #11 modules behave in a peculiar way after a fork; they require a reinitialization of all the used PKCS #11 resources. While GnuTLS automates that process, there are corner cases where it is not possible to handle it correctly in an automated way<sup>3</sup>. For that, it is recommended not to mix `fork()` and PKCS #11 module usage. It is recommended to initialize and use any PKCS #11 resources in a single process.

Older versions of GnuTLS required to call `gnutls_pkcs11_reinit` after a `fork()` call; since 3.3.0 this is no longer required.

### 4.3.2. Manual initialization of user-specific modules

In systems where one cannot rely on a globally available p11-kit configuration to be available, it is still possible to utilize PKCS #11 objects. That can be done by loading directly the PKCS #11 shared module in the application using `gnutls_pkcs11_add_provider`, after having called `gnutls_pkcs11_init` specifying the `GNUTLS_PKCS11_FLAG_MANUAL` flag.

In that case, the application will only have access to the modules explicitly loaded. If the `GNUTLS_PKCS11_FLAG_MANUAL` flag is specified and no calls to `gnutls_pkcs11_add_provider`

<sup>3</sup>For example when an open session is to be reinitialized, but the PIN is not available to GnuTLS (e.g., it was entered at a pinpad).

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_add_provider (const char * name, const char * params)
```

**Description:** This function will load and add a PKCS 11 module to the module list used in gnutls. After this function is called the module will be used for PKCS 11 operations. When loading a module to be used for certificate verification, use the string 'trusted' as params. Note that this function is not thread safe.

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

are made, then the PKCS #11 functionality is effectively disabled.

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_init (unsigned int flags, const char * deprecated_config_file)
```

**Description:** This function will initialize the PKCS 11 subsystem in gnutls. It will read configuration files if GNUTLS\_PKCS11\_FLAG\_AUTO is used or allow you to independently load PKCS 11 modules using gnutls\_pkcs11\_add\_provider() if GNUTLS\_PKCS11\_FLAG\_MANUAL is specified. You don't need to call this function since GnuTLS 3.3.0 because it is being called during the first request PKCS 11 operation. That call will assume the GNUTLS\_PKCS11\_FLAG\_AUTO flag. If another flags are required then it must be called independently prior to any PKCS 11 operation.

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

### 4.3.3. Accessing objects that require a PIN

Objects stored in token such as a private keys are typically protected from access by a PIN or password. This PIN may be required to either read the object (if allowed) or to perform operations with it. To allow obtaining the PIN when accessing a protected object, as well as probe the user to insert the token the following functions allow to set a callback.



```

void gnutls_pkcs11_set_token_function (gnutls_pkcs11_token_callback_t fn, void *
userdata)

void gnutls_pkcs11_set_pin_function (gnutls_pin_callback_t fn, void * userdata)

int gnutls_pkcs11_add_provider (const char * name, const char * params)

gnutls_pin_callback_t gnutls_pkcs11_get_pin_function (void ** userdata)

```

The callback is of type `gnutls_pin_callback_t` and will have as input the provided userdata, the PIN attempt number, a URL describing the token, a label describing the object and flags. The PIN must be at most of `pin_max` size and must be copied to pin variable. The function must return 0 on success or a negative error code otherwise.

```

typedef int (*gnutls_pin_callback_t) (void *userdata, int attempt,
                                     const char *token_url,
                                     const char *token_label,
                                     unsigned int flags,
                                     char *pin, size_t pin_max);

```

The flags are of `gnutls_pin_flag_t` type and are explained below.

<b>enum gnutls_pin_flag_t:</b>	
<b>GNUTLS_PIN_USER</b>	The PIN for the user.
<b>GNUTLS_PIN_SO</b>	The PIN for the security officer (admin).
<b>GNUTLS_PIN_FINAL_TRY</b>	This is the final try before blocking.
<b>GNUTLS_PIN_COUNT_LOW</b>	Few tries remain before token blocks.
<b>GNUTLS_PIN_CONTEXT_SPECIFIC</b>	The PIN is for a specific action and key like signing.
<b>GNUTLS_PIN_WRONG</b>	Last given PIN was not correct.

Table 4.1.: The `gnutls_pin_flag_t` enumeration.

Note that due to limitations of PKCS #11 there are issues when multiple libraries are sharing a module. To avoid this problem GnuTLS uses p11-kit that provides a middleware to control access to resources over the multiple users.

To avoid conflicts with multiple registered callbacks for PIN functions, `gnutls_pkcs11_get_pin_function` may be used to check for any previously set functions. In addition context specific PIN functions are allowed, e.g., by using functions below.

```

void gnutls_certificate_set_pin_function (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_pin_callback_t fn, void * userdata)

void gnutls_pubkey_set_pin_function (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_pin_callback_t
fn, void * userdata)

void gnutls_privkey_set_pin_function (gnutls_privkey_t key, gnutls_pin_callback_t
fn, void * userdata)

void gnutls_pkcs11_obj_set_pin_function (gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t obj,
gnutls_pin_callback_t fn, void * userdata)

void gnutls_x509_cert_set_pin_function (gnutls_x509_cert_t crt, gnutls_pin_callback_t
fn, void * userdata)

```

#### 4.3.4. Reading objects

All PKCS #11 objects are referenced by GnuTLS functions by URLs as described in [28]. This allows for a consistent naming of objects across systems and applications in the same system. For example a public key on a smart card may be referenced as:

```

1 pkcs11:token=Nikos;serial=307521161601031;model=PKCS%2315; \
2 manufacturer=EnterSafe;object=test1;type=public;\
3 id=32f153f3e37990b08624141077ca5dec2d15faed

```

while the smart card itself can be referenced as:

```

1 pkcs11:token=Nikos;serial=307521161601031;model=PKCS%2315;manufacturer=EnterSafe

```

Objects stored in a PKCS #11 token can typically be extracted if they are not marked as sensitive. Usually only private keys are marked as sensitive and cannot be extracted, while certificates and other data can be retrieved. The functions that can be used to enumerate and access objects are shown below.

```

int gnutls_pkcs11_obj_list_import_url4 (gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t ** p_list, unsigned int
* n_list, const char * url, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_pkcs11_obj_import_url (gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t obj, const char * url, un-
signed int flags)

int gnutls_pkcs11_obj_export_url (gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t obj, gnutls_pkcs11_url_type_t
detailed, char ** url)

```

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_obj_get_info (gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t obj, gnutls_pkcs11_obj_info_t
itype, void * output, size_t * output_size)
```

**Description:** This function will return information about the PKCS11 certificate such as the label, id as well as token information where the key is stored. When output is text, a null terminated string is written to **output** and its string length is written to **output\_size** (without null terminator). If the buffer is too small, **output\_size** will contain the expected buffer size (with null terminator for text) and return **GNUTLS\_E\_SHORT\_MEMORY\_BUFFER**. In versions previously to 3.6.0 this function included the null terminator to **output\_size**. After 3.6.0 the output size doesn't include the terminator character.

**Returns:** **GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS** (0) on success or a negative error code on error.

```
int gnutls_x509_crt_import_pkcs11 (gnutls_x509_crt_t crt, gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t
pkcs11_crt)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_crt_import_url (gnutls_x509_crt_t crt, const char * url, unsigned
int flags)
```

```
int gnutls_x509_crt_list_import_pkcs11 (gnutls_x509_crt_t * certs, unsigned int
cert_max, gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t * const objs, unsigned int flags)
```

Properties of the physical token can also be accessed and altered with GnuTLS. For example data in a token can be erased (initialized), PIN can be altered, etc.

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_token_init (const char * token_url, const char * so_pin, const
char * label)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_token_get_url (unsigned int seq, gnutls_pkcs11_url_type_t de-
tailed, char ** url)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_token_get_info (const char * url, gnutls_pkcs11_token_info_t
ttype, void * output, size_t * output_size)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_token_get_flags (const char * url, unsigned int * flags)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_token_set_pin (const char * token_url, const char * oldpin,
const char * newpin, unsigned int flags)
```

The following examples demonstrate the usage of the API. The first example will list all available PKCS #11 tokens in a system and the latter will list all certificates in a token that have a corresponding private key.

```

1  int i;
2  char* url;
3
4  gnutls_global_init();
5
6  for (i=0;;i++)
7  {
8      ret = gnutls_pkcs11_token_get_url(i, &url);
9      if (ret == GNUTLS_E_REQUESTED_DATA_NOT_AVAILABLE)
10         break;
11
12     if (ret < 0)
13         exit(1);
14
15     fprintf(stdout, "Token[%d]: URL: %s\n", i, url);
16     gnutls_free(url);
17 }
18 gnutls_global_deinit();

```

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #include <config.h>
4  #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
5  #include <gnutls/pkcs11.h>
6  #include <stdio.h>
7  #include <stdlib.h>
8
9  #define URL "pkcs11:URL"
10
11 int main(int argc, char **argv)
12 {
13     gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t *obj_list;
14     gnutls_x509_crt_t xcrt;
15     unsigned int obj_list_size = 0;
16     gnutls_datum_t cinfo;
17     int ret;
18     unsigned int i;
19
20     ret = gnutls_pkcs11_obj_list_import_url4(&obj_list, &obj_list_size, URL,
21                                             GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_CERT|
22                                             GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_WITH_PRIVKEY);
23
24     if (ret < 0)
25         return -1;
26
27     /* now all certificates are in obj_list */
28     for (i = 0; i < obj_list_size; i++) {
29
30         gnutls_x509_crt_init(&xcrt);
31
32         gnutls_x509_crt_import_pkcs11(xcrt, obj_list[i]);
33
34         gnutls_x509_crt_print(xcrt, GNUTLS_PRINT_FULL, &cinfo);

```

```

35         fprintf(stdout, "cert[%d]:\n %s\n\n", i, cinfo.data);
36
37         gnutls_free(cinfo.data);
38         gnutls_x509_crt_deinit(xcrt);
39     }
40
41     for (i = 0; i < obj_list_size; i++)
42         gnutls_pkcs11_obj_deinit(obj_list[i]);
43     gnutls_free(obj_list);
44
45     return 0;
46 }

```

### 4.3.5. Writing objects

With GnuTLS you can copy existing private keys and certificates to a token. Note that when copying private keys it is recommended to mark them as sensitive using the `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_SENSITIVE` to prevent its extraction. An object can be marked as private using the flag `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_PRIVATE`, to require PIN to be entered before accessing the object (for operations or otherwise).

```

int gnutls_pkcs11_copy_x509_privkey2 (const char * token_url,
gnutls_x509_privkey_t key, const char * label, const gnutls_datum_t * cid, unsigned
int key_usage, unsigned int flags)

```

**Description:** This function will copy a private key into a PKCS #11 token specified by a URL. Since 3.6.3 the objects are marked as sensitive by default unless `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_NOT_SENSITIVE` is specified.

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

```

int gnutls_pkcs11_copy_x509_crt2 (const char * token_url, gnutls_x509_crt_t crt,
const char * label, const gnutls_datum_t * cid, unsigned int flags)

```

**Description:** This function will copy a certificate into a PKCS #11 token specified by a URL. Valid flags to mark the certificate: `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_TRUSTED`, `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_PRIVATE`, `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_CA`, `GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_ALWAYS_AUTH`.

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

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_delete_url (const char * object_url, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will delete objects matching the given URL. Note that not all tokens support the delete operation.

**Returns:** On success, the number of objects deleted is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

### 4.3.6. Low Level Access

When it is needed to use PKCS#11 functionality which is not wrapped by GnuTLS, it is possible to extract the PKCS#11 session, object or token pointers. That allows an application to still access the low-level functionality, while at the same time take advantage of the URI addressing scheme supported by GnuTLS.

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_token_get_ptr (const char * url, void ** ptr, unsigned long * slot_id, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will return the function pointer of the specified token by the URL. The returned pointers are valid until gnutls is deinitialized, c.f. `_global_deinit()`.

**Returns:** GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) on success or a negative error code on error.

```
int gnutls_pkcs11_obj_get_ptr (gnutls_pkcs11_obj_t obj, void ** ptr, void ** session, void ** ohandle, unsigned long * slot_id, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** Obtains the PKCS#11 session handles of an object. `session` and `ohandle` must be deinitialized by the caller. The returned pointers are independent of the obj lifetime.

**Returns:** GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) on success or a negative error code on error.

### 4.3.7. Using a PKCS #11 token with TLS

It is possible to use a PKCS #11 token to a TLS session, as shown in [subsection 6.1.3](#). In addition the following functions can be used to load PKCS #11 key and certificates by specifying a PKCS #11 URL instead of a filename.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
const char * cafile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res, const
char * certfile, const char * keyfile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type, const char * pass,
unsigned int flags)
```

### 4.3.8. Verifying certificates over PKCS #11

The PKCS #11 API can be used to allow all applications in the same operating system to access shared cryptographic keys and certificates in a uniform way, as in [Figure 4.1](#). That way applications could load their trusted certificate list, as well as user certificates from a common PKCS #11 module. Such a provider is the p11-kit trust storage module<sup>4</sup> and it provides access to the trusted Root CA certificates in a system. That provides a more dynamic list of Root CA certificates, as opposed to a static list in a file or directory.

That store, allows for blacklisting of CAs or certificates, as well as categorization of the Root CAs (Web verification, Code signing, etc.), in addition to restricting their purpose via stapled extensions<sup>5</sup>. GnuTLS will utilize the p11-kit trust module as the default trust store if configured to; i.e., if ‘-with-default-trust-store-pkcs11=pkcs11:’ is given to the configure script.

### 4.3.9. Invoking p11tool

Program that allows operations on PKCS #11 smart cards and security modules.

To use PKCS #11 tokens with GnuTLS the p11-kit configuration files need to be setup. That is create a .module file in /etc/pkcs11/modules with the contents ‘module: /path/to/pkcs11.so’. Alternatively the configuration file /etc/gnutls/pkcs11.conf has to exist and contain a number of lines of the form ‘load=/usr/lib/opensc-pkcs11.so’.

You can provide the PIN to be used for the PKCS #11 operations with the environment variables GNUTLS\_PIN and GNUTLS\_SO\_PIN.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the **agtexi-cmd** template and the option descriptions for the **p11tool** program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

### p11tool help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for p11tool.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the **help** option (“--help”) or the **more-help** option (“--more-help”). **more-help** will print the usage text by passing it through a pager

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<sup>4</sup><https://p11-glue.github.io/p11-glue/trust-module.html>

<sup>5</sup>See the ‘Restricting the scope of CA certificates’ post at <https://nmav.gnutls.org/2016/06/restricting-scope-of-ca-certificates.html>

program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “`more`”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```

1 p11tool - GnuTLS PKCS #11 tool
2 Usage: p11tool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]... [url]
3
4
5 Tokens:
6
7     --list-tokens           List all available tokens
8     --list-token-urls       List the URLs available tokens
9     --list-mechanisms       List all available mechanisms in a token
10    --initialize            Initializes a PKCS #11 token
11    --initialize-pin         Initializes/Resets a PKCS #11 token user PIN
12    --initialize-so-pin     Initializes/Resets a PKCS #11 token security officer PIN.
13    --set-pin=str           Specify the PIN to use on token operations
14    --set-so-pin=str        Specify the Security Officer's PIN to use on token initialization
15
16 Object listing:
17
18     --list-all             List all available objects in a token
19     --list-all-certs       List all available certificates in a token
20     --list-certs            List all certificates that have an associated private key
21     --list-all-privkeys    List all available private keys in a token
22     --list-privkeys         an alias for the 'list-all-privkeys' option
23     --list-keys             an alias for the 'list-all-privkeys' option
24     --list-all-trusted     List all available certificates marked as trusted
25     --export                Export the object specified by the URL
26                             - prohibits these options:
27                             export-stapled
28                             export-chain
29                             export-pubkey
30     --export-stapled        Export the certificate object specified by the URL
31                             - prohibits these options:
32                             export
33                             export-chain
34                             export-pubkey
35     --export-chain          Export the certificate specified by the URL and its chain of trust
36                             - prohibits these options:
37                             export-stapled
38                             export
39                             export-pubkey
40     --export-pubkey         Export the public key for a private key
41                             - prohibits these options:
42                             export-stapled
43                             export
44                             export-chain
45     --info                  List information on an available object in a token
46     --trusted               an alias for the 'mark-trusted' option
47     --distrusted            an alias for the 'mark-distrusted' option
48
49 Key generation:
50
51     --generate-privkey=str  Generate private-public key pair of given type
52     --bits=num              Specify the number of bits for the key generate
53     --curve=str             Specify the curve used for EC key generation
54     --sec-param=str         Specify the security level

```



```

55
56 Writing objects:
57
58     --set-id=str          Set the CKA_ID (in hex) for the specified by the URL object
59                          - prohibits the option 'write'
60     --set-label=str       Set the CKA_LABEL for the specified by the URL object
61                          - prohibits these options:
62                          write
63                          set-id
64     --write               Writes the loaded objects to a PKCS #11 token
65     --delete              Deletes the objects matching the given PKCS #11 URL
66     --label=str           Sets a label for the write operation
67     --id=str              Sets an ID for the write operation
68     --mark-wrap           Marks the generated key to be a wrapping key
69                          - disabled as '--no-mark-wrap'
70     --mark-trusted        Marks the object to be written as trusted
71                          - prohibits the option 'mark-distrusted'
72                          - disabled as '--no-mark-trusted'
73     --mark-distrusted     When retrieving objects, it requires the objects to be distrusted
74 (blacklisted)
75                          - prohibits the option 'mark-trusted'
76     --mark-decrypt        Marks the object to be written for decryption
77                          - disabled as '--no-mark-decrypt'
78     --mark-sign           Marks the object to be written for signature generation
79                          - disabled as '--no-mark-sign'
80     --mark-ca             Marks the object to be written as a CA
81                          - disabled as '--no-mark-ca'
82     --mark-private        Marks the object to be written as private
83                          - disabled as '--no-mark-private'
84     --ca                  an alias for the 'mark-ca' option
85     --private             an alias for the 'mark-private' option
86     --secret-key=str       Provide a hex encoded secret key
87     --load-privkey=file    Private key file to use
88                          - file must pre-exist
89     --load-pubkey=file     Public key file to use
90                          - file must pre-exist
91     --load-certificate=file Certificate file to use
92                          - file must pre-exist
93
94 Other options:
95
96     -d, --debug=num       Enable debugging
97                          - it must be in the range:
98                          0 to 9999
99     --outfile=str         Output file
100    --login                Force (user) login to token
101                          - disabled as '--no-login'
102    --so-login             Force security officer login to token
103                          - disabled as '--no-so-login'
104    --admin-login          an alias for the 'so-login' option
105    --test-sign            Tests the signature operation of the provided object
106    --sign-params=str      Sign with a specific signature algorithm
107    --hash=str             Hash algorithm to use for signing
108    --generate-random=num  Generate random data
109    -8, --pkcs8            Use PKCS #8 format for private keys
110    --inder                Use DER/RAW format for input
111                          - disabled as '--no-inder'
112    --inraw                an alias for the 'inder' option

```

```

113      --outder          Use DER format for output certificates, private keys, and DH parameters
114                      - disabled as '--no-outder'
115      --outraw          an alias for the 'outder' option
116      --provider=file   Specify the PKCS #11 provider library
117      --detailed-url    Print detailed URLs
118                      - disabled as '--no-detailed-url'
119      --only-urls       Print a compact listing using only the URLs
120      --batch           Disable all interaction with the tool
121
122 Version, usage and configuration options:
123
124      -v, --version[=arg] output version information and exit
125      -h, --help          display extended usage information and exit
126      -!, --more-help     extended usage information passed thru pager
127
128 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
129 hyphen and the flag character.
130 Operands and options may be intermixed. They will be reordered.
131
132 Program that allows operations on PKCS #11 smart cards and security
133 modules.
134
135 To use PKCS #11 tokens with GnuTLS the p11-kit configuration files need to
136 be setup. That is create a .module file in /etc/pkcs11/modules with the
137 contents 'module: /path/to/pkcs11.so'. Alternatively the configuration
138 file /etc/gnutls/pkcs11.conf has to exist and contain a number of lines of
139 the form 'load=/usr/lib/opensc-pkcs11.so'.
140
141 You can provide the PIN to be used for the PKCS #11 operations with the
142 environment variables GNUTLS_PIN and GNUTLS_SO_PIN.
143

```

## token-related-options options

Tokens.

### list-token-urls option.

This is the “list the urls available tokens” option. This is a more compact version of `--list-tokens`.

### initialize-so-pin option.

This is the “initializes/resets a pkcs #11 token security officer pin.” option. This initializes the security officer’s PIN. When used non-interactively use the `GNUTLS_NEW_SO_PIN` environment variables to initialize SO’s PIN.

### set-pin option.

This is the “specify the pin to use on token operations” option. This option takes a string argument. Alternatively the `GNUTLS_PIN` environment variable may be used.

**set-so-pin option.**

This is the “specify the security officer’s pin to use on token initialization” option. This option takes a string argument. Alternatively the GNUTLS\_SO\_PIN environment variable may be used.

**object-list-related-options options**

Object listing.

**list-all option.**

This is the “list all available objects in a token” option. All objects available in the token will be listed. That includes objects which are potentially inaccessible using this tool.

**list-all-certs option.**

This is the “list all available certificates in a token” option. That option will also provide more information on the certificates, for example, expand the attached extensions in a trust token (like p11-kit-trust).

**list-certs option.**

This is the “list all certificates that have an associated private key” option. That option will only display certificates which have a private key associated with them (share the same ID).

**list-all-privkeys option.**

This is the “list all available private keys in a token” option. Lists all the private keys in a token that match the specified URL.

**list-privkeys option.**

This is an alias for the `list-all-privkeys` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

**list-keys option.**

This is an alias for the `list-all-privkeys` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

**export-stapled option.**

This is the “export the certificate object specified by the url” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `export`, `export-chain`, `export-pubkey`.

Exports the certificate specified by the URL while including any attached extensions to it. Since attached extensions are a p11-kit extension, this option is only available on p11-kit registered trust modules.

#### **export-chain option.**

This is the “export the certificate specified by the url and its chain of trust” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `export-stapled`, `export`, `export-pubkey`.

Exports the certificate specified by the URL and generates its chain of trust based on the stored certificates in the module.

#### **export-pubkey option.**

This is the “export the public key for a private key” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `export-stapled`, `export`, `export-chain`.

Exports the public key for the specified private key

#### **trusted option.**

This is an alias for the `mark-trusted` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

#### **distrusted option.**

This is an alias for the `mark-distrusted` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

### **keygen-related-options options**

Key generation.

#### **generate-privkey option.**

This is the “generate private-public key pair of given type” option. This option takes a string argument. Generates a private-public key pair in the specified token. Acceptable types are RSA, ECDSA, Ed25519, and DSA. Should be combined with `-sec-param` or `-bits`.

**generate-rsa option.**

This is the “generate an rsa private-public key pair” option. Generates an RSA private-public key pair on the specified token. Should be combined with `-sec-param` or `-bits`.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**generate-dsa option.**

This is the “generate a dsa private-public key pair” option. Generates a DSA private-public key pair on the specified token. Should be combined with `-sec-param` or `-bits`.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**generate-ecdsa option.**

This is the “generate an ecdsa private-public key pair” option. Generates an ECDSA private-public key pair on the specified token. Should be combined with `-curve`, `-sec-param` or `-bits`.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**bits option.**

This is the “specify the number of bits for the key generate” option. This option takes a number argument. For applications which have no key-size restrictions the `-sec-param` option is recommended, as the `sec-param` levels will adapt to the acceptable security levels with the new versions of gnutls.

**curve option.**

This is the “specify the curve used for ec key generation” option. This option takes a string argument. Supported values are `secp192r1`, `secp224r1`, `secp256r1`, `secp384r1` and `secp521r1`.

**sec-param option.**

This is the “specify the security level” option. This option takes a string argument “**Security parameter**”. This is alternative to the `bits` option. Available options are [low, legacy, medium, high, ultra].

**write-object-related-options options**

Writing objects.

**set-id option.**

This is the “set the cka\_id (in hex) for the specified by the url object” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: write.

Modifies or sets the CKA\_ID in the specified by the URL object. The ID should be specified in hexadecimal format without a '0x' prefix.

**set-label option.**

This is the “set the cka\_label for the specified by the url object” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: write, set-id.

Modifies or sets the CKA\_LABEL in the specified by the URL object

**write option.**

This is the “writes the loaded objects to a pkcs #11 token” option. It can be used to write private, public keys, certificates or secret keys to a token. Must be combined with one of -load-privkey, -load-pubkey, -load-certificate option.

**id option.**

This is the “sets an id for the write operation” option. This option takes a string argument. Sets the CKA\_ID to be set by the write operation. The ID should be specified in hexadecimal format without a '0x' prefix.

**mark-wrap option.**

This is the “marks the generated key to be a wrapping key” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with -no-mark-wrap.

Marks the generated key with the CKA\_WRAP flag.

**mark-trusted option.**

This is the “marks the object to be written as trusted” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-mark-trusted`.
- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `mark-distrusted`.

Marks the object to be generated/written with the `CKA_TRUST` flag.

**mark-distrusted option.**

This is the “when retrieving objects, it requires the objects to be distrusted (blacklisted)” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: `mark-trusted`.

Ensures that the objects retrieved have the `CKA_X_TRUST` flag. This is p11-kit trust module extension, thus this flag is only valid with p11-kit registered trust modules.

**mark-decrypt option.**

This is the “marks the object to be written for decryption” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-mark-decrypt`.

Marks the object to be generated/written with the `CKA_DECRYPT` flag set to true.

**mark-sign option.**

This is the “marks the object to be written for signature generation” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-mark-sign`.

Marks the object to be generated/written with the `CKA_SIGN` flag set to true.

**mark-ca option.**

This is the “marks the object to be written as a ca” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-mark-ca`.

Marks the object to be generated/written with the `CKA_CERTIFICATE_CATEGORY` as `CA`.

**mark-private option.**

This is the “marks the object to be written as private” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-mark-private`.

Marks the object to be generated/written with the `CKA_PRIVATE` flag. The written object will require a PIN to be used.

**ca option.**

This is an alias for the `mark-ca` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

**private option.**

This is an alias for the `mark-private` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

**secret-key option.**

This is the “provide a hex encoded secret key” option. This option takes a string argument. This secret key will be written to the module if `-write` is specified.

**other-options options**

Other options.

**debug option (-d).**

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

**so-login option.**

This is the “force security officer login to token” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-so-login`.

Forces login to the token as security officer (admin).

**admin-login option.**

This is an alias for the `so-login` option, [section 4.3.9](#).



**test-sign option.**

This is the “tests the signature operation of the provided object” option. It can be used to test the correct operation of the signature operation. If both a private and a public key are available this operation will sign and verify the signed data.

**sign-params option.**

This is the “sign with a specific signature algorithm” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be combined with `-test-sign`, to sign with a specific signature algorithm variant. The only option supported is ‘RSA-PSS’, and should be specified in order to use RSA-PSS signature on RSA keys.

**hash option.**

This is the “hash algorithm to use for signing” option. This option takes a string argument. This option can be combined with `test-sign`. Available hash functions are SHA1, RMD160, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512, SHA3-224, SHA3-256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512.

**generate-random option.**

This is the “generate random data” option. This option takes a number argument. Asks the token to generate a number of bytes of random bytes.

**inder option.**

This is the “use der/raw format for input” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-inder`.

Use DER/RAW format for input certificates and private keys.

**inraw option.**

This is an alias for the `inder` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

**outder option.**

This is the “use der format for output certificates, private keys, and dh parameters” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-outder`.

The output will be in DER or RAW format.

**outdraw option.**

This is an alias for the `outder` option, [section 4.3.9](#).

**provider option.**

This is the “specify the pkcs #11 provider library” option. This option takes a file argument. This will override the default options in `/etc/gnutls/pkcs11.conf`

**provider-opts option.**

This is the “specify parameters for the pkcs #11 provider library” option. This option takes a string argument. This is a PKCS#11 internal option used by few modules. Mainly for testing PKCS#11 modules.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**batch option.**

This is the “disable all interaction with the tool” option. In batch mode there will be no prompts, all parameters need to be specified on command line.

**p11tool exit status**

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

**p11tool See Also**

`certtool` (1)

**p11tool Examples**

To view all tokens in your system use:

```
1 $ p11tool --list-tokens
```

To view all objects in a token use:

```
1 $ p11tool --login --list-all "pkcs11:TOKEN-URL"
```

To store a private key and a certificate in a token run:

```
1 $ p11tool --login --write "pkcs11:URL" --load-privkey key.pem \  
2     --label "Mykey" \  
3 $ p11tool --login --write "pkcs11:URL" --load-certificate cert.pem \  
4     --label "Mykey"
```

Note that some tokens require the same label to be used for the certificate and its corresponding private key.

To generate an RSA private key inside the token use:

```
1 $ p11tool --login --generate-privkey rsa --bits 1024 --label "MyNewKey" \  
2     --outfile MyNewKey.pub "pkcs11:TOKEN-URL"
```

The bits parameter in the above example is explicitly set because some tokens only support limited choices in the bit length. The output file is the corresponding public key. This key can be used to general a certificate request with certtool.

```
1 certtool --generate-request --load-privkey "pkcs11:KEY-URL" \  
2     --load-pubkey MyNewKey.pub --outfile request.pem
```

## 4.4. Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

In this section we present the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) support in GnuTLS. Note that we recommend against using TPM with this API because it is restricted to TPM 1.2. We recommend instead to use PKCS#11 wrappers for TPM such as CHAPS<sup>6</sup> or opencryptoki<sup>7</sup>. These will allow using the standard smart card and HSM functionality (see [section 4.3](#)) for TPM keys.

There was a big hype when the TPM chip was introduced into computers. Briefly it is a co-processor in your PC that allows it to perform calculations independently of the main processor. This has good and bad side-effects. In this section we focus on the good ones; these are the fact that you can use the TPM chip to perform cryptographic operations on keys stored in it, without accessing them. That is very similar to the operation of a PKCS #11 smart card. The chip allows for storage and usage of RSA keys, but has quite some operational differences from PKCS #11 module, and thus require different handling. The basic TPM operations supported and used by GnuTLS, are key generation and signing. That support is currently limited to TPM 1.2.

The next sections assume that the TPM chip in the system is already initialized and in a operational state. If not, ensure that the TPM chip is enabled by your BIOS, that the `tcstd` daemon is running, and that TPM ownership is set (by running `tpm.takeownership`).

In GnuTLS the TPM functionality is available in `gnutls/tpm.h`.

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<sup>6</sup><https://github.com/google/chaps-linux>

<sup>7</sup><https://sourceforge.net/projects/opencryptoki/>

### 4.4.1. Keys in TPM

The RSA keys in the TPM module may either be stored in a flash memory within TPM or stored in a file in disk. In the former case the key can provide operations as with PKCS #11 and is identified by a URL. The URL is described in [22] and is of the following form.

```
tpmkey:uuid=42309df8-d101-11e1-a89a-97bb33c23ad1;storage=user
```

It consists from a unique identifier of the key as well as the part of the flash memory the key is stored at. The two options for the storage field are ‘user’ and ‘system’. The user keys are typically only available to the generating user and the system keys to all users. The stored in TPM keys are called registered keys.

The keys that are stored in the disk are exported from the TPM but in an encrypted form. To access them two passwords are required. The first is the TPM Storage Root Key (SRK), and the other is a key-specific password. Also those keys are identified by a URL of the form:

```
tpmkey:file=/path/to/file
```

When objects require a PIN to be accessed the same callbacks as with PKCS #11 objects are expected (see subsection 4.3.3). Note that the PIN function may be called multiple times to unlock the SRK and the specific key in use. The label in the key function will then be set to ‘SRK’ when unlocking the SRK key, or to ‘TPM’ when unlocking any other key.

### 4.4.2. Key generation

All keys used by the TPM must be generated by the TPM. This can be done using `gnutls-tpm-privkey_generate`.

```
int gnutls_tpm_privkey_generate (gnutls_pk_algorithm_t pk, unsigned int bits,
const char * srk_password, const char * key_password, gnutls_tpmkey_fmt_t for-
mat, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t pub_format, gnutls_datum_t * privkey, gnutls_datum_t *
pubkey, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will generate a private key in the TPM chip. The private key will be generated within the chip and will be exported in a wrapped with TPM’s master key form. Furthermore the wrapped key can be protected with the provided password. Note that bits in TPM is quantized value. If the input value is not one of the allowed values, then it will be quantized to one of 512, 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192 and 16384. Allowed flags are:

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

```
int gnutls_tpm_get_registered (gnutls_tpm_key_list_t * list)

void gnutls_tpm_key_list_deinit (gnutls_tpm_key_list_t list)

int gnutls_tpm_key_list_get_url (gnutls_tpm_key_list_t list, unsigned int idx, char
** url, unsigned int flags)
```

```
int gnutls_tpm_privkey_delete (const char * url, const char * srk_password)
```

**Description:** This function will unregister the private key from the TPM chip.

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

### 4.4.3. Using keys

#### Importing keys

The TPM keys can be used directly by the abstract key types and do not require any special structures. Moreover functions like `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2` can access TPM URLs.

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_tpm_raw (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, const gnutls_datum_t
* fdata, gnutls_tpmkey_fmt_t format, const char * srk_password, const char *
key_password, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_import_tpm_raw (gnutls_pubkey_t pkey, const gnutls_datum_t *
fdata, gnutls_tpmkey_fmt_t format, const char * srk_password, unsigned int flags)
```

#### Listing and deleting keys

The registered keys (that are stored in the TPM) can be listed using one of the following functions. Those keys are unfortunately only identified by their UUID and have no label or other human friendly identifier. Keys can be deleted from permanent storage using `gnutls_tpm_privkey_delete`.

```
int gnutls_privkey_import_tpm_url (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, const char * url,
const char * srk_password, const char * key_password, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will import the given private key to the abstract *gnutls\_privkey\_t* type. Note that unless `GNUTLS_PRIVKEY_DISABLE_CALLBACKS` is specified, if incorrect (or NULL) passwords are given the PKCS11 callback functions will be used to obtain the correct passwords. Otherwise if the SRK password is wrong `GNUTLS_E_TPM_SRK_PASSWORD_ERROR` is returned and if the key password is wrong or not provided then `GNUTLS_E_TPM_KEY_PASSWORD_ERROR` is returned.

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

```
int gnutls_pubkey_import_tpm_url (gnutls_pubkey_t pkey, const char * url, const
char * srk_password, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will import the given private key to the abstract *gnutls\_privkey\_t* type. Note that unless `GNUTLS_PUBKEY_DISABLE_CALLBACKS` is specified, if incorrect (or NULL) passwords are given the PKCS11 callback functions will be used to obtain the correct passwords. Otherwise if the SRK password is wrong `GNUTLS_E_TPM_SRK_PASSWORD_ERROR` is returned.

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

```
int gnutls_tpm_get_registered (gnutls_tpm_key_list_t * list)
```

```
void gnutls_tpm_key_list_deinit (gnutls_tpm_key_list_t list)
```

```
int gnutls_tpm_key_list_get_url (gnutls_tpm_key_list_t list, unsigned int idx, char
** url, unsigned int flags)
```

#### 4.4.4. Invoking tpmtool

Program that allows handling cryptographic data from the TPM chip.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `tpmtool` program. This software is released under the GNU General

```
int gnutls_tpm_privkey_delete (const char * url, const char * srk_password)
```

**Description:** This function will unregister the private key from the TPM chip.

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error value.

Public License, version 3 or later.

## tpmtool help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for tpmtool.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```
1 tpmtool - GnuTLS TPM tool
2 Usage: tpmtool [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                           - it must be in the range:
6                           0 to 9999
7 --infile=file            Input file
8                           - file must pre-exist
9 --outfile=str            Output file
10 --generate-rsa           Generate an RSA private-public key pair
11 --register               Any generated key will be registered in the TPM
12                           - requires the option 'generate-rsa'
13 --signing                Any generated key will be a signing key
14                           - requires the option 'generate-rsa'
15                           -- and prohibits the option 'legacy'
16 --legacy                Any generated key will be a legacy key
17                           - requires the option 'generate-rsa'
18                           -- and prohibits the option 'signing'
19 --user                   Any registered key will be a user key
20                           - requires the option 'register'
21                           -- and prohibits the option 'system'
22 --system                 Any registered key will be a system key
23                           - requires the option 'register'
24                           -- and prohibits the option 'user'
25 --pubkey=str             Prints the public key of the provided key
26 --list                   Lists all stored keys in the TPM
27 --delete=str             Delete the key identified by the given URL (UUID).
28 --test-sign=str          Tests the signature operation of the provided object
29 --sec-param=str          Specify the security level [low, legacy, medium, high, ultra].
30 --bits=num               Specify the number of bits for key generate
31 --inder                  Use the DER format for keys.
32                           - disabled as '--no-inder'
```

```

33      --outder                Use DER format for output keys
34      - disabled as '--no-outder'
35      --srk-well-known        SRK has well known password (20 bytes of zeros)
36      -v, --version[=arg]    output version information and exit
37      -h, --help              display extended usage information and exit
38      -!, --more-help         extended usage information passed thru pager
39
40 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
41 hyphen and the flag character.
42
43 Program that allows handling cryptographic data from the TPM chip.
44

```

## debug option (-d)

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

## generate-rsa option

This is the “generate an rsa private-public key pair” option. Generates an RSA private-public key pair in the TPM chip. The key may be stored in file system and protected by a PIN, or stored (registered) in the TPM chip flash.

## user option

This is the “any registered key will be a user key” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must appear in combination with the following options: register.
- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: system.

The generated key will be stored in a user specific persistent storage.

## system option

This is the “any registered key will be a system key” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must appear in combination with the following options: register.
- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: user.

The generated key will be stored in system persistent storage.



### **test-sign option**

This is the “tests the signature operation of the provided object” option. This option takes a string argument “`url`”. It can be used to test the correct operation of the signature operation. This operation will sign and verify the signed data.

### **sec-param option**

This is the “specify the security level [low, legacy, medium, high, ultra].” option. This option takes a string argument “**Security parameter**”. This is alternative to the bits option. Note however that the values allowed by the TPM chip are quantized and given values may be rounded up.

### **inder option**

This is the “use the der format for keys.” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-inder`.

The input files will be assumed to be in the portable DER format of TPM. The default format is a custom format used by various TPM tools

### **outder option**

This is the “use der format for output keys” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-outder`.

The output will be in the TPM portable DER format.

### **srk-well-known option**

This is the “srk has well known password (20 bytes of zeros)” option. This option has no doc documentation.

### **tpmtool exit status**

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

## tpmtool See Also

p11tool (1), certtool (1)

## tpmtool Examples

To generate a key that is to be stored in file system use:

```
1 $ tpmtool --generate-rsa --bits 2048 --outfile tpmkey.pem
```

To generate a key that is to be stored in TPM's flash use:

```
1 $ tpmtool --generate-rsa --bits 2048 --register --user
```

To get the public key of a TPM key use:

```
1 $ tpmtool --pubkey tpmkey:uuid=58ad734b-bde6-45c7-89d8-756a55ad1891;storage=user \  
2 --outfile pubkey.pem
```

or if the key is stored in the file system:

```
1 $ tpmtool --pubkey tpmkey:file=tmpkey.pem --outfile pubkey.pem
```

To list all keys stored in TPM use:

```
1 $ tpmtool --list
```

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## How to use GnuTLS in applications

### 5.1. Introduction

This chapter tries to explain the basic functionality of the current GnuTLS library. Note that there may be additional functionality not discussed here but included in the library. Checking the header files in “`/usr/include/gnutls/`” and the manpages is recommended.

#### 5.1.1. General idea

A brief description of how GnuTLS sessions operate is shown at [Figure 5.1](#). This section will become more clear when it is completely read. As shown in the figure, there is a read-only global state that is initialized once by the global initialization function. This global structure, among others, contains the memory allocation functions used, structures needed for the ASN.1 parser and depending on the system’s CPU, pointers to hardware accelerated encryption functions. This structure is never modified by any GnuTLS function, except for the deinitialization function which frees all allocated memory and must be called after the program has permanently finished using GnuTLS.

The credentials structures are used by the authentication methods, such as certificate authentication. They store certificates, private keys, and other information that is needed to prove the identity to the peer, and/or verify the identity of the peer. The information stored in the credentials structures is initialized once and then can be shared by many TLS sessions.

A GnuTLS session contains all the required state and information to handle one secure connection. The session communicates with the peers using the provided functions of the transport layer. Every session has a unique session ID shared with the peer.

Since TLS sessions can be resumed, servers need a database back-end to hold the session’s parameters. Every GnuTLS session after a successful handshake calls the appropriate back-end function (see [subsection 2.5.4](#)) to store the newly negotiated session. The session database is examined by the server just after having received the client hello<sup>1</sup>, and if the session ID sent by the client, matches a stored session, the stored session will be retrieved, and the new session will be a resumed one, and will share the same session ID with the previous one.

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<sup>1</sup>The first message in a TLS handshake

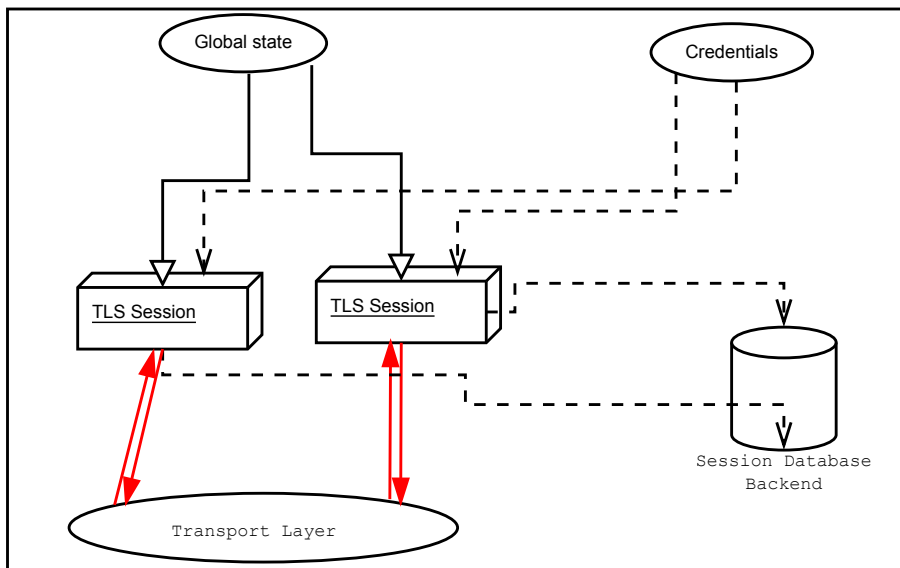


Figure 5.1.: High level design of GnuTLS.

### 5.1.2. Error handling

There are two types of GnuTLS functions. The first type returns a boolean value, true (non-zero) or false (zero) value; these functions are defined to return an unsigned integer type. The other type returns a signed integer type with zero (or a positive number) indicating success and a negative value indicating failure. For the latter type it is recommended to check for errors as following.

```

1  ret = gnutls_function();
2  if (ret < 0) {
3      return -1;
4  }

```

The above example checks for a failure condition rather than for explicit success (e.g., equality to zero). That has the advantage that future extensions of the API can be extended to provide additional information via positive returned values (see for example `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file`).

For certain operations such as TLS handshake and TLS packet receive there is the notion of fatal and non-fatal error codes. Fatal errors terminate the TLS session immediately and further sends and receives will be disallowed. Such an example is `GNUTLS_E_DECRYPTION_FAILED`. Non-fatal errors may warn about something, i.e., a warning alert was received, or indicate that some action has to be taken. This is the case with the error code `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE` returned by `gnutls_record_recv`. This error code indicates that the server requests a re-handshake. The client may ignore this request, or may reply with an alert. You can test if an error code is a fatal one by using the `gnutls_error_is_fatal`. All errors can be converted to a descriptive

string using `gnutls_strerror`.

If any non fatal errors, that require an action, are to be returned by a function, these error codes will be documented in the function's reference. For example the error codes `GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED` and `GNUTLS_E_FATAL_ALERT_RECEIVED` that may be returned when receiving data, should be handled by notifying the user of the alert (as explained in [section 5.9](#)). See [Appendix D](#), for a description of the available error codes.

### 5.1.3. Common types

All strings that are to be provided as input to GnuTLS functions should be in UTF-8 unless otherwise specified. Output strings are also in UTF-8 format unless otherwise specified. When functions take as input passwords, they will normalize them using [35] rules (since GnuTLS 3.5.7).

When data of a fixed size are provided to GnuTLS functions then the helper structure `gnutls_datum_t` is often used. Its definition is shown below.

```
typedef struct
{
    unsigned char *data;
    unsigned int size;
} gnutls_datum_t;
```

In functions where this structure is a returned type, if the function succeeds, it is expected from the caller to use `gnutls_free()` to deinitialize the data element after use, unless otherwise specified. If the function fails, the contents of the `gnutls_datum_t` should be considered undefined and must not be deinitialized.

Other functions that require data for scattered read use a structure similar to `struct iovec` typically used by `readv`. It is shown below.

```
typedef struct
{
    void *iov_base;           /* Starting address */
    size_t iov_len;           /* Number of bytes to transfer */
} giovec_t;
```

### 5.1.4. Debugging and auditing

In many cases things may not go as expected and further information, to assist debugging, from GnuTLS is desired. Those are the cases where the `gnutls_global_set_log_level` and `gnutls_global_set_log_function` are to be used. Those will print verbose information on the GnuTLS functions internal flow.

```
void gnutls_global_set_log_level (int level)

void gnutls_global_set_log_function (gnutls_log_func log_func)
```

Alternatively the environment variable `GNUTLS_DEBUG_LEVEL` can be set to a logging level and GnuTLS will output debugging output to standard error. Other available environment variables are shown in [Table 5.1](#).

Variable	Purpose
<code>GNUTLS_DEBUG_LEVEL</code>	When set to a numeric value, it sets the default debugging level for GnuTLS applications.
<code>SSLKEYLOGFILE</code>	When set to a filename, GnuTLS will append to it the session keys in the NSS Key Log format. That format can be read by Wireshark and will allow decryption of the session for debugging.
<code>GNUTLS_CPUID_OVERRIDE</code>	That environment variable can be used to explicitly enable/disable the use of certain CPU capabilities. Note that CPU detection cannot be overridden, i.e., VIA options cannot be enabled on an Intel CPU. The currently available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x1: Disable all run-time detected optimizations</li> <li>• 0x2: Enable AES-NI</li> <li>• 0x4: Enable SSSE3</li> <li>• 0x8: Enable PCLMUL</li> <li>• 0x10: Enable AVX</li> <li>• 0x20: Enable SHA-NI</li> <li>• 0x100000: Enable VIA padlock</li> <li>• 0x200000: Enable VIA PHE</li> <li>• 0x400000: Enable VIA PHE SHA512</li> </ul>
<code>GNUTLS_FORCE_FIPS_MODE</code>	In setups where GnuTLS is compiled with support for FIPS140-2 (see <a href="#">section 9.7</a> ) if set to one it will force the FIPS mode enablement.

Table 5.1.: Environment variables used by the library.

When debugging is not required, important issues, such as detected attacks on the protocol still need to be logged. This is provided by the logging function set by `gnutls_global_set_audit_log_function`. The provided function will receive a message and the corresponding TLS session. The session information might be used to derive IP addresses or other information about the peer involved.

```
void gnutls_global_set_audit_log_function (gnutls_audit_log_func log_func)
```

**Description:** This is the function to set the audit logging function. This is a function to report important issues, such as possible attacks in the protocol. This is different from `gnutls_global_set_log_function()` because it will report also session-specific events. The session parameter will be null if there is no corresponding TLS session. `gnutls_audit_log_func` is of the form, `void (*gnutls_audit_log_func)( gnutls_session_t, const char*)`;

### 5.1.5. Thread safety

The GnuTLS library is thread safe by design, meaning that objects of the library such as TLS sessions, can be safely divided across threads as long as a single thread accesses a single object. This is sufficient to support a server which handles several sessions per thread. Read-only access to objects, for example the credentials holding structures, is also thread-safe.

A `gnutls_session_t` object could also be shared by two threads, one sending, the other receiving. However, care must be taken on the following use cases:

- The re-handshake process in TLS 1.2 or earlier must be handled only in a single thread and no other thread may be performing any operation.
- The flag `GNUTLS_AUTO_REAUTH` cannot be used safely in this mode of operation.
- Any other operation which may send or receive data, like key update (c.f., `gnutls_session_key_update`), must not be performed while threads are receiving or writing.
- The termination of a session should be handled, either by a single thread being active, or by the sender thread using `gnutls_bye` with `GNUTLS_SHUT_WR` and the receiving thread waiting for a return value of zero (or timeout on certain servers which do not respond).
- The functions `gnutls_transport_set_errno` and `gnutls_record_get_direction` should not be relied during parallel operation.

For several aspects of the library (e.g., the random generator, PKCS#11 operations), the library may utilize mutex locks (e.g., pthreads on GNU/Linux and CriticalSection on Windows) which are transparently setup on library initialization. Prior to version 3.3.0 these were setup by explicitly calling `gnutls_global_init`.<sup>2</sup>

Note that, on Glibc systems, unless the application is explicitly linked with the libpthread library, no mutex locks are used and setup by GnuTLS. It will use the Glibc mutex stubs.

### 5.1.6. Running in a sandbox

Given that TLS protocol handling as well as X.509 certificate parsing are complicated processes involving several thousands lines of code, it is often desirable (and recommended) to run the

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<sup>2</sup>On special systems you could manually specify the locking system using the function `gnutls_global_set_mutex` before calling any other GnuTLS function. Setting mutexes manually is not recommended.

TLS session handling in a sandbox like seccomp. That has to be allowed by the overall software design, but if available, it adds an additional layer of protection by preventing parsing errors from becoming vessels for further security issues such as code execution.

GnuTLS requires the following system calls to be available for its proper operation.

- `nanosleep`
- `time`
- `gettimeofday`
- `clock_gettime`
- `getrusage`
- `getpid`
- `send`
- `recv`
- `sendmsg`
- `read` (to read from `/dev/urandom`)
- `getrandom` (this is Linux-kernel specific)
- `poll`

As well as any calls needed for memory allocation to work. Note however, that GnuTLS depends on libc for the system calls, and there is no guarantee that libc will call the expected system call. For that it is recommended to test your program in all the targeted platforms when filters like seccomp are in place.

An example with a seccomp filter from GnuTLS' test suite is at: <https://gitlab.com/gnutls/gnutls/blob/master/tests/seccomp.c>.

### 5.1.7. Sessions and fork

A `gnutls_session_t` object can be shared by two processes after a fork, one sending, the other receiving. In that case rehandshakes, cannot and must not be performed. As with threads, the termination of a session should be handled by the sender process using `gnutls_bye` with `GNUTLS_SHUT_WR` and the receiving process waiting for a return value of zero.

### 5.1.8. Callback functions

There are several cases where GnuTLS may need out of band input from your program. This is now implemented using some callback functions, which your program is expected to register.

An example of this type of functions are the push and pull callbacks which are used to specify the functions that will retrieve and send data to the transport layer.



```
void gnutls_transport_set_push_function (gnutls_session_t session,
gnutls_push_func push_func)

void gnutls_transport_set_pull_function (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_pull_func
pull_func)
```

Other callback functions may require more complicated input and data to be allocated. Such an example is `gnutls_srp_set_server_credentials_function`. All callbacks should allocate and free memory using `gnutls_malloc` and `gnutls_free`.

## 5.2. Preparation

To use GnuTLS, you have to perform some changes to your sources and your build system. The necessary changes are explained in the following subsections.

### 5.2.1. Headers

All the data types and functions of the GnuTLS library are defined in the header file “`gnutls/gnutls.h`”. This must be included in all programs that make use of the GnuTLS library.

### 5.2.2. Initialization

The GnuTLS library is initialized on load; prior to 3.3.0 was initialized by calling `gnutls_global_init`<sup>3</sup>. `gnutls_global_init` in versions after 3.3.0 is thread-safe (see [subsection 5.1.5](#)).

The initialization typically enables CPU-specific acceleration, performs any required precalculations needed, opens any required system devices (e.g., `/dev/urandom` on Linux) and initializes subsystems that could be used later.

The resources allocated by the initialization process will be released on library deinitialization.

Note that on certain systems file descriptors may be kept open by GnuTLS (e.g. `/dev/urandom`) on library load. Applications closing all unknown file descriptors must immediately call `gnutls_global_init`, after that, to ensure they don’t disrupt GnuTLS’ operation.

### 5.2.3. Version check

It is often desirable to check that the version of ‘gnutls’ used is indeed one which fits all requirements. Even with binary compatibility new features may have been introduced but due

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<sup>3</sup>The original behavior of requiring explicit initialization can be obtained by setting the `GNUTLS_NO_EXPLICIT_INIT` environment variable to 1, or by using the macro `GNUTLS_SKIP_GLOBAL_INIT` in a global section of your program –the latter works in systems with support for weak symbols only.

to problem with the dynamic linker an old version is actually used. So you may want to check that the version is okay right after program start-up. See the function `gnutls_check_version`.

On the other hand, it is often desirable to support more than one versions of the library. In that case you could utilize compile-time feature checks using the `GNUTLS_VERSION_NUMBER` macro. For example, to conditionally add code for GnuTLS 3.2.1 or later, you may use:

```
1 #if GNUTLS_VERSION_NUMBER >= 0x030201
2 ...
3 #endif
```

### 5.2.4. Building the source

If you want to compile a source file including the “`gnutls/gnutls.h`” header file, you must make sure that the compiler can find it in the directory hierarchy. This is accomplished by adding the path to the directory in which the header file is located to the compilers include file search path (via the “`-I`” option).

However, the path to the include file is determined at the time the source is configured. To solve this problem, the library uses the external package “`pkg-config`” that knows the path to the include file and other configuration options. The options that need to be added to the compiler invocation at compile time are output by the “`--cflags`” option to “`pkg-config gnutls`”. The following example shows how it can be used at the command line:

```
1 gcc -c foo.c 'pkg-config gnutls --cflags'
```

Adding the output of `pkg-config gnutls --cflags` to the compilers command line will ensure that the compiler can find the “`gnutls/gnutls.h`” header file.

A similar problem occurs when linking the program with the library. Again, the compiler has to find the library files. For this to work, the path to the library files has to be added to the library search path (via the “`-L`” option). For this, the option “`--libs`” to “`pkg-config gnutls`” can be used. For convenience, this option also outputs all other options that are required to link the program with the library (for instance, the `-ltaasn1` option). The example shows how to link “`foo.o`” with the library to a program “`foo`”.

```
1 gcc -o foo foo.o 'pkg-config gnutls --libs'
```

Of course you can also combine both examples to a single command by specifying both options to “`pkg-config`”:

```
1 gcc -o foo foo.c 'pkg-config gnutls --cflags --libs'
```

When a program uses the GNU autoconf system, then the following line or similar can be used to detect the presence of GnuTLS.

```
1 PKG_CHECK_MODULES([LIBGNUTLS], [gnutls >= 3.3.0])
2
```

```
3 AC_SUBST([LIBGNUTLS_CFLAGS])
4 AC_SUBST([LIBGNUTLS_LIBS])
```

## 5.3. Session initialization

In the previous sections we have discussed the global initialization required for GnuTLS as well as the initialization required for each authentication method's credentials (see [subsection 2.5.2](#)). In this section we elaborate on the TLS or DTLS session initiation. Each session is initialized using `gnutls_init` which among others is used to specify the type of the connection (server or client), and the underlying protocol type, i.e., datagram (UDP) or reliable (TCP).

```
int gnutls_init (gnutls_session_t * session, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function initializes the provided session. Every session must be initialized before use, and must be deinitialized after used by calling `gnutls_deinit()`. `flags` can be any combination of flags from `gnutls_init_flags_t`. Note that since version 3.1.2 this function enables some common TLS extensions such as session tickets and OCSP certificate status request in client side by default. To prevent that use the `GNUTLS_NO_EXTENSIONS` flag.

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, or an error code.

After the session initialization details on the allowed ciphersuites and protocol versions should be set using the priority functions such as `gnutls_priority_set` and `gnutls_priority_set_direct`. We elaborate on them in [section 5.10](#). The credentials used for the key exchange method, such as certificates or usernames and passwords should also be associated with the session current session using `gnutls_credentials_set`.

## 5.4. Associating the credentials

Each authentication method is associated with a key exchange method, and a credentials type. The contents of the credentials is method-dependent, e.g. certificates for certificate authentication and should be initialized and associated with a session (see `gnutls_credentials_set`). A mapping of the key exchange methods with the credential types is shown in [Table 5.3](#).

### 5.4.1. Certificates

#### Server certificate authentication

When using certificates the server is required to have at least one certificate and private key pair. Clients may not hold such a pair, but a server could require it. In this section we discuss

```
int gnutls_credentials_set (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_credentials_type_t type,
void * cred)
```

**Description:** Sets the needed credentials for the specified type. E.g. username, password - or public and private keys etc. The cred parameter is a structure that depends on the specified type and on the current session (client or server). In order to minimize memory usage, and share credentials between several threads gnutls keeps a pointer to cred, and not the whole cred structure. Thus you will have to keep the structure allocated until you call gnutls\_deinit(). For GNUTLS\_CRD\_ANON, cred should be *gnutls\_anon\_client\_credentials\_t* in case of a client. In case of a server it should be *gnutls\_anon\_server\_credentials\_t*. For GNUTLS\_CRD\_SRP, cred should be *gnutls\_srp\_client\_credentials\_t* in case of a client, and *gnutls\_srp\_server\_credentials\_t*, in case of a server. For GNUTLS\_CRD\_CERTIFICATE, cred should be *gnutls\_certificate\_credentials\_t*.

**Returns:** On success, GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS (0) is returned, otherwise a negative error code is returned.

general issues applying to both client and server certificates. The next section will elaborate on issues arising from client authentication only.

In order to use certificate credentials one must first initialize a credentials structure of type *gnutls\_certificate\_credentials\_t*. After use this structure must be freed. This can be done with the following functions.

```
int gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t * res)

void gnutls_certificate_free_credentials (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t sc)
```

After the credentials structures are initialized, the certificate and key pair must be loaded. This occurs before any TLS session is initialized, and the same structures are reused for multiple sessions. Depending on the certificate type different loading functions are available, as shown below. For X.509 certificates, the functions will accept and use a certificate chain that leads to a trusted authority. The certificate chain must be ordered in such way that every certificate certifies the one before it. The trusted authority's certificate need not to be included since the peer should possess it already.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res, const
char * certfile, const char * keyfile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type, const char * pass,
unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_mem2 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res,
const gnutls_datum_t * cert, const gnutls_datum_t * key, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type,
const char * pass, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res,
gnutls_x509_crt_t * cert_list, int cert_list_size, gnutls_x509_privkey_t key)
```

It is recommended to use the higher level functions such as `gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file2` which accept not only file names but URLs that specify objects stored in token, or system certificates and keys (see [section 4.2](#)). For these cases, another important function is `gnutls_certificate_set_pin_function`, that allows setting a callback function to retrieve a PIN if the input keys are protected by PIN.

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_pin_function (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_pin_callback_t fn, void * userdata)
```

**Description:** This function will set a callback function to be used when required to access a protected object. This function overrides any other global PIN functions. Note that this function must be called right after initialization to have effect.

If the imported keys and certificates need to be accessed before any TLS session is established, it is convenient to use `gnutls_certificate_set_key` in combination with `gnutls_pcert_import_x509_raw` and `gnutls_privkey_import_x509_raw`.

If multiple certificates are used with the functions above each client's request will be served with the certificate that matches the requested name (see [subsection 2.6.2](#)).

As an alternative to loading from files or buffers, a callback may be used for the server or the client to specify the certificate and the key at the handshake time. In that case a certificate should be selected according the peer's signature algorithm preferences. To get those preferences use `gnutls_sign_algorithm_get_requested`. Both functions are shown below.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_key (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res, const char
** names, int names_size, gnutls_pcert_st * pcert_list, int pcert_list_size,
gnutls_privkey_t key)
```

**Description:** This function sets a public/private key pair in the `gnutls_certificate_credentials_t` type. The given public key may be encapsulated in a certificate or can be given as a raw key. This function may be called more than once, in case multiple key pairs exist for the server. For clients that want to send more than their own end-entity certificate (e.g., also an intermediate CA cert), the full certificate chain must be provided in `pcert_list`. Note that the key will become part of the credentials structure and must not be deallocated. It will be automatically deallocated when the `res` structure is deinitialized. If this function fails, the `res` structure is at an undefined state and it must not be reused to load other keys or certificates. Note that, this function by default returns zero on success and a negative value on error. Since 3.5.6, when the flag `GNUTLS_CERTIFICATE_API_V2` is set using `gnutls_certificate_set_flags()` it returns an index (greater or equal to zero). That index can be used for other functions to refer to the added key-pair. Since GnuTLS 3.6.6 this function also handles raw public keys.

**Returns:** On success this functions returns zero, and otherwise a negative value on error (see above for modifying that behavior).

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_certificate_retrieve_function * func)
```

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function2 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_certificate_retrieve_function2 * func)
```

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function3 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_certificate_retrieve_function3 * func)
```

```
int gnutls_sign_algorithm_get_requested (gnutls_session_t session, size_t indx,
gnutls_sign_algorithm_t * algo)
```

The functions above do not handle the requested server name automatically. A server would need to check the name requested by the client using `gnutls_server_name_get`, and serve the appropriate certificate. Note that some of these functions require the `gnutls_pcert_st` structure to be filled in. Helper functions to fill in the structure are listed below.

```
typedef struct gnutls_pcert_st
{
    gnutls_pubkey_t pubkey;
    gnutls_datum_t cert;
    gnutls_certificate_type_t type;
```

```
} gnutls_pcert_st;
```

```
int gnutls_pcert_import_x509 (gnutls_pcert_st * pcert, gnutls_x509_crt_t crt,
unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_pcert_import_x509_raw (gnutls_pcert_st * pcert, const gnutls_datum_t *
cert, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, unsigned int flags)

void gnutls_pcert_deinit (gnutls_pcert_st * pcert)
```

In a handshake, the negotiated cipher suite depends on the certificate's parameters, so some key exchange methods might not be available with all certificates. GnuTLS will disable ciphersuites that are not compatible with the key, or the enabled authentication methods. For example keys marked as sign-only, will not be able to access the plain RSA ciphersuites, that require decryption. It is not recommended to use RSA keys for both signing and encryption. If possible use a different key for the DHE-RSA which uses signing and RSA that requires decryption. All the key exchange methods shown in [Table 3.1](#) are available in certificate authentication.

### Client certificate authentication

If a certificate is to be requested from the client during the handshake, the server will send a certificate request message. This behavior is controlled by `gnutls_certificate_server_set_request`. The request contains a list of the by the server accepted certificate signers. This list is constructed using the trusted certificate authorities of the server. In cases where the server supports a large number of certificate authorities it makes sense not to advertise all of the names to save bandwidth. That can be controlled using the function `gnutls_certificate_send_x509_rdn_sequence`. This however will have the side-effect of not restricting the client to certificates signed by server's acceptable signers.

```
void gnutls_certificate_server_set_request (gnutls_session_t session,
gnutls_certificate_request_t req)
```

**Description:** This function specifies if we (in case of a server) are going to send a certificate request message to the client. If `req` is `GNUTLS_CERT_REQUIRE` then the server will return the `GNUTLS_E_NO_CERTIFICATE_FOUND` error if the peer does not provide a certificate. If you do not call this function then the client will not be asked to send a certificate. Invoking the function with `req` `GNUTLS_CERT_IGNORE` has the same effect.

On the client side, it needs to set its certificates on the credentials structure, similarly to server side from a file, or via a callback. Once the certificates are available in the credentials structure,

```
void gnutls_certificate_send_x509_rdn_sequence (gnutls_session_t session, int
status)
```

**Description:** If status is non zero, this function will order gnutls not to send the rdnSequence in the certificate request message. That is the server will not advertise its trusted CAs to the peer. If status is zero then the default behaviour will take effect, which is to advertise the server's trusted CAs. This function has no effect in clients, and in authentication methods other than certificate with X.509 certificates.

the client will send them if during the handshake the server requests a certificate signed by the issuer of its CA.

In the case a single certificate is available and the server does not specify a signer's list, then that certificate is always sent. It is, however possible, to send a certificate even when the advertised CA list by the server contains CAs other than its signer. That can be achieved using the GNUTLS\_FORCE\_CLIENT\_CERT flag in gnutls\_init.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res, const
char * certfile, const char * keyfile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type)

int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_simple_pkcs12_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t
res, const char * pkcs12file, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t type, const char * password)

void gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function2 (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
gnutls_certificate_retrieve_function2 * func)
```

### Client or server certificate verification

Certificate verification is possible by loading the trusted authorities into the credentials structure by using the following functions, applicable to X.509 certificates. In modern systems it is recommended to utilize gnutls\_certificate\_set\_x509\_system\_trust which will load the trusted authorities from the system store.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred)
```

**Description:** This function adds the system's default trusted CAs in order to verify client or server certificates. In the case the system is currently unsupported GNUTLS\_E\_UNIMPLEMENTED\_FEATURE is returned.

**Returns:** the number of certificates processed or a negative error code on error.



```
int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,  
const char * cafile, gnutls_x509_cert_fmt_t type)
```

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_dir (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,  
const char * ca_dir, gnutls_x509_cert_fmt_t type)
```

The peer's certificate will be automatically verified if `gnutls_session_set_verify_cert` is called prior to handshake.

Alternatively, one must set a callback function during the handshake using `gnutls_certificate_set_verify_function`, which will verify the peer's certificate once received. The verification should happen using `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3` within the callback. It will verify the certificate's signature and the owner of the certificate. That will provide a brief verification output. If a detailed output is required one should call `gnutls_certificate_get_peers` to obtain the raw certificate of the peer and verify it using the functions discussed in [subsection 3.1.1](#).

In both the automatic and the manual cases, the verification status returned can be printed using `gnutls_certificate_verification_status_print`.

```
void gnutls_session_set_verify_cert (gnutls_session_t session, const char * hostname,  
unsigned flags)
```

**Description:** This function instructs GnuTLS to verify the peer's certificate using the provided hostname. If the verification fails the handshake will also fail with `GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_VERIFICATION_ERROR`. In that case the verification result can be obtained using `gnutls_session_get_verify_cert_status()`. The `hostname` pointer provided must remain valid for the lifetime of the session. More precisely it should be available during any subsequent handshakes. If no hostname is provided, no hostname verification will be performed. For a more advanced verification function check `gnutls_session_set_verify_cert2()`. If `flags` is provided which contain a profile, this function should be called after any session priority setting functions. The `gnutls_session_set_verify_cert()` function is intended to be used by TLS clients to verify the server's certificate.

```
int gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3 (gnutls_session_t session, const char * hostname,  
unsigned int * status)
```

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_verify_function (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,  
gnutls_certificate_verify_function * func)
```

Note that when using raw public-keys verification will not work because there is no correspond-

ing certificate body belonging to the raw key that can be verified. In that case the `gnutls-certificate_verify_peers` family of functions will return a `GNUTLS_E_INVALID_REQUEST` error code. For authenticating raw public-keys one must use an out-of-band mechanism, e.g. by comparing hashes or using trust on first use (see [subsection 3.1.4](#)).

### 5.4.2. Raw public-keys

As of version 3.6.6 GnuTLS supports [subsection 3.1.3](#). With raw public-keys only the public-key part (that is normally embedded in a certificate) is transmitted to the peer. In order to load a raw public-key and its corresponding private key in a credentials structure one can use the following functions.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_key (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res, const char
** names, int names_size, gnutls_pcert_st * pcert_list, int pcert_list_size,
gnutls_privkey_t key)

int gnutls_certificate_set_rawpk_key_mem (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
const gnutls_datum_t* spki, const gnutls_datum_t* pkey, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format,
const char* pass, unsigned int key_usage, const char ** names, unsigned int
names_length, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_certificate_set_rawpk_key_file (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cred,
const char* rawpkfile, const char* privkeyfile, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format,
const char * pass, unsigned int key_usage, const char ** names, unsigned int
names_length, unsigned int privkey_flags, unsigned int pkcs11_flags)
```

### 5.4.3. SRP

The initialization functions in SRP credentials differ between client and server. Clients supporting SRP should set the username and password prior to connection, to the credentials structure. Alternatively `gnutls_srp_set_client_credentials_function` may be used instead, to specify a callback function that should return the SRP username and password. The callback is called once during the TLS handshake.

```
int gnutls_srp_allocate_server_credentials (gnutls_srp_server_credentials_t * sc)

int gnutls_srp_allocate_client_credentials (gnutls_srp_client_credentials_t * sc)

void gnutls_srp_free_server_credentials (gnutls_srp_server_credentials_t sc)

void gnutls_srp_free_client_credentials (gnutls_srp_client_credentials_t sc)

int gnutls_srp_set_client_credentials (gnutls_srp_client_credentials_t res, const char
* username, const char * password)
```

```
void gnutls_srp_set_client_credentials_function (gnutls_srp_client_credentials_t
cred, gnutls_srp_client_credentials_function * func)
```

**Description:** This function can be used to set a callback to retrieve the username and password for client SRP authentication. The callback's function form is: `int (*callback)(gnutls_session_t, char** username, char**password);` The **username** and **password** must be allocated using `gnutls_malloc()`. The **username** should be an ASCII string or UTF-8 string. In case of a UTF-8 string it is recommended to be following the PRECIS framework for usernames (rfc8265). The **password** can be in ASCII format, or normalized using `gnutls_utf8_password_normalize()`. The callback function will be called once per handshake before the initial hello message is sent. The callback should not return a negative error code the second time called, since the handshake procedure will be aborted. The callback function should return 0 on success. -1 indicates an error.

In server side the default behavior of GnuTLS is to read the usernames and SRP verifiers from password files. These password file format is compatible the with the *Stanford srp libraries* format. If a different password file format is to be used, then `gnutls_srp_set_server_credentials_function` should be called, to set an appropriate callback.

```
int gnutls_srp_set_server_credentials_file (gnutls_srp_server_credentials_t res, const
char * password_file, const char * password_conf_file)
```

**Description:** This function sets the password files, in a `gnutls_srp_server_credentials_t` type. Those password files hold usernames and verifiers and will be used for SRP authentication.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, or an error code.

```
void gnutls_srp_set_server_credentials_function (gnutls_srp_server_credentials_t
cred, gnutls_srp_server_credentials_function * func)
```

**Description:** This function can be used to set a callback to retrieve the user's SRP credentials. The callback's function form is: `int (*callback)(gnutls_session_t, const char* username, gnutls_datum_t *salt, gnutls_datum_t *verifier, gnutls_datum_t *generator, gnutls_datum_t *prime);` `username` contains the actual username. The `salt`, `verifier`, `generator` and `prime` must be filled in using the `gnutls_malloc()`. For convenience `prime` and `generator` may also be one of the static parameters defined in `gnutls.h`. Initially, the data field is `NULL` in every `gnutls_datum_t` structure that the callback has to fill in. When the callback is done GnuTLS deallocates all of those buffers which are non-`NULL`, regardless of the return value. In order to prevent attackers from guessing valid usernames, if a user does not exist, `g` and `n` values should be filled in using a random user's parameters. In that case the callback must return the special value (1). See `gnutls_srp_set_server_fake_salt_seed` too. If this is not required for your application, return a negative number from the callback to abort the handshake. The callback function will only be called once per handshake. The callback function should return 0 on success, while -1 indicates an error.

#### 5.4.4. PSK

The initialization functions in PSK credentials differ between client and server.

```
int gnutls_psk_allocate_server_credentials (gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t * sc)
```

```
int gnutls_psk_allocate_client_credentials (gnutls_psk_client_credentials_t * sc)
```

```
void gnutls_psk_free_server_credentials (gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t sc)
```

```
void gnutls_psk_free_client_credentials (gnutls_psk_client_credentials_t sc)
```

Clients supporting PSK should supply the username and key before a TLS session is established. Alternatively `gnutls_psk_set_client_credentials_function` can be used to specify a callback function. This has the advantage that the callback will be called only if PSK has been negotiated.

```
int gnutls_psk_set_client_credentials (gnutls_psk_client_credentials_t res, const char
* username, const gnutls_datum_t * key, gnutls_psk_key_flags flags)
```

```
void gnutls_psk_set_client_credentials_function (gnutls_psk_client_credentials_t  
cred, gnutls_psk_client_credentials_function * func)
```

**Description:** This function can be used to set a callback to retrieve the username and password for client PSK authentication. The callback's function form is: `int (*callback)(gnutls_session_t, char** username, gnutls_datum_t* key)`; The `username` and `key`→data must be allocated using `gnutls_malloc()`. The `username` should be an ASCII string or UTF-8 string. In case of a UTF-8 string it is recommended to be following the PRECIS framework for usernames (rfc8265). The callback function will be called once per handshake. The callback function should return 0 on success. -1 indicates an error.

In server side the default behavior of GnuTLS is to read the usernames and PSK keys from a password file. The password file should contain usernames and keys in hexadecimal format. The name of the password file can be stored to the credentials structure by calling `gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_file`. If a different password file format is to be used, then a callback should be set instead by `gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_function`.

The server can help the client chose a suitable username and password, by sending a hint. Note that there is no common profile for the PSK hint and applications are discouraged to use it. A server, may specify the hint by calling `gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_hint`. The client can retrieve the hint, for example in the callback function, using `gnutls_psk_client_get_hint`.

```
int gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_file (gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t res,  
const char *password_file)
```

**Description:** This function sets the password file, in a *gnutls\_psk\_server\_credentials\_t* type. This password file holds usernames and keys and will be used for PSK authentication. Each entry in the file consists of a username, followed by a colon (':') and a hex-encoded key. If the username contains a colon or any other special character, it can be hex-encoded preceded by a '#'.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

```
void gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_function (gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t
cred, gnutls_psk_server_credentials_function * func)
```

```
int gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_hint (gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t res,
const char * hint)
```

```
const char * gnutls_psk_client_get_hint (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Note:** *there is no hint in TLS 1.3, so this function will return **NULL** if TLS 1.3 has been negotiated.*

### 5.4.5. Anonymous

The key exchange methods for anonymous authentication since GnuTLS 3.6.0 will utilize the RFC7919 parameters, unless explicit parameters have been provided and associated with an anonymous credentials structure. Check [subsection 5.12.6](#) for more information. The initialization functions for the credentials are shown below.

```
int gnutls_anon_allocate_server_credentials (gnutls_anon_server_credentials_t * sc)
```

```
int gnutls_anon_allocate_client_credentials (gnutls_anon_client_credentials_t * sc)
```

```
void gnutls_anon_free_server_credentials (gnutls_anon_server_credentials_t sc)
```

```
void gnutls_anon_free_client_credentials (gnutls_anon_client_credentials_t sc)
```

## 5.5. Setting up the transport layer

The next step is to setup the underlying transport layer details. The Berkeley sockets are implicitly used by GnuTLS, thus a call to `gnutls_transport_set_int` would be sufficient to specify the socket descriptor.

```
void gnutls_transport_set_int (gnutls_session_t session, int fd)
```

```
void gnutls_transport_set_int2 (gnutls_session_t session, int recv_fd, int
send_fd)
```

If however another transport layer than TCP is selected, then a pointer should be used instead to express the parameter to be passed to custom functions. In that case the following functions should be used instead.

```
void gnutls_transport_set_ptr (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_transport_ptr_t ptr)

void gnutls_transport_set_ptr2 (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_transport_ptr_t
recv_ptr, gnutls_transport_ptr_t send_ptr)
```

Moreover all of the following push and pull callbacks should be set.

```
void gnutls_transport_set_push_function (gnutls_session_t session,
gnutls_push_func push_func)
```

**Description:** This is the function where you set a push function for gnutls to use in order to send data. If you are going to use berkeley style sockets, you do not need to use this function since the default send(2) will probably be ok. Otherwise you should specify this function for gnutls to be able to send data. The callback should return a positive number indicating the bytes sent, and -1 on error. `push_func` is of the form, `ssize_t (*gnutls_push_func)(gnutls_transport_ptr_t, const void*, size_t);`

```
void gnutls_transport_set_vec_push_function (gnutls_session_t session,
gnutls_vec_push_func vec_func)
```

**Description:** Using this function you can override the default writev(2) function for gnutls to send data. Setting this callback instead of `gnutls_transport_set_push_function()` is recommended since it introduces less overhead in the TLS handshake process. `vec_func` is of the form, `ssize_t (*gnutls_vec_push_func)(gnutls_transport_ptr_t, const gvec_t * iov, int iovcnt);`

The functions above accept a callback function which should return the number of bytes written, or -1 on error and should set `errno` appropriately. In some environments, setting `errno` is unreliable. For example Windows have several `errno` variables in different CRTs, or in other systems it may be a non thread-local variable. If this is a concern to you, call `gnutls-transport_set_errno` with the intended `errno` value instead of setting `errno` directly.

GnuTLS currently only interprets the EINTR, EAGAIN and EMSGSIZE `errno` values and returns the corresponding GnuTLS error codes:

- GNUTLS\_E\_INTERRUPTED

```
void gnutls_transport_set_pull_function (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_pull_func pull_func)
```

**Description:** This is the function where you set a function for gnutls to receive data. Normally, if you use berkeley style sockets, do not need to use this function since the default `recv(2)` will probably be ok. The callback should return 0 on connection termination, a positive number indicating the number of bytes received, and -1 on error. `gnutls_pull_func` is of the form, `ssize_t (*gnutls_pull_func)(gnutls_transport_ptr_t, void*, size_t);`

```
void gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_pull_timeout_func func)
```

**Description:** This is the function where you set a function for gnutls to know whether data are ready to be received. It should wait for data a given time frame in milliseconds. The callback should return 0 on timeout, a positive number if data can be received, and -1 on error. You'll need to override this function if `select()` is not suitable for the provided transport calls. As with `select()`, if the timeout value is zero the callback should return zero if no data are immediately available. The special value `GNUTLS_INDEFINITE_TIMEOUT` indicates that the callback should wait indefinitely for data. `gnutls_pull_timeout_func` is of the form, `int (*gnutls_pull_timeout_func)(gnutls_transport_ptr_t, unsigned int ms);` This callback is necessary when `gnutls_handshake_set_timeout()` or `gnutls_record_set_timeout()` are set, under TLS1.3 and for enforcing the DTLS mode timeouts when in blocking mode. For compatibility with future GnuTLS versions this callback must be set when a custom pull function is registered. The callback will not be used when the session is in TLS mode with non-blocking sockets. That is, when `GNUTLS_NONBLOCK` is specified for a TLS session in `gnutls_init()`. The helper function `gnutls_system_recv_timeout()` is provided to simplify writing callbacks.

```
void gnutls_transport_set_errno (gnutls_session_t session, int err)
```

**Description:** Store `err` in the session-specific `errno` variable. Useful values for `err` are `EINTR`, `EAGAIN` and `EMSGSIZE`, other values are treated will be treated as real errors in the push/pull function. This function is useful in replacement push and pull functions set by `gnutls_transport_set_push_function()` and `gnutls_transport_set_pull_function()` under Windows, where the replacements may not have access to the same `errno` variable that is used by GnuTLS (e.g., the application is linked to `msvcr71.dll` and gnutls is linked to `msvcrt.dll`). This function is unreliable if you are using the same session in different threads for sending and receiving.



- `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN`
- `GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET`

The `EINTR` and `EAGAIN` values are returned by interrupted system calls, or when non blocking IO is used. All GnuTLS functions can be resumed (called again), if any of the above error codes is returned. The `EMSGSIZE` value is returned when attempting to send a large datagram.

In the case of DTLS it is also desirable to override the generic transport functions with functions that emulate the operation of `recvfrom` and `sendto`. In addition DTLS requires timers during the receive of a handshake message, set using the `gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function` function. To check the retransmission timers the function `gnutls_dtls_get_timeout` is provided, which returns the time remaining until the next retransmission, or better the time until `gnutls_handshake` should be called again.

```
void gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function (gnutls_session_t session,  
gnutls_pull_timeout_func func)
```

**Description:** This is the function where you set a function for gnutls to know whether data are ready to be received. It should wait for data a given time frame in milliseconds. The callback should return 0 on timeout, a positive number if data can be received, and -1 on error. You'll need to override this function if `select()` is not suitable for the provided transport calls. As with `select()`, if the timeout value is zero the callback should return zero if no data are immediately available. The special value `GNUTLS_INDEFINITE_TIMEOUT` indicates that the callback should wait indefinitely for data. `gnutls_pull_timeout_func` is of the form, `int (*gnutls_pull_timeout_func)(gnutls_transport_ptr_t, unsigned int ms)`; This callback is necessary when `gnutls_handshake_set_timeout()` or `gnutls_record_set_timeout()` are set, under TLS1.3 and for enforcing the DTLS mode timeouts when in blocking mode. For compatibility with future GnuTLS versions this callback must be set when a custom pull function is registered. The callback will not be used when the session is in TLS mode with non-blocking sockets. That is, when `GNUTLS_NONBLOCK` is specified for a TLS session in `gnutls_init()`. The helper function `gnutls_system_recv_timeout()` is provided to simplify writing callbacks.

```
unsigned int gnutls_dtls_get_timeout (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function will return the milliseconds remaining for a retransmission of the previously sent handshake message. This function is useful when DTLS is used in non-blocking mode, to estimate when to call `gnutls_handshake()` if no packets have been received.

**Returns:** the remaining time in milliseconds.

### 5.5.1. Asynchronous operation

GnuTLS can be used with asynchronous socket or event-driven programming. The approach is similar to using Berkeley sockets under such an environment. The blocking, due to network interaction, calls such as `gnutls_handshake`, `gnutls_record_recv`, can be set to non-blocking by setting the underlying sockets to non-blocking. If other push and pull functions are setup, then they should behave the same way as `recv` and `send` when used in a non-blocking way, i.e., return -1 and set `errno` to `EAGAIN`. Since, during a TLS protocol session GnuTLS does not block except for network interaction, the non blocking `EAGAIN` `errno` will be propagated and GnuTLS functions will return the `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` error code. Such calls can be resumed the same way as a system call would. The only exception is `gnutls_record_send`, which if interrupted subsequent calls need not to include the data to be sent (can be called with `NULL` argument).

When using the `poll` or `select` system calls though, one should remember that they only apply to the kernel sockets API. To check for any available buffered data in a GnuTLS session, utilize `gnutls_record_check_pending`, either before the `poll` system call, or after a call to `gnutls_record_recv`. Data queued by `gnutls_record_send` (when interrupted) can be discarded using `gnutls_record_discard_queued`.

An example of GnuTLS' usage with asynchronous operation can be found in `doc/examples/tlsproxy`.

The following paragraphs describe the detailed requirements for non-blocking operation when using the TLS or DTLS protocols.

#### TLS protocol

There are no special requirements for the TLS protocol operation in non-blocking mode if a non-blocking socket is used.

It is recommended, however, for future compatibility, when in non-blocking mode, to call the `gnutls_init` function with the `GNUTLS_NONBLOCK` flag set (see [section 5.3](#)).

#### Datagram TLS protocol

When in non-blocking mode the function, the `gnutls_init` function must be called with the `GNUTLS_NONBLOCK` flag set (see [section 5.3](#)).

In contrast with the TLS protocol, the pull timeout function is required, but will only be called with a timeout of zero. In that case it should indicate whether there are data to be received or not. When not using the default pull function, then `gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function` should be called.

Although in the TLS protocol implementation each call to receive or send function implies to restoring the same function that was interrupted, in the DTLS protocol this requirement isn't true. There are cases where a retransmission is required, which are indicated by a received message and thus `gnutls_record_get_direction` must be called to decide which direction to check prior to restoring a function call.

```
int gnutls_record_get_direction (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function is useful to determine whether a GnuTLS function was interrupted while sending or receiving, so that `select()` or `poll()` may be called appropriately. It provides information about the internals of the record protocol and is only useful if a prior `gnutls` function call, e.g. `gnutls_handshake()`, was interrupted and returned `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` or `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN`. After such an interrupt applications may call `select()` or `poll()` before restoring the interrupted GnuTLS function. This function's output is unreliable if you are using the same session in different threads for sending and receiving.

**Returns:** 0 if interrupted while trying to read data, or 1 while trying to write data.

When calling `gnutls_handshake` through a multi-plexer, to be able to handle properly the DTLS handshake retransmission timers, the function `gnutls_dtls_get_timeout` should be used to estimate when to call `gnutls_handshake` if no data have been received.

### 5.5.2. Reducing round-trips

The full TLS 1.2 handshake requires 2 round-trips to complete, and when combined with TCP's SYN and SYN-ACK negotiation it extends to 3 full round-trips. While, TLS 1.3 reduces that to two round-trips when under TCP, it still adds considerable latency, making the protocol unsuitable for certain applications.

To optimize the handshake latency, in client side, it is possible to take advantage of the TCP fast open [7] mechanism on operating systems that support it. That can be done either by manually crafting the push and pull callbacks, or by utilizing `gnutls_transport_set_fastopen`. In that case the initial TCP handshake is eliminated, reducing the TLS 1.2 handshake round-trip to 2, and the TLS 1.3 handshake to a single round-trip. Note, that when this function is used, any connection failures will be reported during the `gnutls_handshake` function call with error code `GNUTLS_E_PUSH_ERROR`.

When restricted to TLS 1.2, and non-resumed sessions, it is possible to further reduce the round-trips to a single one by taking advantage of the [subsection 2.6.8](#) TLS extension. This can be enabled by setting the `GNUTLS_ENABLE_FALSE_START` flag on `gnutls_init`.

Under TLS 1.3, the server side can start transmitting before the handshake is complete (i.e., while the client Finished message is still in flight), when no client certificate authentication is requested. This, unlike false start, is part of protocol design with no known security implications. It can be enabled by setting the `GNUTLS_ENABLE_EARLY_START` on `gnutls_init`, and the `gnutls_handshake` function will return early, allowing the server to send data earlier.

```
void gnutls_transport_set_fastopen (gnutls_session_t session, int fd, struct sock-
addr * connect_addr, socklen_t connect_addrlen, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** Enables TCP Fast Open (TFO) for the specified TLS client session. That means that TCP connection establishment and the transmission of the first TLS client hello packet are combined. The peer's address must be specified in `connect_addr` and `connect_addrlen`, and the socket specified by `fd` should not be connected. TFO only works for TCP sockets of type `AF_INET` and `AF_INET6`. If the OS doesn't support TCP fast open this function will result to gnutls using `connect()` transparently during the first write.

**Note:** *This function overrides all the transport callback functions. If this is undesirable, TCP Fast Open must be implemented on the user callback functions without calling this function. When using this function, transport callbacks must not be set, and `gnutls_transport_set_ptr()` or `gnutls_transport_set_int()` must not be called. On GNU/Linux TFO has to be enabled at the system layer, that is in `/proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_fastopen`, bit 0 has to be set. This function has no effect on server sessions.*

### 5.5.3. Zero-roundtrip mode

Under TLS 1.3, when the client has already connected to the server and is resuming a session, it can start transmitting application data during handshake. This is called zero round-trip time (0-RTT) mode, and the application data sent in this mode is called early data. The client can send early data with `gnutls_record_send_early_data`. The client should call this function before calling `gnutls_handshake` and after calling `gnutls_session_set_data`.

Note, however, that early data has weaker security properties than normal application data sent after handshake, such as lack of forward secrecy, no guarantees of non-replay between connections. Thus it is disabled on the server side by default. To enable it, the server needs to:

1. Set `GNUTLS_ENABLE_EARLY_DATA` on `gnutls_init`. Note that this option only has effect on server.
2. Enable anti-replay measure. See [subsection 5.5.4](#) for the details.

The server caches the received early data until it is read. To set the maximum amount of data to be stored in the cache, use `gnutls_record_set_max_early_data_size`. After receiving the `EndOfEarlyData` handshake message, the server can start retrieving the received data with `gnutls_record_rcv_early_data`. You can call the function either after the handshake is complete, or through a handshake hook (`gnutls_handshake_set_hook_function`).

When sending early data, the client should respect the maximum amount of early data, which may have been previously advertised by the server. It can be checked using `gnutls_record_get_max_early_data_size`, right after calling `gnutls_session_set_data`.

After sending early data, to check whether the sent early data was accepted by the server, use `gnutls_session_get_flags` and compare the result with `GNUTLS_SFLAGS_EARLY_DATA`.

Similarly, on the server side, the same function and flag can be used to check whether it has actually accepted early data.

#### 5.5.4. Anti-replay protection

When 0-RTT mode is used, the server must protect itself from replay attacks, where adversary client reuses duplicate session ticket to send early data, before the server authenticates the client.

GnuTLS provides a simple mechanism against replay attacks, following the method called ClientHello recording. When a session ticket is accepted, the server checks if the ClientHello message has been already seen. If there is a duplicate, the server rejects early data.

The problem of this approach is that the number of recorded messages grows indefinitely. To prevent that, the server can limit the recording to a certain time window, which can be configured with `gnutls_anti_replay_set_window`.

The anti-replay mechanism shall be globally initialized with `gnutls_anti_replay_init`, and then attached to a session using `gnutls_anti_replay_enable`. It can be deinitialized with `gnutls_anti_replay_deinit`.

The server must also set up a database back-end to store ClientHello messages. That can be achieved using `gnutls_anti_replay_set_add_function` and `gnutls_anti_replay_set_ptr`.

Note that, if the back-end stores arbitrary number of ClientHello, it needs to periodically clean up the stored entries based on the time window set with `gnutls_anti_replay_set_window`. The cleanup can be implemented by iterating through the database entries and calling `gnutls_db_check_entry_expire_time`. This is similar to session database cleanup used by TLS1.2 sessions.

The full set up of the server using early data would be like the following example:

```
1 #define MAX_EARLY_DATA_SIZE 16384
2
3 static int
4 db_add_func(void *dbf, gnutls_datum_t key, gnutls_datum_t data)
5 {
6     /* Return GNUTLS_E_DB_ENTRY_EXISTS, if KEY is found in the database.
7      * Otherwise, store it and return 0.
8      */
9 }
10
11 static int
12 handshake_hook_func(gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int htype,
13                    unsigned when, unsigned int incoming, const gnutls_datum_t *msg)
14 {
15     int ret;
16     char buf[MAX_EARLY_DATA_SIZE];
17
18     assert(htype == GNUTLS_HANDSHAKE_END_OF_EARLY_DATA);
19     assert(when == GNUTLS_HOOK_POST);
20
21     if (gnutls_session_get_flags(session) & GNUTLS_SFLAGS_EARLY_DATA) {
```

```

22     ret = gnutls_record_recv_early_data(session, buf, sizeof(buf));
23     assert(ret >= 0);
24 }
25
26     return ret;
27 }
28
29 int main()
30 {
31     ...
32     /* Initialize anti-replay measure, which can be shared
33      * among multiple sessions.
34      */
35     gnutls_anti_replay_init(&anti_replay);
36
37     /* Set the database back-end function for the anti-replay data. */
38     gnutls_anti_replay_set_add_function(anti_replay, db_add_func);
39     gnutls_anti_replay_set_ptr(anti_replay, NULL);
40
41     ...
42
43     gnutls_init(&server, GNUTLS_SERVER | GNUTLS_ENABLE_EARLY_DATA);
44     gnutls_record_set_max_early_data_size(server, MAX_EARLY_DATA_SIZE);
45
46     ...
47
48     /* Set the anti-replay measure to the session.
49      */
50     gnutls_anti_replay_enable(server, anti_replay);
51     ...
52
53     /* Retrieve early data in a handshake hook;
54      * you can also do that after handshake.
55      */
56     gnutls_handshake_set_hook_function(server, GNUTLS_HANDSHAKE_END_OF_EARLY_DATA,
57                                         GNUTLS_HOOK_POST, handshake_hook_func);
58     ...
59 }

```

### 5.5.5. DTLS sessions

Because datagram TLS can operate over connections where the client cannot be reliably verified, functionality in the form of cookies, is available to prevent denial of service attacks to servers. GnuTLS requires a server to generate a secret key that is used to sign a cookie<sup>4</sup>. That cookie is sent to the client using `gnutls_dtls_cookie_send`, and the client must reply using the correct cookie. The server side should verify the initial message sent by client using `gnutls_dtls_cookie_verify`. If successful the session should be initialized and associated with the cookie using `gnutls_dtls_prestate_set`, before proceeding to the handshake.

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<sup>4</sup>A key of 128 bits or 16 bytes should be sufficient for this purpose.

```
int gnutls_key_generate (gnutls_datum_t * key, unsigned int key_size)

int gnutls_dtls_cookie_send (gnutls_datum_t * key, void * client_data, size_t
client_data_size, gnutls_dtls_prestate_st * prestate, gnutls_transport_ptr_t ptr,
gnutls_push_func push_func)

int gnutls_dtls_cookie_verify (gnutls_datum_t * key, void * client_data, size_t
client_data_size, void * _msg, size_t msg_size, gnutls_dtls_prestate_st * prestate)

void gnutls_dtls_prestate_set (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_dtls_prestate_st *
```

Note that the above apply to server side only and they are not mandatory to be used. Not using them, however, allows denial of service attacks. The client side cookie handling is part of `gnutls_handshake`.

Datagrams are typically restricted by a maximum transfer unit (MTU). For that both client and server side should set the correct maximum transfer unit for the layer underneath GnuTLS. This will allow proper fragmentation of DTLS messages and prevent messages from being silently discarded by the transport layer. The “correct” maximum transfer unit can be obtained through a path MTU discovery mechanism [24].

```
void gnutls_dtls_set_mtu (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int mtu)

unsigned int gnutls_dtls_get_mtu (gnutls_session_t session)

unsigned int gnutls_dtls_get_data_mtu (gnutls_session_t session)
```

### 5.5.6. DTLS and SCTP

Although DTLS can run under any reliable or unreliable layer, there are special requirements for SCTP according to [41]. We summarize the most important below, however for a full treatment we refer to [41].

- The MTU set via `gnutls_dtls_set_mtu` must be 2 textasciicircuml4.
- Replay detection must be disabled; use the flag `GNUTLS_NO_REPLAY_PROTECTION` with `gnutls_init`.
- Retransmission of messages must be disabled; use `gnutls_dtls_set_timeouts` with a retransmission timeout larger than the total.

- Handshake, Alert and ChangeCipherSpec messages must be sent over stream 0 with unlimited reliability and with the ordered delivery feature.
- During a rehandshake, the caching of messages with unknown epoch is not handled by GnuTLS; this must be implemented in a special pull function.

## 5.6. TLS handshake

Once a session has been initialized and a network connection has been set up, TLS and DTLS protocols perform a handshake. The handshake is the actual key exchange.

```
int gnutls_handshake (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function performs the handshake of the TLS/SSL protocol, and initializes the TLS session parameters. The non-fatal errors expected by this function are: **GNUTLS\_E\_INTERRUPTED**, **GNUTLS\_E\_AGAIN**, **GNUTLS\_E\_WARNING\_ALERT\_RECEIVED**. When this function is called for re-handshake under TLS 1.2 or earlier, the non-fatal error code **GNUTLS\_E\_GOT\_APPLICATION\_DATA** may also be returned. The former two interrupt the handshake procedure due to the transport layer being interrupted, and the latter because of a "warning" alert that was sent by the peer (it is always a good idea to check any received alerts). On these non-fatal errors call this function again, until it returns 0; cf. `gnutls_record_get_direction()` and `gnutls_error_is_fatal()`. In DTLS sessions the non-fatal error **GNUTLS\_E\_LARGE\_PACKET** is also possible, and indicates that the MTU should be adjusted. When this function is called by a server after a rehandshake request under TLS 1.2 or earlier the **GNUTLS\_E\_GOT\_APPLICATION\_DATA** error code indicates that some data were pending prior to peer initiating the handshake. Under TLS 1.3 this function when called after a successful handshake, is a no-op and always succeeds in server side; in client side this function is equivalent to `gnutls.session_key_update()` with **GNUTLS\_KU\_PEER** flag. This function handles both full and abbreviated TLS handshakes (resumption). For abbreviated handshakes, in client side, the `gnutls_session_set_data()` should be called prior to this function to set parameters from a previous session. In server side, resumption is handled by either setting a DB back-end, or setting up keys for session tickets.

**Returns:** **GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS** on a successful handshake, otherwise a negative error code.

In GnuTLS 3.5.0 and later it is recommended to use `gnutls_session_set_verify_cert` for the handshake process to ensure the verification of the peer's identity. That will verify the peer's certificate, against the trusted CA store while accounting for stapled OCSP responses during the handshake; any error will be returned as a handshake error.

In older GnuTLS versions it is required to verify the peer's certificate during the handshake by setting a callback with `gnutls_certificate_set_verify_function`, and then using `gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3` from it. See [section 3.1](#) for more information.



```
void gnutls_handshake_set_timeout (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int ms)
```

**Description:** This function sets the timeout for the TLS handshake process to the provided value. Use an ms value of zero to disable timeout, or **GNUTLS\_DEFAULT\_HANDSHAKE\_TIMEOUT** for a reasonable default value. For the DTLS protocol, the more detailed `gnutls_dtls_set_timeouts()` is provided. This function requires to set a pull timeout callback. See `gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function()`.

```
void gnutls_session_set_verify_cert (gnutls_session_t session, const char * host-  
name, unsigned flags)
```

```
int gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3 (gnutls_session_t session, const char * host-  
name, unsigned int * status)
```

## 5.7. Data transfer and termination

Once the handshake is complete and peer's identity has been verified data can be exchanged. The available functions resemble the POSIX `recv` and `send` functions. It is suggested to use `gnutls_error_is_fatal` to check whether the error codes returned by these functions are fatal for the protocol or can be ignored.

Although, in the TLS protocol the receive function can be called at any time, when DTLS is used the GnuTLS receive functions must be called once a message is available for reading, even if no data are expected. This is because in DTLS various (internal) actions may be required due to retransmission timers. Moreover, an extended receive function is shown below, which allows the extraction of the message's sequence number. Due to the unreliable nature of the protocol, this field allows distinguishing out-of-order messages.

The `gnutls_record_check_pending` helper function is available to allow checking whether data are available to be read in a GnuTLS session buffers. Note that this function complements but does not replace `poll`, i.e., `gnutls_record_check_pending` reports no data to be read, `poll` should be called to check for data in the network buffers.

```
int gnutls_record_get_direction (gnutls_session_t session)
```

Once a TLS or DTLS session is no longer needed, it is recommended to use `gnutls_bye` to terminate the session. That way the peer is notified securely about the intention of termination, which allows distinguishing it from a malicious connection termination. A session can be deinitialized with the `gnutls_deinit` function.

```
ssize_t gnutls_record_send (gnutls_session_t session, const void * data, size_t data_size)
```

**Description:** This function has the similar semantics with `send()`. The only difference is that it accepts a GnuTLS session, and uses different error codes. Note that if the send buffer is full, `send()` will block this function. See the `send()` documentation for more information. You can replace the default push function which is `send()`, by using `gnutls_transport_set_push_function()`. If the `EINTR` is returned by the internal push function then `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` will be returned. If `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` or `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` is returned, you must call this function again with the exact same parameters, or provide a `NULL` pointer for `data` and 0 for `data_size`, in order to write the same data as before. If you wish to discard the previous data instead of retrying, you must call `gnutls_record_discard_queued()` before calling this function with different parameters. Note that the latter works only on special transports (e.g., UDP). cf. `gnutls_record_get_direction()`. Note that in DTLS this function will return the `GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET` error code if the send data exceed the data MTU value - as returned by `gnutls_dtls_get_data_mtu()`. The `errno` value `EMSGSIZE` also maps to `GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET`. Note that since 3.2.13 this function can be called under cork in DTLS mode, and will refuse to send data over the MTU size by returning `GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET`.

**Returns:** The number of bytes sent, or a negative error code. The number of bytes sent might be less than `data_size`. The maximum number of bytes this function can send in a single call depends on the negotiated maximum record size.

```
ssize_t gnutls_record_recv (gnutls_session_t session, void * data, size_t data_size)
```

**Description:** This function has the similar semantics with `recv()`. The only difference is that it accepts a GnuTLS session, and uses different error codes. In the special case that the peer requests a renegotiation, the caller will receive an error code of `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE`. In case of a client, this message may be simply ignored, replied with an alert `GNUTLS_A_NO_RENEGOTIATION`, or replied with a new handshake, depending on the client's will. A server receiving this error code can only initiate a new handshake or terminate the session. If `EINTR` is returned by the internal pull function (the default is `recv()`) then `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` will be returned. If `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` or `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` is returned, you must call this function again to get the data. See also `gnutls_record_get_direction()`.

**Returns:** The number of bytes received and zero on EOF (for stream connections). A negative error code is returned in case of an error. The number of bytes received might be less than the requested `data_size`.

```
int gnutls_error_is_fatal (int error)
```

**Description:** If a GnuTLS function returns a negative error code you may feed that value to this function to see if the error condition is fatal to a TLS session (i.e., must be terminated). Note that you may also want to check the error code manually, since some non-fatal errors to the protocol (such as a warning alert or a rehandshake request) may be fatal for your program. This function is only useful if you are dealing with errors from functions that relate to a TLS session (e.g., record layer or handshake layer handling functions).

**Returns:** Non-zero value on fatal errors or zero on non-fatal.

```
ssize_t gnutls_record_rcv_seq (gnutls_session_t session, void * data, size_t  
data_size, unsigned char * seq)
```

**Description:** This function is the same as `gnutls_record_rcv()`, except that it returns in addition to data, the sequence number of the data. This is useful in DTLS where record packets might be received out-of-order. The returned 8-byte sequence number is an integer in big-endian format and should be treated as a unique message identification.

**Returns:** The number of bytes received and zero on EOF. A negative error code is returned in case of an error. The number of bytes received might be less than `data_size`.

## 5.8. Buffered data transfer

Although `gnutls_record_send` is sufficient to transmit data to the peer, when many small chunks of data are to be transmitted it is inefficient and wastes bandwidth due to the TLS record overhead. In that case it is preferable to combine the small chunks before transmission. The following functions provide that functionality.

```
size_t gnutls_record_check_pending (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function checks if there are unread data in the gnutls buffers. If the return value is non-zero the next call to `gnutls_record_rcv()` is guaranteed not to block.

**Returns:** Returns the size of the data or zero.

```
int gnutls_bye (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_close_request_t how)
```

**Description:** Terminates the current TLS/SSL connection. The connection should have been initiated using `gnutls_handshake()`. `how` should be one of `GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR`, `GNUTLS_SHUT_WR`. In case of `GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR` the TLS session gets terminated and further receives and sends will be disallowed. If the return value is zero you may continue using the underlying transport layer. `GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR` sends an alert containing a close request and waits for the peer to reply with the same message. In case of `GNUTLS_SHUT_WR` the TLS session gets terminated and further sends will be disallowed. In order to reuse the connection you should wait for an EOF from the peer. `GNUTLS_SHUT_WR` sends an alert containing a close request. Note that not all implementations will properly terminate a TLS connection. Some of them, usually for performance reasons, will terminate only the underlying transport layer, and thus not distinguishing between a malicious party prematurely terminating the connection and normal termination. This function may also return `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` or `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED`; cf. `gnutls_record_get_direction()`.

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, or an error code, see function documentation for entire semantics.

```
void gnutls_deinit (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function clears all buffers associated with the session. This function will also remove session data from the session database if the session was terminated abnormally.

## 5.9. Handling alerts

During a TLS connection alert messages may be exchanged by the two peers. Those messages may be fatal, meaning the connection must be terminated afterwards, or warning when something needs to be reported to the peer, but without interrupting the session. The error codes `GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED` or `GNUTLS_E_FATAL_ALERT_RECEIVED` signal those alerts when received, and may be returned by all GnuTLS functions that receive data from the peer, being `gnutls_handshake` and `gnutls_record_recv`.

```
void gnutls_record_cork (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** If called, `gnutls_record_send()` will no longer send any records. Any sent records will be cached until `gnutls_record_uncork()` is called. This function is safe to use with DTLS after GnuTLS 3.3.0.

```
int gnutls_record_uncork (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This resets the effect of `gnutls_record_cork()`, and flushes any pending data. If the `GNUTLS_RECORD_WAIT` flag is specified then this function will block until the data is sent or a fatal error occurs (i.e., the function will retry on `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` and `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED`). If the flag `GNUTLS_RECORD_WAIT` is not specified and the function is interrupted then the `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` or `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` errors will be returned. To obtain the data left in the corked buffer use `gnutls_record_check_corked()`.

**Returns:** On success the number of transmitted data is returned, or otherwise a negative error code.

If those error codes are received the alert and its level should be logged or reported to the peer using the functions below.

```
gnutls_alert_description_t gnutls_alert_get (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function will return the last alert number received. This function should be called when `GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED` or `GNUTLS_E_FATAL_ALERT_RECEIVED` errors are returned by a `gnutls` function. The peer may send alerts if he encounters an error. If no alert has been received the returned value is undefined.

**Returns:** the last alert received, a *gnutls\_alert\_description\_t* value.

```
const char * gnutls_alert_get_name (gnutls_alert_description_t alert)
```

**Description:** This function will return a string that describes the given alert number, or `NULL`. See `gnutls_alert_get()`.

**Returns:** string corresponding to *gnutls\_alert\_description\_t* value.

The peer may also be warned or notified of a fatal issue by using one of the functions below. All the available alerts are listed in [section 2.4](#).

```
int gnutls_alert_send (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_alert_level_t level,
gnutls_alert_description_t desc)
```

**Description:** This function will send an alert to the peer in order to inform him of something important (eg. his Certificate could not be verified). If the alert level is Fatal then the peer is expected to close the connection, otherwise he may ignore the alert and continue. The error code of the underlying record send function will be returned, so you may also receive `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` or `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` as well.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

```
int gnutls_error_to_alert (int err, int * level)
```

**Description:** Get an alert depending on the error code returned by a gnutls function. All alerts sent by this function should be considered fatal. The only exception is when `err` is `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE`, where a warning alert should be sent to the peer indicating that no renegotiation will be performed. If there is no mapping to a valid alert the alert to indicate internal error (`GNUTLS_A_INTERNAL_ERROR`) is returned.

**Returns:** the alert code to use for a particular error code.

## 5.10. Priority strings

### How to use Priority Strings

The GnuTLS priority strings specify the TLS session's handshake algorithms and options in a compact, easy-to-use format. These strings are intended as a user-specified override of the library defaults.

That is, we recommend applications using the default settings (c.f. `gnutls_set_default_priority` or `gnutls_set_default_priority_append`), and provide the user with access to priority strings for overriding the default behavior, on configuration files, or other UI. Following such a principle, makes the GnuTLS library as the default settings provider. That is necessary and a good practice, because TLS protocol hardening and phasing out of legacy algorithms, is easier to coordinate when happens in a single library.

```
int gnutls_set_default_priority (gnutls_session_t session)

int gnutls_set_default_priority_append (gnutls_session_t session, const char *
add_prio, const char ** err_pos, unsigned flags)

int gnutls_priority_set_direct (gnutls_session_t session, const char * priorities,
const char ** err_pos)
```

The priority string translation to the internal GnuTLS form requires processing and the generated internal form also occupies some memory. For that, it is recommended to do that processing once in server side, and share the generated data across sessions. The following functions allow the generation of a "priority cache" and the sharing of it across sessions.

```
int gnutls_priority_init2 (gnutls_priority_t * priority_cache, const char * priorities,
const char ** err_pos, unsigned flags)

int gnutls_priority_init (gnutls_priority_t * priority_cache, const char * priorities,
const char ** err_pos)

int gnutls_priority_set (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_priority_t priority)

void gnutls_priority_deinit (gnutls_priority_t priority_cache)
```

## Using Priority Strings

A priority string may contain a single initial keyword such as in [Table 5.4](#) and may be followed by additional algorithm or special keywords. Note that their description is intentionally avoiding specific algorithm details, as the priority strings are not constant between gnutls versions (they are periodically updated to account for cryptographic advances while providing compatibility with old clients and servers).

Unless the initial keyword is "NONE" the defaults (in preference order) are for TLS protocols TLS 1.2, TLS1.1, TLS1.0; for certificate types X.509. In key exchange algorithms when in NORMAL or SECURE levels the perfect forward secrecy algorithms take precedence of the other protocols. In all cases all the supported key exchange algorithms are enabled.

Note that the SECURE levels distinguish between overall security level and message authenticity security level. That is because the message authenticity security level requires the adversary to break the algorithms at real-time during the protocol run, whilst the overall security level refers to off-line adversaries (e.g. adversaries breaking the ciphertext years after it was captured).

The NONE keyword, if used, must be followed by keywords specifying the algorithms and protocols to be enabled. The other initial keywords do not require, but may be followed by such keywords. All level keywords can be combined, and for example a level of "SECURE256:+SECURE128" is allowed.

The order with which every algorithm or protocol is specified is significant. Algorithms specified before others will take precedence. The supported in the GnuTLS version corresponding to this document algorithms and protocols are shown in [Table 5.5](#); to list the supported algorithms in your currently using version use `gnutls-cli -l`.

To avoid collisions in order to specify a protocol version with "VERS-", signature algorithms with "SIGN-" and certificate types with "CTYPE-". All other algorithms don't need a prefix. Each specified keyword (except for *special keywords*) can be prefixed with any of the following characters.

- '!' or '-' appended with an algorithm will remove this algorithm.
- "+" appended with an algorithm will add this algorithm.

Note that the finite field groups (indicated by the FFDHE prefix) and DHE key exchange methods are generally slower<sup>5</sup> than their elliptic curves counterpart (ECDHE).

The available special keywords are shown in [Table 5.6](#) and [Table 5.7](#).

Finally the ciphersuites enabled by any priority string can be listed using the `gnutls-cli` application (see [section 8.1](#)), or by using the priority functions as in [subsection 6.5.3](#).

Example priority strings are:

```

1 The system imposed security level:
2   "SYSTEM"
3
4 The default priority without the HMAC-MD5:
5   "NORMAL:-MD5"
6
7 Specifying RSA with AES-128-CBC:
8   "NONE:+VERS-TLS-ALL:+MAC-ALL:+RSA:+AES-128-CBC:+SIGN-ALL:+COMP=NULL"
9
10 Specifying the defaults plus ARCFOUR-128:
11   "NORMAL:+ARCFOUR-128"
12
13 Enabling the 128-bit secure ciphers, while disabling TLS 1.0:
14   "SECURE128:-VERS-TLS1.0"
15
16 Enabling the 128-bit and 192-bit secure ciphers, while disabling all TLS versions
17 except TLS 1.2:
18   "SECURE128:+SECURE192:-VERS-ALL:+VERS-TLS1.2"
```

<sup>5</sup>It depends on the group in use. Groups with less bits are always faster, but the number of bits ties with the security parameter. See [section 5.11](#) for the acceptable security levels.



## 5.11. Selecting cryptographic key sizes

Because many algorithms are involved in TLS, it is not easy to set a consistent security level. For this reason in [Table 5.8](#) we present some correspondence between key sizes of symmetric algorithms and public key algorithms based on [3]. Those can be used to generate certificates with appropriate key sizes as well as select parameters for Diffie-Hellman and SRP authentication.

The first column provides a security parameter in a number of bits. This gives an indication of the number of combinations to be tried by an adversary to brute force a key. For example to test all possible keys in a 112 bit security parameter 2

*textasciicircum*112 combinations have to be tried. For today's technology this is infeasible. The next two columns correlate the security parameter with actual bit sizes of parameters for DH, RSA, SRP and ECC algorithms. A mapping to `gnutls_sec_param_t` value is given for each security parameter, on the next column, and finally a brief description of the level.

Note, however, that the values suggested here are nothing more than an educated guess that is valid today. There are no guarantees that an algorithm will remain unbreakable or that these values will remain constant in time. There could be scientific breakthroughs that cannot be predicted or total failure of the current public key systems by quantum computers. On the other hand though the cryptosystems used in TLS are selected in a conservative way and such catastrophic breakthroughs or failures are believed to be unlikely. The NIST publication SP 800-57 [1] contains a similar table.

When using GnuTLS and a decision on bit sizes for a public key algorithm is required, use of the following functions is recommended:

```
unsigned                int gnutls_sec_param_to_pk_bits (gnutls_pk_algorithm_t algo,  
gnutls_sec_param_t param)
```

**Description:** When generating private and public key pairs a difficult question is which size of "bits" the modulus will be in RSA and the group size in DSA. The easy answer is 1024, which is also wrong. This function will convert a human understandable security parameter to an appropriate size for the specific algorithm.

**Returns:** The number of bits, or (0).

Those functions will convert a human understandable security parameter of `gnutls_sec_param_t` type, to a number of bits suitable for a public key algorithm.

```
const char * gnutls_sec_param_get_name (gnutls_sec_param_t param)
```

The following functions will set the minimum acceptable group size for Diffie-Hellman and SRP

```
gnutls_sec_param_t gnutls_pk_bits_to_sec_param (gnutls_pk_algorithm_t algo, unsigned int bits)
```

**Description:** This is the inverse of `gnutls_sec_param_to_pk_bits()`. Given an algorithm and the number of bits, it will return the security parameter. This is a rough indication.

**Returns:** The security parameter.

authentication.

```
void gnutls_dh_set_prime_bits (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int bits)
```

```
void gnutls_srp_set_prime_bits (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int bits)
```

## 5.12. Advanced topics

### 5.12.1. Virtual hosts and credentials

Often when operating with virtual hosts, one may not want to associate a particular certificate set to the credentials function early, before the virtual host is known. That can be achieved by calling `gnutls_credentials_set` within a handshake pre-hook for client hello. That message contains the peer's intended hostname, and if read, and the appropriate credentials are set, gnutls will be able to continue in the handshake process. A brief usage example is shown below.

```
1 static int ext_hook_func(void *ctx, unsigned tls_id,
2                          const unsigned char *data, unsigned size)
3 {
4     if (tls_id == 0) { /* server name */
5         /* figure the advertized name - the following hack
6          * relies on the fact that this extension only supports
7          * DNS names, and due to a protocol bug cannot be extended
8          * to support anything else. */
9         if (name < 5) return 0;
10        name = data+5;
11        name_size = size-5;
12    }
13    return 0;
14 }
15
16 static int
17 handshake_hook_func(gnutls_session_t session, unsigned int htype,
18                    unsigned when, unsigned int incoming, const gnutls_datum_t *msg)
19 {
20     int ret;
```

```

21
22     assert(htype == GNUTLS_HANDSHAKE_CLIENT_HELLO);
23     assert(when == GNUTLS_HOOK_PRE);
24
25     ret = gnutls_ext_raw_parse(NULL, ext_hook_func, msg,
26                               GNUTLS_EXT_RAW_FLAG_TLS_CLIENT_HELLO);
27     assert(ret >= 0);
28
29     gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, cred);
30
31     return ret;
32 }
33
34 int main()
35 {
36     ...
37
38     gnutls_handshake_set_hook_function(server, GNUTLS_HANDSHAKE_CLIENT_HELLO,
39                                       GNUTLS_HOOK_PRE, handshake_hook_func);
40     ...
41 }

```

*void gnutls\_handshake\_set\_hook\_function (gnutls\_session\_t session, unsigned int htype, int when, gnutls\_handshake\_hook\_func func)*

**Description:** This function will set a callback to be called after or before the specified handshake message has been received or generated. This is a generalization of `gnutls_handshake_set_post_client_hello_function()`. To call the hook function prior to the message being generated or processed use `GNUTLS_HOOK_PRE` as `when` parameter, `GNUTLS_HOOK_POST` to call after, and `GNUTLS_HOOK_BOTH` for both cases. This callback must return 0 on success or a gnutls error code to terminate the handshake. To hook at all handshake messages use an `htype` of `GNUTLS_HANDSHAKE_ANY`.

**Warning:** You should not use this function to terminate the handshake based on client input unless you know what you are doing. Before the handshake is finished there is no way to know if there is a man-in-the-middle attack being performed.

### 5.12.2. Session resumption

To reduce time and network traffic spent in a handshake the client can request session resumption from a server that previously shared a session with the client.

Under TLS 1.2, in order to support resumption a server can either store the session security parameters in a local database or use session tickets (see [subsection 2.6.3](#)) to delegate storage to the client.

Under TLS 1.3, session resumption is only available through session tickets, and multiple tickets could be sent from server to client. That provides the following advantages:

- When tickets are not re-used the subsequent client sessions cannot be associated with each other by an eavesdropper
- On post-handshake authentication the server may send different tickets asynchronously for each identity used by client.

### Client side

The client has to retrieve and store the session parameters. Before establishing a new session to the same server the parameters must be re-associated with the GnuTLS session using `gnutls_session_set_data`.

```
int gnutls_session_get_data2 (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_datum_t * data)

int gnutls_session_set_data (gnutls_session_t session, const void * session_data,
size_t session_data_size)
```

Keep in mind that sessions will be expired after some time, depending on the server, and a server may choose not to resume a session even when requested to. The expiration is to prevent temporal session keys from becoming long-term keys. Also note that as a client you must enable, using the priority functions, at least the algorithms used in the last session.

```
int gnutls_session_is_resumed (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** Checks whether session is resumed or not. This is functional for both server and client side.

**Returns:** non zero if this session is resumed, or a zero if this is a new session.

### Server side

A server enabling both session tickets and a storage for session data would use session tickets when clients support it and the storage otherwise.

A storing server needs to specify callback functions to store, retrieve and delete session data. These can be registered with the functions below. The stored sessions in the database can be checked using `gnutls_db_check_entry` for expiration.

```
int gnutls_session_get_id2 (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_datum_t * session_id)
```

**Description:** Returns the TLS session identifier. The session ID is selected by the server, and in older versions of TLS was a unique identifier shared between client and server which was persistent across resumption. In the latest version of TLS (1.3) or TLS 1.2 with session tickets, the notion of session identifiers is undefined and cannot be relied for uniquely identifying sessions across client and server. In client side this function returns the identifier returned by the server, and cannot be assumed to have any relation to session resumption. In server side this function is guaranteed to return a persistent identifier of the session since GnuTLS 3.6.4, which may not necessarily map into the TLS session ID value. Prior to that version the value could only be considered a persistent identifier, under TLS1.2 or earlier and when no session tickets were in use. The session identifier value returned is always less than `GNUTLS_MAX_SESSION_ID_SIZE` and should be treated as constant.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

```
void gnutls_db_set_retrieve_function (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_db_retr_func retr_func)
```

```
void gnutls_db_set_store_function (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_db_store_func store_func)
```

```
void gnutls_db_set_ptr (gnutls_session_t session, void * ptr)
```

```
void gnutls_db_set_remove_function (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_db_remove_func rem_func)
```

```
int gnutls_db_check_entry (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_datum_t session_entry)
```

**Deprecated:** This function is deprecated.

A server supporting session tickets must generate ticket encryption and authentication keys using `gnutls_session_ticket_key_generate`. Those keys should be associated with the GnuTLS session using `gnutls_session_ticket_enable_server`.

Those will be the initial keys, but GnuTLS will rotate them regularly. The key rotation interval can be changed with `gnutls_db_set_cache_expiration` and will be set to three times the ticket

expiration time (ie. three times the value given in that function). Every such interval, new keys will be generated from those initial keys. This is a necessary mechanism to prevent the keys from becoming long-term keys and as such preserve forward-secrecy in the issued session tickets. If no explicit key rotation interval is provided, GnuTLS will rotate them every 18 hours by default.

The master key can be shared between processes or between systems. Processes which share the same master key will generate the same rotated subkeys, assuming they share the same time (irrespective of timezone differences).

```
int gnutls_session_ticket_enable_server (gnutls_session_t session, const
gnutls_datum_t * key)
```

**Description:** Request that the server should attempt session resumption using session tickets, i.e., by delegating storage to the client. `key` must be initialized using `gnutls_session_ticket_key_generate()`. To avoid leaking that key, use `gnutls_memset()` prior to releasing it. The default ticket expiration time can be overridden using `gnutls_db_set_cache_expiration()`.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, or an error code.

```
int gnutls_session_ticket_key_generate (gnutls_datum_t * key)
```

**Description:** Generate a random key to encrypt security parameters within `SessionTicket`.

**Returns:** On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, or an error code.

```
int gnutls_session_resumption_requested (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** Check whether the client has asked for session resumption. This function is valid only on server side.

**Returns:** non zero if session resumption was asked, or a zero if not.

The expiration time for session resumption, either in tickets or stored data is set using `gnutls_db_set_cache_expiration`. This function also controls the ticket key rotation period. Currently, the session key rotation interval is set to 3 times the expiration time set by this function.

Under TLS 1.3, the server sends by default 2 tickets, and can send additional session tickets at any time using `gnutls_session_ticket_send`.

```
int gnutls_session_ticket_send (gnutls_session_t session, unsigned nr, unsigned flags)
```

**Description:** Sends a fresh session ticket to the peer. This is relevant only in server side under TLS1.3. This function may also return `GNUTLS_E_AGAIN` or `GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED` and in that case it must be called again.

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, or a negative error code.

### 5.12.3. Certificate verification

In this section the functionality for additional certificate verification methods is listed. These methods are intended to be used in addition to normal PKI verification, in order to reduce the risk of a compromised CA being undetected.

#### Trust on first use

The GnuTLS library includes functionality to use an SSH-like trust on first use authentication. The available functions to store and verify public keys are listed below.

```
int gnutls_verify_stored_pubkey (const char * db_name, gnutls_tdb_t tdb,  
const char * host, const char * service, gnutls_certificate_type_t cert_type, const gnutls_datum_t * cert, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will try to verify a raw public-key or a public-key provided via a raw (DER-encoded) certificate using a list of stored public keys. The `service` field if non-NULL should be a port number. The `db_name` variable if non-null specifies a custom backend for the retrieval of entries. If it is NULL then the default file backend will be used. In POSIX-like systems the file backend uses the `$HOME/.gnutls/known_hosts` file. Note that if the custom storage backend is provided the retrieval function should return `GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_KEY_MISMATCH` if the host/service pair is found but key doesn't match, `GNUTLS_E_NO_CERTIFICATE_FOUND` if no such host/service with the given key is found, and 0 if it was found. The storage function should return 0 on success. As of GnuTLS 3.6.6 this function also verifies raw public keys.

**Returns:** If no associated public key is found then `GNUTLS_E_NO_CERTIFICATE_FOUND` will be returned. If a key is found but does not match `GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_KEY_MISMATCH` is returned. On success, `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` (0) is returned, or a negative error value on other errors.

In addition to the above the `gnutls_store_commitment` can be used to implement a key-pinning architecture as in [11]. This provides a way for web server to commit on a public key that is

```
int gnutls_store_pubkey (const char * db_name, gnutls_tdb_t tdb, const char *
host, const char * service, gnutls_certificate_type_t cert_type, const gnutls_datum_t *
cert, time_t expiration, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will store a raw public-key or a public-key provided via a raw (DER-encoded) certificate to the list of stored public keys. The key will be considered valid until the provided expiration time. The `tdb` variable if non-null specifies a custom backend for the storage of entries. If it is NULL then the default file backend will be used. Unless an alternative `tdb` is provided, the storage format is a textual format consisting of a line for each host with fields separated by '|'. The contents of the fields are a format-identifier which is set to 'g0', the hostname that the rest of the data applies to, the numeric port or host name, the expiration time in seconds since the epoch (0 for no expiration), and a base64 encoding of the raw (DER) public key information (SPKI) of the peer. As of GnuTLS 3.6.6 this function also accepts raw public keys.

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

not yet active.

```
int gnutls_store_commitment (const char * db_name, gnutls_tdb_t tdb, const
char * host, const char * service, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t hash_algo, const
gnutls_datum_t * hash, time_t expiration, unsigned int flags)
```

**Description:** This function will store the provided hash commitment to the list of stored public keys. The key with the given hash will be considered valid until the provided expiration time. The `tdb` variable if non-null specifies a custom backend for the storage of entries. If it is NULL then the default file backend will be used. Note that this function is not thread safe with the default backend.

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

The storage and verification functions may be used with the default text file based back-end, or another back-end may be specified. That should contain storage and retrieval functions and specified as below.



```
int gnutls_tdb_init (gnutls_tdb_t * tdb)

void gnutls_tdb_deinit (gnutls_tdb_t tdb)

void gnutls_tdb_set_verify_func (gnutls_tdb_t tdb, gnutls_tdb_verify_func verify)

void gnutls_tdb_set_store_func (gnutls_tdb_t tdb, gnutls_tdb_store_func store)

void gnutls_tdb_set_store_commitment_func (gnutls_tdb_t tdb,
gnutls_tdb_store_commitment_func cstore)
```

### DANE verification

Since the DANE library is not included in GnuTLS it requires programs to be linked against it. This can be achieved with the following commands.

```
1 gcc -o foo foo.c `pkg-config gnutls-dane --cflags --libs`
```

When a program uses the GNU autoconf system, then the following line or similar can be used to detect the presence of the library.

```
1 PKG_CHECK_MODULES([LIBDANE], [gnutls-dane >= 3.0.0])
2
3 AC_SUBST([LIBDANE_CFLAGS])
4 AC_SUBST([LIBDANE_LIBS])
```

The high level functionality provided by the DANE library is shown below.

```
int dane_verify_session_cert (dane_state_t s, gnutls_session_t session, const char *
hostname, const char * proto, unsigned int port, unsigned int sflags, unsigned int
vflags, unsigned int * verify)

const char * dane_strerror (int error)
```

Note that the `dane_state_t` structure that is accepted by both verification functions is optional. It is required when many queries are performed to optimize against multiple re-initializations of the resolving back-end and loading of DNSSEC keys.

The following flags are returned by the verify functions to indicate the status of the verification.

In order to generate a DANE TLSA entry to use in a DNS server you may use `danetool` (see [subsection 3.2.8](#)).

```
int dane_verify_cert (dane_state_t s, const gnutls_datum_t * chain, unsigned
chain_size, gnutls_certificate_type_t chain_type, const char * hostname, const
char * proto, unsigned int port, unsigned int sflags, unsigned int vflags, unsigned
int * verify)
```

**Description:** This function will verify the given certificate chain against the CA constraints and/or the certificate available via DANE. If no information via DANE can be obtained the flag **DANE\_VERIFY\_NO\_DANE\_INFO** is set. If a DNSSEC signature is not available for the DANE record then the verify flag **DANE\_VERIFY\_NO\_DNSSEC\_DATA** is set. Due to the many possible options of DANE, there is no single threat model countered. When notifying the user about DANE verification results it may be better to mention: DANE verification did not reject the certificate, rather than mentioning a successful DANE verification. Note that this function is designed to be run in addition to PKIX - certificate chain - verification. To be run independently the **DANE\_VFLAG\_ONLY\_CHECK\_EE\_USAGE** flag should be specified; then the function will check whether the key of the peer matches the key advertised in the DANE entry.

**Returns:** a negative error code on error and **DANE\_E\_SUCCESS** (0) when the DANE entries were successfully parsed, irrespective of whether they were verified (see `verify` for that information). If no usable entries were encountered **DANE\_E\_REQUESTED\_DATA\_NOT\_AVAILABLE** will be returned.

#### 5.12.4. TLS 1.2 re-authentication

In TLS 1.2 or earlier there is no distinction between re-key, re-authentication, and re-negotiation. All of these use cases are handled by the TLS' rehandshake process. For that reason in GnuTLS rehandshake is not transparent to the application, and the application must explicitly take control of that process. In addition GnuTLS since version 3.5.0 will not allow the peer to switch identities during a rehandshake. The threat addressed by that behavior depends on the application protocol, but primarily it protects applications from being misled by a rehandshake which switches the peer's identity. Applications can disable this protection by using the **GNUTLS\_ALLOW\_ID\_CHANGE** flag in `gnutls_init`.

The following paragraphs explain how to safely use the rehandshake process.

##### Client side

According to the TLS specification a client may initiate a rehandshake at any time. That can be achieved by calling `gnutls_handshake` and rely on its return value for the outcome of the handshake (the server may deny a rehandshake). If a server requests a re-handshake, then a call to `gnutls_record_recv` will return **GNUTLS\_E\_REHANDSHAKE** in the client, instructing it to call `gnutls_handshake`. To deny a rehandshake request by the server it is recommended to send a warning alert of type **GNUTLS\_A\_NO\_RENEGOTIATION**.

Due to limitations of early protocol versions, it is required to check whether safe renegotiation

is in place, i.e., using `gnutls_safe_renegotiation_status`, which ensures that the server remains the same as the initial.

To make re-authentication transparent to the application when requested by the server, use the `GNUTLS_AUTO_REAUTH` flag on the `gnutls_init` call. In that case the re-authentication will happen in the call of `gnutls_record_recv` that received the reauthentication request.

*unsigned* `gnutls_safe_renegotiation_status` (*gnutls\_session\_t* session)

**Description:** Can be used to check whether safe renegotiation is being used in the current session.

**Returns:** 0 when safe renegotiation is not used and non (0) when safe renegotiation is used.

### Server side

A server which wants to instruct the client to re-authenticate, should call `gnutls_rehandshake` and wait for the client to re-authenticate. It is recommended to only request re-handshake when safe renegotiation is enabled for that session (see `gnutls_safe_renegotiation_status` and the discussion in [subsection 2.6.5](#)). A server could also encounter the `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE` error code while receiving data. That indicates a client-initiated re-handshake request. In that case the server could ignore that request, perform handshake (unsafe when done generally), or even drop the connection.

#### 5.12.5. TLS 1.3 re-authentication and re-key

The TLS 1.3 protocol distinguishes between re-key and re-authentication. The re-key process ensures that fresh keys are supplied to the already negotiated parameters, and on GnuTLS can be initiated using `gnutls_session_key_update`. The re-key process can be one-way (i.e., the calling party only changes its keys), or two-way where the peer is requested to change keys as well.

The re-authentication process, allows the connected client to switch identity by presenting a new certificate. Unlike TLS 1.2, the server is not allowed to change identities. That client re-authentication, or post-handshake authentication can be initiated only by the server using `gnutls_reauth`, and only if a client has advertized support for it. Both server and client have to explicitly enable support for post handshake authentication using the `GNUTLS_POST_HANDSHAKE_AUTH` flag at `gnutls_init`.

A client receiving a re-authentication request will "see" the error code `GNUTLS_E_REAUTH_REQUEST` at `gnutls_record_recv`. At this point, it should also call `gnutls_reauth`.

To make re-authentication transparent to the application when requested by the server, use the `GNUTLS_AUTO_REAUTH` and `GNUTLS_POST_HANDSHAKE_AUTH` flags on the `gnutls_init` call. In

```
int gnutls_rehandshake (gnutls_session_t session)
```

**Description:** This function can only be called in server side, and instructs a TLS 1.2 or earlier client to renegotiate parameters (perform a handshake), by sending a hello request message. If this function succeeds, the calling application should call `gnutls_record_recv()` until `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE` is returned to clear any pending data. If the `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE` error code is not seen, then the handshake request was not followed by the peer (the TLS protocol does not require the client to do, and such compliance should be handled by the application protocol). Once the `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE` error code is seen, the calling application should proceed to calling `gnutls_handshake()` to negotiate the new parameters. If the client does not wish to renegotiate parameters he may reply with an alert message, and in that case the return code seen by subsequent `gnutls_record_recv()` will be `GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED` with the specific alert being `GNUTLS_A_NO_RENEGOTIATION`. A client may also choose to ignore this request. Under TLS 1.3 this function is equivalent to `gnutls_session_key_update()` with the `GNUTLS_KU_PEER` flag. In that case subsequent calls to `gnutls_record_recv()` will not return `GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE`, and calls to `gnutls_handshake()` in server side are a no-op. This function always fails with `GNUTLS_E_INVALID_REQUEST` when called in client side.

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, otherwise a negative error code.

that case the re-authentication will happen in the call of `gnutls_record_recv` that received the reauthentication request.

### 5.12.6. Parameter generation

Prior to GnuTLS 3.6.0 for the ephemeral or anonymous Diffie-Hellman (DH) TLS ciphersuites the application was required to generate or provide DH parameters. That is no longer necessary as GnuTLS utilizes DH parameters and negotiation from [13].

Applications can tune the used parameters by explicitly specifying them in the priority string. In server side applications can set the minimum acceptable level of DH parameters by calling `gnutls_certificate_set_known_dh_params`, `gnutls_anon_set_server_known_dh_params`, or `gnutls_psk_set_server_known_dh_params`, depending on the type of the credentials, to set the lower acceptable parameter limits. Typical applications should rely on the default settings.

```
int gnutls_certificate_set_known_dh_params (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res,  
gnutls_sec_param_t sec_param)
```

**Deprecated:** This function is unnecessary and discouraged on GnuTLS 3.6.0 or later.  
Since 3.6.0, DH parameters are negotiated following RFC7919.

```
int gnutls_anon_set_server_known_dh_params (gnutls_anon_server_credentials_t  
res, gnutls_sec_param_t sec_param)
```

**Deprecated:** This function is unnecessary and discouraged on GnuTLS 3.6.0 or later.  
Since 3.6.0, DH parameters are negotiated following RFC7919.

```
int gnutls_psk_set_server_known_dh_params (gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t res,  
gnutls_sec_param_t sec_param)
```

**Deprecated:** This function is unnecessary and discouraged on GnuTLS 3.6.0 or later.  
Since 3.6.0, DH parameters are negotiated following RFC7919.

### Legacy parameter generation

Note that older than 3.5.6 versions of GnuTLS provided functions to generate or import arbitrary DH parameters from a file. This practice is still supported but discouraged in current versions. There is no known advantage from using random parameters, while there have been several occasions where applications were utilizing incorrect, weak or insecure parameters. This is the main reason GnuTLS includes the well-known parameters of [13] and recommends applications utilizing them.

In older applications which require to specify explicit DH parameters, we recommend using `certtool` (of GnuTLS 3.5.6 or later) with the `--get-dh-params` option to obtain the FFDHE parameters discussed above. The output parameters of the tool are in PKCS#3 format and can be imported by most existing applications.

The following functions are still supported but considered obsolete.

```
int gnutls_dh_params_generate2 (gnutls_dh_params_t dparams, unsigned int bits)
```

```
int gnutls_dh_params_import_pkcs3 (gnutls_dh_params_t params, const  
gnutls_datum_t * pkcs3_params, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format)
```

```
void gnutls_certificate_set_dh_params (gnutls_certificate_credentials_t res,  
gnutls_dh_params_t dh_params)
```

**Deprecated:** This function is unnecessary and discouraged on GnuTLS 3.6.0 or later.  
Since 3.6.0, DH parameters are negotiated following RFC7919.

### 5.12.7. Deriving keys for other applications/protocols

In several cases, after a TLS connection is established, it is desirable to derive keys to be used in another application or protocol (e.g., in an other TLS session using pre-shared keys). The following describe GnuTLS' implementation of RFC5705 to extract keys based on a session's master secret.

The API to use is `gnutls_prf_rfc5705`. The function needs to be provided with a label, and additional context data to mix in the `context` parameter.

```
int gnutls_prf_rfc5705 (gnutls_session_t session, size_t label_size, const char * label, size_t context_size, const char * context, size_t outsize, char * out)
```

**Description:** Exports keying material from TLS/DTLS session to an application, as specified in RFC5705. In the TLS versions prior to 1.3, it applies the TLS Pseudo-Random-Function (PRF) on the master secret and the provided data, seeded with the client and server random fields. In TLS 1.3, it applies HKDF on the exporter master secret derived from the master secret. The `label` variable usually contains a string denoting the purpose for the generated data. The `context` variable can be used to add more data to the seed, after the random variables. It can be used to make sure the generated output is strongly connected to some additional data (e.g., a string used in user authentication). The output is placed in `out`, which must be pre-allocated. Note that, to provide the RFC5705 context, the `context` variable must be non-null.

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, or an error code.

For example, after establishing a TLS session using `gnutls_handshake`, you can obtain 32-bytes to be used as key, using this call:

```
1 #define MYLABEL "EXPORTER-My-protocol-name"
2 #define MYCONTEXT "my-protocol's-1st-session"
3
4 char out[32];
5 rc = gnutls_prf_rfc5705 (session, sizeof(MYLABEL)-1, MYLABEL,
6                          sizeof(MYCONTEXT)-1, MYCONTEXT, 32, out);
```

The output key depends on TLS' master secret, and is the same on both client and server.

For legacy applications which need to use a more flexible API, there is `gnutls_prf`, which in addition, allows to switch the mix of the client and server random nonces, using the `server_random_first` parameter. For additional flexibility and low-level access to the TLS1.2 PRF, there is a low-level TLS PRF interface called `gnutls_prf_raw`. That however is not functional under newer protocol versions.

### 5.12.8. Channel bindings

In user authentication protocols (e.g., EAP or SASL mechanisms) it is useful to have a unique string that identifies the secure channel that is used, to bind together the user authentication with the secure channel. This can protect against man-in-the-middle attacks in some situations. That unique string is called a “channel binding”. For background and discussion see [42].

In GnuTLS you can extract a channel binding using the `gnutls_session_channel_binding` function. Currently only the type `GNUTLS_CB_TLS_UNIQUE` is supported, which corresponds to the `tls-unique` channel binding for TLS defined in [4].

The following example describes how to print the channel binding data. Note that it must be run after a successful TLS handshake.

```
1 {
2     gnutls_datum_t cb;
3     int rc;
4
5     rc = gnutls_session_channel_binding (session,
6                                         GNUTLS_CB_TLS_UNIQUE,
7                                         &cb);
8     if (rc)
9         fprintf (stderr, "Channel binding error: %s\n",
10                 gnutls_strerror (rc));
11     else
12     {
13         size_t i;
14         printf ("- Channel binding 'tls-unique': ");
15         for (i = 0; i < cb.size; i++)
16             printf ("%02x", cb.data[i]);
17         printf ("\n");
18     }
19 }
```

### 5.12.9. Interoperability

The TLS protocols support many ciphersuites, extensions and version numbers. As a result, few implementations are not able to properly interoperate once faced with extensions or version protocols they do not support and understand. The TLS protocol allows for a graceful downgrade to the commonly supported options, but practice shows it is not always implemented correctly.

Because there is no way to achieve maximum interoperability with broken peers without sacrificing security, GnuTLS ignores such peers by default. This might not be acceptable in cases where maximum compatibility is required. Thus we allow enabling compatibility with broken peers using priority strings (see [section 5.10](#)). A conservative priority string that would disable certain TLS protocol options that are known to cause compatibility problems, is shown below.

`NORMAL:%COMPAT`

For very old broken peers that do not tolerate TLS version numbers over TLS 1.0 another priority string is:

`NORMAL:-VERS-ALL:+VERS-TLS1.0:+VERS-SSL3.0:%COMPAT`

This priority string will in addition to above, only enable SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0 as protocols.

#### 5.12.10. Compatibility with the OpenSSL library

To ease GnuTLS' integration with existing applications, a compatibility layer with the OpenSSL library is included in the `gnutls-openssl` library. This compatibility layer is not complete and it is not intended to completely re-implement the OpenSSL API with GnuTLS. It only provides limited source-level compatibility.

The prototypes for the compatibility functions are in the “`gnutls/openssl.h`” header file. The limitations imposed by the compatibility layer include:

- Error handling is not thread safe.



<b>enum gnutls_init_flags_t:</b>	
<b>GNUTLS_SERVER</b>	Connection end is a server.
<b>GNUTLS_CLIENT</b>	Connection end is a client.
<b>GNUTLS_DATAGRAM</b>	Connection is datagram oriented (DTLS). Since 3.0.0.
<b>GNUTLS_NONBLOCK</b>	Connection should not block. Since 3.0.0.
<b>GNUTLS_NO_EXTENSIONS</b>	Do not enable any TLS extensions by default (since 3.1.2). As TLS 1.2 and later require extensions this option is considered obsolete and should not be used.
<b>GNUTLS_NO_REPLAY_PROTECTION</b>	Disable any replay protection in DTLS. This must only be used if replay protection is achieved using other means. Since 3.2.2.
<b>GNUTLS_NO_SIGNAL</b>	In systems where SIGPIPE is delivered on send, it will be disabled. That flag has effect in systems which support the MSG_NOSIGNAL sockets flag (since 3.4.2).
<b>GNUTLS_ALLOW_ID_CHANGE</b>	Allow the peer to replace its certificate, or change its ID during a rehandshake. This change is often used in attacks and thus prohibited by default. Since 3.5.0.
<b>GNUTLS_ENABLE_FALSE_START</b>	Enable the TLS false start on client side if the negotiated ciphersuites allow it. This will enable sending data prior to the handshake being complete, and may introduce a risk of crypto failure when combined with certain key exchanged; for that GnuTLS may not enable that option in ciphersuites that are known to be not safe for false start. Since 3.5.0.
<b>GNUTLS_FORCE_CLIENT_CERT</b>	When in client side and only a single cert is specified, send that certificate irrespective of the issuers expected by the server. Since 3.5.0.
<b>GNUTLS_NO_TICKETS</b>	Flag to indicate that the session should not use resumption with session tickets.
<b>GNUTLS_KEY_SHARE_TOP</b>	Generate key share for the first group which is enabled. For example x25519. This option is the most performant for client (less CPU spent generating keys), but if the server doesn't support the advertized option it may result to more roundtrips needed to discover the server's choice.
<b>GNUTLS_KEY_SHARE_TOP2</b>	Generate key shares for the top-2 different groups which are enabled. For example (ECDH + x25519). This is the default.
<b>GNUTLS_KEY_SHARE_TOP3</b>	Generate key shares for the top-3 different groups which are enabled. That is, as each group is associated with a key type (EC, finite field, x25519), generate three keys using <b>GNUTLS_PK_DH</b> , <b>GNUTLS_PK_EC</b> , <b>GNUTLS_PK_ECDH_X25519</b> if all of them are enabled.
<b>GNUTLS_POST_HANDSHAKE_AUTH</b>	Enable post handshake authentication for server and client. When set and a server requests authentication after handshake <b>GNUTLS_E_REAUTH_REQUEST</b> will be returned by <b>gnutls_record_recv()</b> . A client should then call <b>gnutls_reauth()</b> to re-authenticate.
<b>GNUTLS_NO_AUTO_REKEY</b>	Disable auto-rekeying under TLS1.3. If this option

Authentication method	Key exchange	Client credentials	Server credentials
Certificate and Raw public-key	KX_RSA, KX_DHE_RSA, KX_DHE_DSS, KX_ECDHE_RSA, KX_ECDHE_ECDSA	CRD_CERTIFICATE	CRD_CERTIFICATE
Password and certificate	KX_SRP_RSA, KX_SRP_DSS	CRD_SRP	CRD_CERTIFICATE, CRD_SRP
Password	KX_SRP	CRD_SRP	CRD_SRP
Anonymous	KX_ANON_DH, KX_ANON_ECDH	CRD_ANON	CRD_ANON
Pre-shared key	KX_PSK, KX_DHE_PSK, KX_ECDHE_PSK	CRD_PSK	CRD_PSK

Table 5.3.: Key exchange algorithms and the corresponding credential types.

Keyword	Description
@KEYWORD	Means that a compile-time specified system configuration file (see ??) will be used to expand the provided keyword. That is used to impose system-specific policies. It may be followed by additional options that will be appended to the system string (e.g., "@SYSTEM:+SRP"). The system file should have the format 'KEYWORD=VALUE', e.g., 'SYSTEM=NORMAL:+ARCFOUR-128'. Since version 3.5.1 it is allowed to specify fallback keywords such as @KEYWORD1,@KEYWORD2, and the first valid keyword will be used.
PERFORMANCE	All the known to be secure ciphersuites are enabled, limited to 128 bit ciphers and sorted by terms of speed performance. The message authenticity security level is of 64 bits or more, and the certificate verification profile is set to GNUTLS_PROFILE_LOW (80-bits).
NORMAL	Means all the known to be secure ciphersuites. The ciphers are sorted by security margin, although the 256-bit ciphers are included as a fallback only. The message authenticity security level is of 64 bits or more, and the certificate verification profile is set to GNUTLS_PROFILE_LOW (80-bits). This priority string implicitly enables ECDHE and DHE. The ECDHE ciphersuites are placed first in the priority order, but due to compatibility issues with the DHE ciphersuites they are placed last in the priority order, after the plain RSA ciphersuites.
LEGACY	This sets the NORMAL settings that were used for GnuTLS 3.2.x or earlier. There is no verification profile set, and the allowed DH primes are considered weak today (but are often used by misconfigured servers).
PFS	Means all the known to be secure ciphersuites that support perfect forward secrecy (ECDHE and DHE). The ciphers are sorted by security margin, although the 256-bit ciphers are included as a fallback only. The message authenticity security level is of 80 bits or more, and the certificate verification profile is set to GNUTLS_PROFILE_LOW (80-bits). This option is available since 3.2.4 or later.
SECURE128	Means all known to be secure ciphersuites that offer a security level 128-bit or more. The message authenticity security level is of 80 bits or more, and the certificate verification profile is set to GNUTLS_PROFILE_LOW (80-bits).
SECURE192	Means all the known to be secure ciphersuites that offer a security level 192-bit or more. The message authenticity security level is of 128 bits or more, and the certificate verification profile is set to GNUTLS_PROFILE_HIGH (128-bits).
SECURE256	Currently alias for SECURE192. This option, will enable ciphers which use a 256-bit key but, due to limitations of the TLS protocol, the overall security level will be 192-bits (the security level depends on more factors than cipher key size).
SUITEB128	Means all the NSA Suite B cryptography (RFC5430) ciphersuites with an 128 bit security level, as well as the enabling of the corresponding verification profile.
SUITEB192	Means all the NSA Suite B cryptography (RFC5430) ciphersuites with an 192 bit security level, as well as the enabling of the corre-

Type	Keywords
Ciphers	Examples are AES-128-GCM, AES-256-GCM, AES-256-CBC, GOST28147-TC26Z-CNT; see also <a href="#">Table 2.1</a> for more options. Catch all name is CIPHER-ALL which will add all the algorithms from NORMAL priority. The shortcut for secure GOST algorithms is CIPHER-GOST-ALL.
Key exchange	RSA, DHE-RSA, DHE-DSS, SRP, SRP-RSA, SRP-DSS, PSK, DHE-PSK, ECDHE-PSK, ECDHE-RSA, ECDHE-ECDSA, VKO-GOST-12, ANON-ECDH, ANON-DH. Catch all name is KX-ALL which will add all the algorithms from NORMAL priority. Under TLS1.3, the DHE-PSK and ECDHE-PSK strings are equivalent and instruct for a Diffie-Hellman key exchange using the enabled groups. The shortcut for secure GOST algorithms is KX-GOST-ALL.
MAC	MD5, SHA1, SHA256, SHA384, GOST28147-TC26Z-IMIT, AEAD (used with GCM ciphers only). All algorithms from NORMAL priority can be accessed with MAC-ALL. The shortcut for secure GOST algorithms is MAC-GOST-ALL.
Compression algorithms	COMP-NULL, COMP-DEFLATE. Catch all is COMP-ALL.
TLS versions	VERS-TLS1.0, VERS-TLS1.1, VERS-TLS1.2, VERS-TLS1.3, VERS-DTLS1.0, VERS-DTLS1.2. Catch all are VERS-ALL, and will enable all protocols from NORMAL priority. To distinguish between TLS and DTLS versions you can use VERS-TLS-ALL and VERS-DTLS-ALL.
Signature algorithms	SIGN-RSA-SHA1, SIGN-RSA-SHA224, SIGN-RSA-SHA256, SIGN-RSA-SHA384, SIGN-RSA-SHA512, SIGN-DSA-SHA1, SIGN-DSA-SHA224, SIGN-DSA-SHA256, SIGN-RSA-MD5, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA1, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA224, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA256, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA384, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA512, SIGN-RSA-PSS-SHA256, SIGN-RSA-PSS-SHA384, SIGN-RSA-PSS-SHA512, SIGN-GOSTR341001, SIGN-GOSTR341012-256, SIGN-GOSTR341012-512. Catch all which enables all algorithms from NORMAL priority is SIGN-ALL. Shortcut which enables secure GOST algorithms is SIGN-GOST-ALL. This option is only considered for TLS 1.2 and later.
Groups	GROUP-SECP256R1, GROUP-SECP384R1, GROUP-SECP521R1, GROUP-X25519, GROUP-X448, GROUP-FFDHE2048, GROUP-FFDHE3072, GROUP-FFDHE4096, GROUP-FFDHE6144, and GROUP-FFDHE8192. Groups include both elliptic curve groups, e.g., SECP256R1, as well as finite field groups such as FFDHE2048. Catch all which enables all groups from NORMAL priority is GROUP-ALL. The helper keywords GROUP-DH-ALL, GROUP-GOST-ALL and GROUP-EC-ALL are also available, restricting the groups to finite fields (DH), GOST curves and generic elliptic curves.
Elliptic curves (legacy)	CURVE-SECP192R1, CURVE-SECP224R1, CURVE-SECP256R1, CURVE-SECP384R1, CURVE-SECP521R1, CURVE-X25519, and CURVE-X448. Catch all which enables all curves from NORMAL priority is CURVE-ALL. Note that the CURVE keyword is kept for backwards compatibility only, for new applications see the GROUP keyword above.

Keyword	Description
%COMPAT	will enable compatibility mode. It might mean that violations of the protocols are allowed as long as maximum compatibility with problematic clients and servers is achieved. More specifically this string will tolerate packets over the maximum allowed TLS record, and add a padding to TLS Client Hello packet to prevent it being in the 256-512 range which is known to be causing issues with a commonly used firewall (see the %DUMBFW option).
%DUMBFW	will add a private extension with bogus data that make the client hello exceed 512 bytes. This avoids a black hole behavior in some firewalls. This is the [20] client hello padding extension, also enabled with %COMPAT.
%NO_EXTENSIONS	will prevent the sending of any TLS extensions in client side. Note that TLS 1.2 requires extensions to be used, as well as safe renegotiation thus this option must be used with care. When this option is set no versions later than TLS1.2 can be negotiated.
%NO_TICKETS	will prevent the advertizing of the TLS session ticket extension. This is implied by the PFS keyword.
%NO_SESSION_HASH	will prevent the advertizing the TLS extended master secret (session hash) extension.
%SERVER_PRECEDENCE	The ciphersuite will be selected according to server priorities and not the client's.
%SSL3_RECORD_VERSION	will use SSL3.0 record version in client hello. By default GnuTLS will set the minimum supported version as the client hello record version (do not confuse that version with the proposed handshake version at the client hello).
%LATEST_RECORD_VERSION	will use the latest TLS version record version in client hello.

Table 5.6.: Special priority string keywords.

Keyword	Description
%STATELESS_COMPRESSION	ignored; no longer used.
%DISABLE_WILDCARDS	will disable matching wildcards when comparing hostnames in certificates.
%NO_ETM	will disable the encrypt-then-mac TLS extension (RFC7366). This is implied by the %COMPAT keyword.
%FORCE_ETM	negotiate CBC ciphersuites only when both sides of the connection support encrypt-then-mac TLS extension (RFC7366).
%DISABLE_SAFE_RENEGOTIATION	will completely disable safe renegotiation completely. Do not use unless you know what you are doing.
%UNSAFE_RENEGOTIATION	will allow handshakes and re-handshakes without the safe renegotiation extension. Note that for clients this mode is insecure (you may be under attack), and for servers it will allow insecure clients to connect (which could be fooled by an attacker). Do not use unless you know what you are doing and want maximum compatibility.
%PARTIAL_RENEGOTIATION	will allow initial handshakes to proceed, but not re-handshakes. This leaves the client vulnerable to attack, and servers will be compatible with non-upgraded clients for initial handshakes. This is currently the default for clients and servers, for compatibility reasons.
%SAFE_RENEGOTIATION	will enforce safe renegotiation. Clients and servers will refuse to talk to an insecure peer. Currently this causes interoperability problems, but is required for full protection.
%FALLBACK_SCSV	will enable the use of the fallback signaling cipher suite value in the client hello. Note that this should be set only by applications that try to reconnect with a downgraded protocol version. See RFC7507 for details.
%VERIFY_ALLOW_BROKEN	will allow signatures with known to be broken algorithms (such as MD5 or SHA1) in certificate chains.
%VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_RSA_MD5	will allow RSA-MD5 signatures in certificate chains.
%VERIFY_ALLOW_SIGN_WITH_SHA1	will allow signatures with SHA1 hash algorithm in certificate chains.
%VERIFY_DISABLE_CRL_CHECKS	will disable CRL or OCSP checks in the verification of the certificate chain.
%VERIFY_ALLOW_X509_V1_CA_CRT	will allow V1 CAs in chains.
%PROFILE_(LOW—LEGACY—MEDIUM—HIGH—ULTRA—FUTURE)	require a certificate with a given profile the corresponds to the specified security level, see <a href="#">Table 5.8</a> for the mappings to values.

Security bits	RSA, DH and SRP parameter size	ECC key size	Security parameter (profile)	Description
<64	<768	<128	INSECURE	Considered to be insecure
64	768	128	VERY WEAK	Short term protection against individuals
72	1008	160	WEAK	Short term protection against small organizations
80	1024	160	LOW	Very short term protection against agencies (corresponds to ENISA legacy level)
96	1776	192	LEGACY	Legacy standard level
112	2048	224	MEDIUM	Medium-term protection
128	3072	256	HIGH	Long term protection (corresponds to ENISA future level)
192	8192	384	ULTRA	Even longer term protection
256	15424	512	FUTURE	Foreseeable future

Table 5.8.: Key sizes and security parameters.

<b>enum dane_verify_status_t:</b>	
<b>DANE_VERIFY_CA_CONSTRAINTS_VIOLATED</b>	The CA constraints were violated.
<b>DANE_VERIFY_CERT_DIFFERS</b>	The certificate obtained via DNS differs.
<b>DANE_VERIFY_UNKNOWN_DANE_INFO</b>	No known DANE data was found in the DNS record.

Table 5.9.: The DANE verification status flags.





# 6

## GnuTLS application examples

In this chapter several examples of real-world use cases are listed. The examples are simplified to promote readability and contain little or no error checking.

### 6.1. Client examples

This section contains examples of TLS and SSL clients, using GnuTLS. Note that some of the examples require functions implemented by another example.

#### 6.1.1. Client example with X.509 certificate support

Let's assume now that we want to create a TCP client which communicates with servers that use X.509 certificate authentication. The following client is a very simple TLS client, which uses the high level verification functions for certificates, but does not support session resumption.

Note that this client utilizes functionality present in the latest GnuTLS version. For a reasonably portable version see [subsection 6.3.7](#).

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <assert.h>
11 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
12 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
13 #include "examples.h"
14
15 /* A very basic TLS client, with X.509 authentication and server certificate
16  * verification. Note that error recovery is minimal for simplicity.
17  */
18
19 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
20 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
21     do { \
22         rval = cmd; \
```

```

23     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED); \
24     assert(rval >= 0)
25
26 #define MAX_BUF 1024
27 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
28
29 extern int tcp_connect(void);
30 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
31
32 int main(void)
33 {
34     int ret, sd, ii;
35     gnutls_session_t session;
36     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1], *desc;
37     gnutls_datum_t out;
38     int type;
39     unsigned status;
40     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t xcred;
41
42     if (gnutls_check_version("3.4.6") == NULL) {
43         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.4.6 or later is required for this example\n");
44         exit(1);
45     }
46
47     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
48     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
49
50     /* X509 stuff */
51     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&xcred));
52
53     /* sets the system trusted CAs for Internet PKI */
54     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust(xcred));
55
56     /* If client holds a certificate it can be set using the following:
57      *
58      gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file (xcred, "cert.pem", "key.pem",
59      GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
60      */
61
62     /* Initialize TLS session */
63     CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT));
64
65     CHECK(gnutls_server_name_set(session, GNUTLS_NAME_DNS, "www.example.com",
66                                strlen("www.example.com")));
67
68     /* It is recommended to use the default priorities */
69     CHECK(gnutls_set_default_priority(session));
70
71     /* put the x509 credentials to the current session
72      */
73     CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, xcred));
74     gnutls_session_set_verify_cert(session, "www.example.com", 0);
75
76     /* connect to the peer
77      */
78     sd = tcp_connect();
79
80     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);

```

```

81     gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,
82                                   GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
83
84     /* Perform the TLS handshake
85      */
86     do {
87         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
88     }
89     while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
90     if (ret < 0) {
91         if (ret == GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_VERIFICATION_ERROR) {
92             /* check certificate verification status */
93             type = gnutls_certificate_type_get(session);
94             status = gnutls_session_get_verify_cert_status(session);
95             CHECK(gnutls_certificate_verification_status_print(status,
96                       type, &out, 0));
97             printf("cert verify output: %s\n", out.data);
98             gnutls_free(out.data);
99         }
100        fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
101        goto end;
102    } else {
103        desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
104        printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
105        gnutls_free(desc);
106    }
107
108    /* send data */
109    LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
110
111    LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
112    if (ret == 0) {
113        printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
114        goto end;
115    } else if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
116        fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
117    } else if (ret < 0) {
118        fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
119        goto end;
120    }
121
122    if (ret > 0) {
123        printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
124        for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
125            fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
126        }
127        fputs("\n", stdout);
128    }
129
130    CHECK(gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR));
131
132    end:
133
134    tcp_close(sd);
135
136    gnutls_deinit(session);
137
138    gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(xcred);

```

```

139
140     gnutls_global_deinit();
141
142     return 0;
143 }

```

### 6.1.2. Datagram TLS client example

This is a client that uses UDP to connect to a server. This is the DTLS equivalent to the TLS example with X.509 certificates.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <assert.h>
14 #include <unistd.h>
15 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
16 #include <gnutls/dtls.h>
17
18 /* A very basic Datagram TLS client, over UDP with X.509 authentication.
19  */
20
21 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
22 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
23     do { \
24         rval = cmd; \
25     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED); \
26     assert(rval >= 0)
27
28 #define MAX_BUF 1024
29 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
30
31 extern int udp_connect(void);
32 extern void udp_close(int sd);
33 extern int verify_certificate_callback(gnutls_session_t session);
34
35 int main(void)
36 {
37     int ret, sd, ii;
38     gnutls_session_t session;
39     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
40     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t xcred;
41
42     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
43         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
44         exit(1);
45     }

```

```
46
47     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
48     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
49
50     /* X509 stuff */
51     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&xcred));
52
53     /* sets the system trusted CAs for Internet PKI */
54     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust(xcred));
55
56     /* Initialize TLS session */
57     CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT | GNUTLS_DATAGRAM));
58
59     /* Use default priorities */
60     CHECK(gnutls_set_default_priority(session));
61
62     /* put the x509 credentials to the current session */
63     CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, xcred));
64     CHECK(gnutls_server_name_set(session, GNUTLS_NAME_DNS, "www.example.com",
65                                 strlen("www.example.com")));
66
67     gnutls_session_set_verify_cert(session, "www.example.com", 0);
68
69     /* connect to the peer */
70     sd = udp_connect();
71
72     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
73
74     /* set the connection MTU */
75     gnutls_dtls_set_mtu(session, 1000);
76     /* gnutls_dtls_set_timeouts(session, 1000, 60000); */
77
78     /* Perform the TLS handshake */
79     do {
80         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
81     }
82     while (ret == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED || ret == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN);
83     /* Note that DTLS may also receive GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET */
84
85     if (ret < 0) {
86         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
87         gnutls_perror(ret);
88         goto end;
89     } else {
90         char *desc;
91
92         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
93         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
94         gnutls_free(desc);
95     }
96
97     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
98
99     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
100     if (ret == 0) {
101         printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
102         goto end;
103     } else if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
```

```

104         fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
105     } else if (ret < 0) {
106         fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
107         goto end;
108     }
109
110     if (ret > 0) {
111         printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
112         for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
113             fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
114         }
115         fputs("\n", stdout);
116     }
117
118     /* It is suggested not to use GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR in DTLS
119      * connections because the peer's closure message might
120      * be lost */
121     CHECK(gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_WR));
122
123 end:
124
125     udp_close(sd);
126
127     gnutls_deinit(session);
128
129     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(xcred);
130
131     gnutls_global_deinit();
132
133     return 0;
134 }

```

### 6.1.3. Using a smart card with TLS

This example will demonstrate how to load keys and certificates from a smart-card or any other PKCS #11 token, and use it in a TLS connection. The difference between this and the [subsection 6.1.1](#) is that the client keys are provided as PKCS #11 URIs instead of files.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <unistd.h>
14 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
15 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
16 #include <gnutls/pkcs11.h>
17 #include <assert.h>

```

```
18 #include <sys/types.h>
19 #include <sys/stat.h>
20 #include <fcntl.h>
21 #include <getpass.h>          /* for getpass() */
22
23 /* A TLS client that loads the certificate and key.
24  */
25
26 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
27
28 #define MAX_BUF 1024
29 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
30 #define MIN(x,y) ((x)<(y))?(x):(y)
31
32 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
33
34 /* The URLs of the objects can be obtained
35  * using p11tool --list-all --login
36  */
37 #define KEY_URL "pkcs11:manufacturer=SomeManufacturer;object=Private%20Key" \
38               ";objecttype=private;id=db%5b%3e%b5%72%33"
39 #define CERT_URL "pkcs11:manufacturer=SomeManufacturer;object=Certificate;" \
40               "objecttype=cert;id=db%5b%3e%b5%72%33"
41
42 extern int tcp_connect(void);
43 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
44
45 static int
46 pin_callback(void *user, int attempt, const char *token_url,
47             const char *token_label, unsigned int flags, char *pin,
48             size_t pin_max)
49 {
50     const char *password;
51     int len;
52
53     printf("PIN required for token '%s' with URL '%s'\n", token_label,
54           token_url);
55     if (flags & GNUTLS_PIN_FINAL_TRY)
56         printf("*** This is the final try before locking!\n");
57     if (flags & GNUTLS_PIN_COUNT_LOW)
58         printf("*** Only few tries left before locking!\n");
59     if (flags & GNUTLS_PIN_WRONG)
60         printf("*** Wrong PIN\n");
61
62     password = getpass("Enter pin: ");
63     /* FIXME: ensure that we are in UTF-8 locale */
64     if (password == NULL || password[0] == 0) {
65         fprintf(stderr, "No password given\n");
66         exit(1);
67     }
68
69     len = MIN(pin_max - 1, strlen(password));
70     memcpy(pin, password, len);
71     pin[len] = 0;
72
73     return 0;
74 }
75
```

```

76 int main(void)
77 {
78     int ret, sd, ii;
79     gnutls_session_t session;
80     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
81     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t xcred;
82     /* Allow connections to servers that have OpenPGP keys as well.
83        */
84
85     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
86         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
87         exit(1);
88     }
89
90     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
91     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
92
93     /* The PKCS11 private key operations may require PIN.
94        * Register a callback. */
95     gnutls_pkcs11_set_pin_function(pin_callback, NULL);
96
97     /* X509 stuff */
98     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&xcred));
99
100    /* sets the trusted cas file
101       */
102    CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(xcred, CAFILE,
103                                                GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM));
104
105    CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file(xcred, CERT_URL, KEY_URL,
106                                                GNUTLS_X509_FMT_DER));
107
108    /* Note that there is no server certificate verification in this example
109       */
110
111
112    /* Initialize TLS session
113       */
114    CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT));
115
116    /* Use default priorities */
117    CHECK(gnutls_set_default_priority(session));
118
119    /* put the x509 credentials to the current session
120       */
121    CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, xcred));
122
123    /* connect to the peer
124       */
125    sd = tcp_connect();
126
127    gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
128
129    /* Perform the TLS handshake
130       */
131    ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
132
133    if (ret < 0) {

```



```
134         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
135         gnutls_perror(ret);
136         goto end;
137     } else {
138         char *desc;
139
140         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
141         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
142         gnutls_free(desc);
143     }
144
145     CHECK(gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
146
147     ret = gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF);
148     if (ret == 0) {
149         printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
150         goto end;
151     } else if (ret < 0) {
152         fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
153         goto end;
154     }
155
156     printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
157     for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
158         fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
159     }
160     fputs("\n", stdout);
161
162     CHECK(gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR));
163
164     end:
165
166     tcp_close(sd);
167
168     gnutls_deinit(session);
169
170     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(xcred);
171
172     gnutls_global_deinit();
173
174     return 0;
175 }
```

#### 6.1.4. Client with resume capability example

This is a modification of the simple client example. Here we demonstrate the use of session resumption. The client tries to connect once using TLS, close the connection and then try to establish a new connection using the previously negotiated data.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
```

```

7  #include <string.h>
8  #include <stdio.h>
9  #include <stdlib.h>
10 #include <assert.h>
11 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
12
13 extern void check_alert(gnutls_session_t session, int ret);
14 extern int tcp_connect(void);
15 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
16
17 /* A very basic TLS client, with X.509 authentication and server certificate
18  * verification as well as session resumption.
19  *
20  * Note that error recovery is minimal for simplicity.
21  */
22
23 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
24 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
25     do { \
26         rval = cmd; \
27     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED); \
28     assert(rval >= 0)
29
30 #define MAX_BUF 1024
31 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
32
33 int main(void)
34 {
35     int ret;
36     int sd, ii;
37     gnutls_session_t session;
38     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
39     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t xcred;
40
41     /* variables used in session resuming
42     */
43     int t;
44     gnutls_datum_t sdata;
45
46     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
47     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
48
49     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&xcred));
50     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_system_trust(xcred));
51
52     for (t = 0; t < 2; t++) {      /* connect 2 times to the server */
53
54         sd = tcp_connect();
55
56         CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT));
57
58         CHECK(gnutls_server_name_set(session, GNUTLS_NAME_DNS,
59                                     "www.example.com",
60                                     strlen("www.example.com")));
61         gnutls_session_set_verify_cert(session, "www.example.com", 0);
62
63         CHECK(gnutls_set_default_priority(session));
64

```

```

65     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
66     gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,
67                                     GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
68
69     gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE,
70                             xcred);
71
72     if (t > 0) {
73         /* if this is not the first time we connect */
74         CHECK(gnutls_session_set_data(session, sdata.data,
75                                         sdata.size));
76         gnutls_free(sdata.data);
77     }
78
79     /* Perform the TLS handshake
80     */
81     do {
82         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
83     }
84     while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
85
86     if (ret < 0) {
87         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
88         gnutls_perror(ret);
89         goto end;
90     } else {
91         printf("- Handshake was completed\n");
92     }
93
94     if (t == 0) { /* the first time we connect */
95         /* get the session data */
96         CHECK(gnutls_session_get_data2(session, &sdata));
97     } else { /* the second time we connect */
98
99         /* check if we actually resumed the previous session */
100        if (gnutls_session_is_resumed(session) != 0) {
101            printf("- Previous session was resumed\n");
102        } else {
103            fprintf(stderr,
104                    "*** Previous session was NOT resumed\n");
105        }
106    }
107
108    LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
109
110    LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
111    if (ret == 0) {
112        printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
113        goto end;
114    } else if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
115        fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n",
116                gnutls_strerror(ret));
117    } else if (ret < 0) {
118        fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n",
119                gnutls_strerror(ret));
120        goto end;
121    }
122

```

```

123         if (ret > 0) {
124             printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
125             for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
126                 fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
127             }
128             fputs("\n", stdout);
129         }
130
131         gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR);
132
133     end:
134
135         tcp_close(sd);
136
137         gnutls_deinit(session);
138
139     }                /* for() */
140
141     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(xcred);
142
143     gnutls_global_deinit();
144
145     return 0;
146 }

```

### 6.1.5. Client example with SSH-style certificate verification

This is an alternative verification function that will use the X.509 certificate authorities for verification, but also assume an trust on first use (SSH-like) authentication system. That is the user is prompted on unknown public keys and known public keys are considered trusted.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
11 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
12 #include <assert.h>
13 #include "examples.h"
14
15 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
16
17 /* This function will verify the peer's certificate, check
18  * if the hostname matches. In addition it will perform an
19  * SSH-style authentication, where ultimately trusted keys
20  * are only the keys that have been seen before.
21  */
22 int _ssh_verify_certificate_callback(gnutls_session_t session)
23 {
24     unsigned int status;

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```

25     const gnutls_datum_t *cert_list;
26     unsigned int cert_list_size;
27     int ret, type;
28     gnutls_datum_t out;
29     const char *hostname;
30
31     /* read hostname */
32     hostname = gnutls_session_get_ptr(session);
33
34     /* This verification function uses the trusted CAs in the credentials
35      * structure. So you must have installed one or more CA certificates.
36      */
37     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3(session, hostname, &status));
38
39     type = gnutls_certificate_type_get(session);
40
41     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_verification_status_print(status,
42                                                         type, &out, 0));
43     printf("%s", out.data);
44
45     gnutls_free(out.data);
46
47     if (status != 0) /* Certificate is not trusted */
48         return GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_ERROR;
49
50     /* Do SSH verification */
51     cert_list = gnutls_certificate_get_peers(session, &cert_list_size);
52     if (cert_list == NULL) {
53         printf("No certificate was found!\n");
54         return GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_ERROR;
55     }
56
57     /* service may be obtained alternatively using getservbyport() */
58     ret = gnutls_verify_stored_pubkey(NULL, NULL, hostname, "https",
59                                     type, &cert_list[0], 0);
60     if (ret == GNUTLS_E_NO_CERTIFICATE_FOUND) {
61         printf("Host %s is not known.", hostname);
62         if (status == 0)
63             printf("Its certificate is valid for %s.\n",
64                   hostname);
65
66         /* the certificate must be printed and user must be asked on
67          * whether it is trustworthy. --see gnutls_x509_crt_print() */
68
69         /* if not trusted */
70         return GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_ERROR;
71     } else if (ret == GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_KEY_MISMATCH) {
72         printf
73             ("Warning: host %s is known but has another key associated.",
74              hostname);
75         printf
76             ("It might be that the server has multiple keys, or you are under attack\n");
77         if (status == 0)
78             printf("Its certificate is valid for %s.\n",
79                   hostname);
80
81         /* the certificate must be printed and user must be asked on
82          * whether it is trustworthy. --see gnutls_x509_crt_print() */

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83         /* if not trusted */
84         return GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_ERROR;
85     } else if (ret < 0) {
86         printf("gnutls_verify_stored_pubkey: %s\n",
87              gnutls_strerror(ret));
88         return ret;
89     }
90
91     /* user trusts the key -> store it */
92     if (ret != 0) {
93         CHECK(gnutls_store_pubkey(NULL, NULL, hostname, "https",
94                                type, &cert_list[0], 0, 0));
95     }
96
97     /* notify gnutls to continue handshake normally */
98     return 0;
99 }
100

```

## 6.2. Server examples

This section contains examples of TLS and SSL servers, using GnuTLS.

### 6.2.1. Echo server with X.509 authentication

This example is a very simple echo server which supports X.509 authentication.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <errno.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <string.h>
15 #include <unistd.h>
16 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
17 #include <assert.h>
18
19 #define KEYFILE "key.pem"
20 #define CERTFILE "cert.pem"
21 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
22 #define CRLFILE "crl.pem"
23
24 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
25 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
26     do { \

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```
27         rval = cmd; \
28     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED)
29
30 /* The OCSP status file contains up to date information about revocation
31 * of the server's certificate. That can be periodically be updated
32 * using:
33 * $ ocsptool --ask --load-cert your_cert.pem --load-issuer your_issuer.pem
34 *           --load-signer your_issuer.pem --outfile ocsf-status.der
35 */
36 #define OCSP_STATUS_FILE "ocsf-status.der"
37
38 /* This is a sample TLS 1.0 echo server, using X.509 authentication and
39 * OCSP stapling support.
40 */
41
42 #define MAX_BUF 1024
43 #define PORT 5556          /* listen to 5556 port */
44
45 int main(void)
46 {
47     int listen_sd;
48     int sd, ret;
49     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t x509_cred;
50     gnutls_priority_t priority_cache;
51     struct sockaddr_in sa_serv;
52     struct sockaddr_in sa_cli;
53     socklen_t client_len;
54     char topbuf[512];
55     gnutls_session_t session;
56     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
57     int optval = 1;
58
59     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
60     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
61
62     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&x509_cred));
63
64     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(x509_cred, CAFILE,
65                                                GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM));
66
67     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_crl_file(x509_cred, CRLFILE,
68                                               GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM));
69
70     /* The following code sets the certificate key pair as well as,
71     * an OCSP response which corresponds to it. It is possible
72     * to set multiple key-pairs and multiple OCSP status responses
73     * (the latter since 3.5.6). See the manual pages of the individual
74     * functions for more information.
75     */
76     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file(x509_cred, CERTFILE,
77                                                KEYFILE,
78                                                GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM));
79
80     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_ocsp_status_request_file(x509_cred,
81                                                         OCSP_STATUS_FILE,
82                                                         0));
83
84     CHECK(gnutls_priority_init(&priority_cache, NULL, NULL));
```

```

85
86     /* Instead of the default options as shown above one could specify
87     * additional options such as server precedence in ciphersuite selection
88     * as follows:
89     * gnutls_priority_init2(&priority_cache,
90     *                       "%SERVER_PRECEDENCE",
91     *                       NULL, GNUTLS_PRIORITY_INIT_DEF_APPEND);
92     */
93
94 #if GNUTLS_VERSION_NUMBER >= 0x030506
95     /* only available since GnuTLS 3.5.6, on previous versions see
96     * gnutls_certificate_set_dh_params(). */
97     gnutls_certificate_set_known_dh_params(x509_cred, GNUTLS_SEC_PARAM_MEDIUM);
98 #endif
99
100    /* Socket operations
101    */
102    listen_sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
103
104    memset(&sa_serv, '\0', sizeof(sa_serv));
105    sa_serv.sin_family = AF_INET;
106    sa_serv.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
107    sa_serv.sin_port = htons(PORT); /* Server Port number */
108
109    setsockopt(listen_sd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, (void *) &optval,
110              sizeof(int));
111
112    bind(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_serv, sizeof(sa_serv));
113
114    listen(listen_sd, 1024);
115
116    printf("Server ready. Listening to port '%d'.\n\n", PORT);
117
118    client_len = sizeof(sa_cli);
119    for (;;) {
120        CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_SERVER));
121        CHECK(gnutls_priority_set(session, priority_cache));
122        CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE,
123                                    x509_cred));
124
125        /* We don't request any certificate from the client.
126         * If we did we would need to verify it. One way of
127         * doing that is shown in the "Verifying a certificate"
128         * example.
129         */
130        gnutls_certificate_server_set_request(session,
131                                              GNUTLS_CERT_IGNORE);
132        gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,
133                                    GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
134
135        sd = accept(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_cli,
136                  &client_len);
137
138        printf("- connection from %s, port %d\n",
139              inet_ntop(AF_INET, &sa_cli.sin_addr, topbuf,
140                      sizeof(topbuf)), ntohs(sa_cli.sin_port));
141
142        gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);

```



```

143     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_handshake(session));
144     if (ret < 0) {
145         close(sd);
146         gnutls_deinit(session);
147         fprintf(stderr,
148             "*** Handshake has failed (%s)\n\n",
149             gnutls_strerror(ret));
150         continue;
151     }
152     printf("- Handshake was completed\n");
153
154     /* see the Getting peer's information example */
155     /* print_info(session); */
156
157     for (;;) {
158         LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
159
160         if (ret == 0) {
161             printf
162                 ("\n- Peer has closed the GnuTLS connection\n");
163             break;
164         } else if (ret < 0) {
165             && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
166                 fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n",
167                     gnutls_strerror(ret));
168             } else if (ret < 0) {
169                 fprintf(stderr, "\n*** Received corrupted "
170                     "data(%d). Closing the connection.\n\n",
171                     ret);
172                 break;
173             } else if (ret > 0) {
174                 /* echo data back to the client
175                  */
176                 CHECK(gnutls_record_send(session, buffer, ret));
177             }
178         }
179         printf("\n");
180         /* do not wait for the peer to close the connection.
181          */
182         LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_WR));
183
184         close(sd);
185         gnutls_deinit(session);
186
187     }
188     close(listen_sd);
189
190     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(x509_cred);
191     gnutls_priority_deinit(priority_cache);
192
193     gnutls_global_deinit();
194
195     return 0;
196
197 }
198

```

### 6.2.2. DTLS echo server with X.509 authentication

This example is a very simple echo server using Datagram TLS and X.509 authentication.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <errno.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <sys/select.h>
15 #include <netdb.h>
16 #include <string.h>
17 #include <unistd.h>
18 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
19 #include <gnutls/dtls.h>
20
21 #define KEYFILE "key.pem"
22 #define CERTFILE "cert.pem"
23 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
24 #define CRLFILE "crl.pem"
25
26 /* This is a sample DTLS echo server, using X.509 authentication.
27  * Note that error checking is minimal to simplify the example.
28  */
29
30 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
31     do { \
32         rval = cmd; \
33     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED)
34
35 #define MAX_BUFFER 1024
36 #define PORT 5557
37
38 typedef struct {
39     gnutls_session_t session;
40     int fd;
41     struct sockaddr *cli_addr;
42     socklen_t cli_addr_size;
43 } priv_data_st;
44
45 static int pull_timeout_func(gnutls_transport_ptr_t ptr, unsigned int ms);
46 static ssize_t push_func(gnutls_transport_ptr_t p, const void *data,
47                         size_t size);
48 static ssize_t pull_func(gnutls_transport_ptr_t p, void *data,
49                         size_t size);
50 static const char *human_addr(const struct sockaddr *sa, socklen_t salen,
51                              char *buf, size_t buflen);
52 static int wait_for_connection(int fd);
53
54 /* Use global credentials and parameters to simplify

```

```
55  * the example. */
56  static gnutls_certificate_credentials_t x509_cred;
57  static gnutls_priority_t priority_cache;
58
59  int main(void)
60  {
61      int listen_sd;
62      int sock, ret;
63      struct sockaddr_in sa_serv;
64      struct sockaddr_in cli_addr;
65      socklen_t cli_addr_size;
66      gnutls_session_t session;
67      char buffer[MAX_BUFFER];
68      priv_data_st priv;
69      gnutls_datum_t cookie_key;
70      gnutls_dtls_prestate_st prestate;
71      int mtu = 1400;
72      unsigned char sequence[8];
73
74      /* this must be called once in the program
75       */
76      gnutls_global_init();
77
78      gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&x509_cred);
79      gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(x509_cred, CAFILE,
80                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
81
82      gnutls_certificate_set_x509_crl_file(x509_cred, CRLFILE,
83                                          GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
84
85      ret =
86          gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file(x509_cred, CERTFILE,
87                                              KEYFILE,
88                                              GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
89      if (ret < 0) {
90          printf("No certificate or key were found\n");
91          exit(1);
92      }
93
94      gnutls_certificate_set_known_dh_params(x509_cred, GNUTLS_SEC_PARAM_MEDIUM);
95
96      /* pre-3.6.3 equivalent:
97       * gnutls_priority_init(&priority_cache,
98       *                      "NORMAL:-VERS-TLS-ALL:+VERS-DTLS1.0:%SERVER_PRECEDENCE",
99       *                      NULL);
100      */
101      gnutls_priority_init2(&priority_cache,
102                          "%SERVER_PRECEDENCE",
103                          NULL, GNUTLS_PRIORITY_INIT_DEF_APPEND);
104
105      gnutls_key_generate(&cookie_key, GNUTLS_COOKIE_KEY_SIZE);
106
107      /* Socket operations
108       */
109      listen_sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
110
111      memset(&sa_serv, '\0', sizeof(sa_serv));
112      sa_serv.sin_family = AF_INET;
```

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113     sa_serv.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
114     sa_serv.sin_port = htons(PORT);
115
116     {                               /* DTLS requires the IP don't fragment (DF) bit to be set */
117 #if defined(IP_DONTFRAG)
118         int optval = 1;
119         setsockopt(listen_sd, IPPROTO_IP, IP_DONTFRAG,
120                     (const void *) &optval, sizeof(optval));
121 #elif defined(IP_MTU_DISCOVER)
122         int optval = IP_PMTUDISC_D0;
123         setsockopt(listen_sd, IPPROTO_IP, IP_MTU_DISCOVER,
124                     (const void *) &optval, sizeof(optval));
125 #endif
126     }
127
128     bind(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_serv, sizeof(sa_serv));
129
130     printf("UDP server ready. Listening to port '%d'.\n\n", PORT);
131
132     for (;;) {
133         printf("Waiting for connection...\n");
134         sock = wait_for_connection(listen_sd);
135         if (sock < 0)
136             continue;
137
138         cli_addr_size = sizeof(cli_addr);
139         ret = recvfrom(sock, buffer, sizeof(buffer), MSG_PEEK,
140                       (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr,
141                       &cli_addr_size);
142         if (ret > 0) {
143             memset(&prestate, 0, sizeof(prestate));
144             ret =
145                 gnutls_dtls_cookie_verify(&cookie_key,
146                                           &cli_addr,
147                                           sizeof(cli_addr),
148                                           buffer, ret,
149                                           &prestate);
150             if (ret < 0) { /* cookie not valid */
151                 priv_data_st s;
152
153                 memset(&s, 0, sizeof(s));
154                 s.fd = sock;
155                 s.cli_addr = (void *) &cli_addr;
156                 s.cli_addr_size = sizeof(cli_addr);
157
158                 printf
159                     ("Sending hello verify request to %s\n",
160                      human_addr((struct sockaddr *)
161                                &cli_addr,
162                                sizeof(cli_addr), buffer,
163                                sizeof(buffer)));
164
165                 gnutls_dtls_cookie_send(&cookie_key,
166                                         &cli_addr,
167                                         sizeof(cli_addr),
168                                         &prestate,
169                                         (gnutls_transport_ptr_t)
170                                         &s, push_func);

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171         /* discard peeked data */
172         recvfrom(sock, buffer, sizeof(buffer), 0,
173             (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr,
174             &cli_addr_size);
175         usleep(100);
176         continue;
177     }
178     printf("Accepted connection from %s\n",
179         human_addr((struct sockaddr *)
180             &cli_addr, sizeof(cli_addr),
181             buffer, sizeof(buffer)));
182 } else
183     continue;
184
185 gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_SERVER | GNUTLS_DATAGRAM);
186 gnutls_priority_set(session, priority_cache);
187 gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE,
188     x509_cred);
189
190 gnutls_dtls_prestate_set(session, &prestate);
191 gnutls_dtls_set_mtu(session, mtu);
192
193 priv.session = session;
194 priv.fd = sock;
195 priv.cli_addr = (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr;
196 priv.cli_addr_size = sizeof(cli_addr);
197
198 gnutls_transport_set_ptr(session, &priv);
199 gnutls_transport_set_push_function(session, push_func);
200 gnutls_transport_set_pull_function(session, pull_func);
201 gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function(session,
202     pull_timeout_func);
203
204
205 LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_handshake(session));
206 /* Note that DTLS may also receive GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET.
207  * In that case the MTU should be adjusted.
208  */
209
210 if (ret < 0) {
211     fprintf(stderr, "Error in handshake(): %s\n",
212         gnutls_strerror(ret));
213     gnutls_deinit(session);
214     continue;
215 }
216
217 printf("- Handshake was completed\n");
218
219 for (;;) {
220     LOOP_CHECK(ret,
221         gnutls_record_recv_seq(session, buffer,
222             MAX_BUFFER,
223             sequence));
224
225     if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
226         fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n",
227             gnutls_strerror(ret));
228         continue;

```

```

229         } else if (ret < 0) {
230             fprintf(stderr, "Error in recv(): %s\n",
231                     gnutls_strerror(ret));
232             break;
233         }
234
235         if (ret == 0) {
236             printf("EOF\n\n");
237             break;
238         }
239
240         buffer[ret] = 0;
241         printf
242             ("received[%.2x%.2x%.2x%.2x%.2x%.2x%.2x]: %s\n",
243              sequence[0], sequence[1], sequence[2],
244              sequence[3], sequence[4], sequence[5],
245              sequence[6], sequence[7], buffer);
246
247         /* reply back */
248         LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, buffer, ret));
249         if (ret < 0) {
250             fprintf(stderr, "Error in send(): %s\n",
251                     gnutls_strerror(ret));
252             break;
253         }
254     }
255
256     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_WR));
257     gnutls_deinit(session);
258
259 }
260 close(listen_sd);
261
262 gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(x509_cred);
263 gnutls_priority_deinit(priority_cache);
264
265 gnutls_global_deinit();
266
267 return 0;
268
269 }
270
271 static int wait_for_connection(int fd)
272 {
273     fd_set rd, wr;
274     int n;
275
276     FD_ZERO(&rd);
277     FD_ZERO(&wr);
278
279     FD_SET(fd, &rd);
280
281     /* waiting part */
282     n = select(fd + 1, &rd, &wr, NULL, NULL);
283     if (n == -1 && errno == EINTR)
284         return -1;
285     if (n < 0) {
286         perror("select()");

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```
287         exit(1);
288     }
289
290     return fd;
291 }
292
293 /* Wait for data to be received within a timeout period in milliseconds
294  */
295 static int pull_timeout_func(gnutls_transport_ptr_t ptr, unsigned int ms)
296 {
297     fd_set rfd;
298     struct timeval tv;
299     priv_data_st *priv = ptr;
300     struct sockaddr_in cli_addr;
301     socklen_t cli_addr_size;
302     int ret;
303     char c;
304
305     FD_ZERO(&rfd);
306     FD_SET(priv->fd, &rfd);
307
308     tv.tv_sec = ms / 1000;
309     tv.tv_usec = (ms % 1000) * 1000;
310
311     ret = select(priv->fd + 1, &rfd, NULL, NULL, &tv);
312
313     if (ret <= 0)
314         return ret;
315
316     /* only report ok if the next message is from the peer we expect
317      * from
318      */
319     cli_addr_size = sizeof(cli_addr);
320     ret =
321         recvfrom(priv->fd, &c, 1, MSG_PEEK,
322                 (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr, &cli_addr_size);
323     if (ret > 0) {
324         if (cli_addr_size == priv->cli_addr_size
325             && memcmp(&cli_addr, priv->cli_addr,
326                     sizeof(cli_addr)) == 0)
327             return 1;
328     }
329
330     return 0;
331 }
332
333 static ssize_t
334 push_func(gnutls_transport_ptr_t p, const void *data, size_t size)
335 {
336     priv_data_st *priv = p;
337
338     return sendto(priv->fd, data, size, 0, priv->cli_addr,
339                  priv->cli_addr_size);
340 }
341
342 static ssize_t pull_func(gnutls_transport_ptr_t p, void *data, size_t size)
343 {
344     priv_data_st *priv = p;
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345     struct sockaddr_in cli_addr;
346     socklen_t cli_addr_size;
347     char buffer[64];
348     int ret;
349
350     cli_addr_size = sizeof(cli_addr);
351     ret =
352         recvfrom(priv->fd, data, size, 0,
353                 (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr, &cli_addr_size);
354     if (ret == -1)
355         return ret;
356
357     if (cli_addr_size == priv->cli_addr_size
358         && memcmp(&cli_addr, priv->cli_addr, sizeof(cli_addr)) == 0)
359         return ret;
360
361     printf("Denied connection from %s\n",
362           human_addr((struct sockaddr *)
363                     &cli_addr, sizeof(cli_addr), buffer,
364                     sizeof(buffer)));
365
366     gnutls_transport_set_errno(priv->session, EAGAIN);
367     return -1;
368 }
369
370 static const char *human_addr(const struct sockaddr *sa, socklen_t salen,
371                               char *buf, size_t buflen)
372 {
373     const char *save_buf = buf;
374     size_t l;
375
376     if (!buf || !buflen)
377         return NULL;
378
379     *buf = '\0';
380
381     switch (sa->sa_family) {
382 #if HAVE_IPV6
383     case AF_INET6:
384         snprintf(buf, buflen, "IPv6 ");
385         break;
386 #endif
387
388     case AF_INET:
389         snprintf(buf, buflen, "IPv4 ");
390         break;
391     }
392
393     l = strlen(buf);
394     buf += l;
395     buflen -= l;
396
397     if (getnameinfo(sa, salen, buf, buflen, NULL, 0, NI_NUMERICHOST) !=
398         0)
399         return NULL;
400
401     l = strlen(buf);
402     buf += l;

```



```
403     buflen -= 1;
404
405     strncat(buf, " port ", buflen);
406
407     l = strlen(buf);
408     buf += l;
409     buflen -= l;
410
411     if (getnameinfo(sa, salen, NULL, 0, buf, buflen, NI_NUMERICSERV) !=
412         0)
413         return NULL;
414
415     return save_buf;
416 }
417
```

## 6.3. More advanced client and servers

This section has various, more advanced topics in client and servers.

### 6.3.1. Client example with anonymous authentication

The simplest client using TLS is the one that doesn't do any authentication. This means no external certificates or passwords are needed to set up the connection. As could be expected, the connection is vulnerable to man-in-the-middle (active or redirection) attacks. However, the data are integrity protected and encrypted from passive eavesdroppers.

Note that due to the vulnerable nature of this method very few public servers support it.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <unistd.h>
14 #include <assert.h>
15 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
16
17 /* A very basic TLS client, with anonymous authentication.
18  */
19
20 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
21     do { \
22         rval = cmd; \
23     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED); \
24     assert(rval >= 0)
```

```

25
26 #define MAX_BUF 1024
27 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
28
29 extern int tcp_connect(void);
30 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
31
32 int main(void)
33 {
34     int ret, sd, ii;
35     gnutls_session_t session;
36     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
37     gnutls_anon_client_credentials_t anoncred;
38     /* Need to enable anonymous KX specifically. */
39
40     gnutls_global_init();
41
42     gnutls_anon_allocate_client_credentials(&anoncred);
43
44     /* Initialize TLS session
45      */
46     gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT);
47
48     /* Use default priorities */
49     gnutls_priority_set_direct(session,
50                               "PERFORMANCE:+ANON-ECDH:+ANON-DH",
51                               NULL);
52
53     /* put the anonymous credentials to the current session
54      */
55     gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_ANON, anoncred);
56
57     /* connect to the peer
58      */
59     sd = tcp_connect();
60
61     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
62     gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,
63                                  GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
64
65     /* Perform the TLS handshake
66      */
67     do {
68         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
69     }
70     while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
71
72     if (ret < 0) {
73         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
74         gnutls_perror(ret);
75         goto end;
76     } else {
77         char *desc;
78
79         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
80         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
81         gnutls_free(desc);
82     }

```

```
83
84     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
85
86     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
87     if (ret == 0) {
88         printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
89         goto end;
90     } else if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
91         fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
92     } else if (ret < 0) {
93         fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
94         goto end;
95     }
96
97     if (ret > 0) {
98         printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
99         for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
100             fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
101         }
102         fputs("\n", stdout);
103     }
104
105     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR));
106
107 end:
108
109     tcp_close(sd);
110
111     gnutls_deinit(session);
112
113     gnutls_anon_free_client_credentials(anoncred);
114
115     gnutls_global_deinit();
116
117     return 0;
118 }
```

### 6.3.2. Using a callback to select the certificate to use

There are cases where a client holds several certificate and key pairs, and may not want to load all of them in the credentials structure. The following example demonstrates the use of the certificate selection callback.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <unistd.h>
```

```

14 #include <assert.h>
15 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
16 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
17 #include <gnutls/abstract.h>
18 #include <sys/types.h>
19 #include <sys/stat.h>
20 #include <fcntl.h>
21
22 /* A TLS client that loads the certificate and key.
23  */
24
25 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
26
27 #define MAX_BUF 1024
28 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
29
30 #define CERT_FILE "cert.pem"
31 #define KEY_FILE "key.pem"
32 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
33
34 extern int tcp_connect(void);
35 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
36
37 static int
38 cert_callback(gnutls_session_t session,
39               const gnutls_datum_t * req_ca_rdn, int nreqs,
40               const gnutls_pk_algorithm_t * sign_algos,
41               int sign_algos_length, gnutls_pcert_st ** pcert,
42               unsigned int *pcert_length, gnutls_privkey_t * pkey);
43
44 gnutls_pcert_st pcrt;
45 gnutls_privkey_t key;
46
47 /* Load the certificate and the private key.
48  */
49 static void load_keys(void)
50 {
51     gnutls_datum_t data;
52
53     CHECK(gnutls_load_file(CERT_FILE, &data));
54
55     CHECK(gnutls_pcert_import_x509_raw(&pcrt, &data,
56                                       GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM, 0));
57
58     gnutls_free(data.data);
59
60     CHECK(gnutls_load_file(KEY_FILE, &data));
61
62     CHECK(gnutls_privkey_init(&key));
63
64     CHECK(gnutls_privkey_import_x509_raw(key, &data,
65                                         GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM,
66                                         NULL, 0));
67
68     gnutls_free(data.data);
69 }
70
71 int main(void)
72 {

```

```
72     int ret, sd, ii;
73     gnutls_session_t session;
74     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
75     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t xcred;
76
77     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
78         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
79         exit(1);
80     }
81
82     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
83     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
84
85     load_keys();
86
87     /* X509 stuff */
88     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&xcred));
89
90     /* sets the trusted cas file
91     */
92     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(xcred, CAFILE,
93                                                GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM));
94
95     gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function2(xcred, cert_callback);
96
97     /* Initialize TLS session
98     */
99     CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT));
100
101     /* Use default priorities */
102     CHECK(gnutls_set_default_priority(session));
103
104     /* put the x509 credentials to the current session
105     */
106     CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, xcred));
107
108     /* connect to the peer
109     */
110     sd = tcp_connect();
111
112     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
113
114     /* Perform the TLS handshake
115     */
116     ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
117
118     if (ret < 0) {
119         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
120         gnutls_perror(ret);
121         goto end;
122     } else {
123         char *desc;
124
125         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
126         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
127         gnutls_free(desc);
128     }
129
```

```

130     CHECK(gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
131
132     ret = gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF);
133     if (ret == 0) {
134         printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
135         goto end;
136     } else if (ret < 0) {
137         fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
138         goto end;
139     }
140
141     printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
142     for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
143         fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
144     }
145     fputs("\n", stdout);
146
147     CHECK(gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR));
148
149 end:
150
151     tcp_close(sd);
152
153     gnutls_deinit(session);
154
155     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(xcred);
156
157     gnutls_global_deinit();
158
159     return 0;
160 }
161
162
163
164 /* This callback should be associated with a session by calling
165  * gnutls_certificate_client_set_retrieve_function( session, cert_callback),
166  * before a handshake.
167  */
168
169 static int
170 cert_callback(gnutls_session_t session,
171              const gnutls_datum_t * req_ca_rdn, int nreqs,
172              const gnutls_pk_algorithm_t * sign_algos,
173              int sign_algos_length, gnutls_pcert_st ** pcert,
174              unsigned int *pcert_length, gnutls_privkey_t * pkey)
175 {
176     char issuer_dn[256];
177     int i, ret;
178     size_t len;
179     gnutls_certificate_type_t type;
180
181     /* Print the server's trusted CAs
182      */
183     if (nreqs > 0)
184         printf("- Server's trusted authorities:\n");
185     else
186         printf
187             ("- Server did not send us any trusted authorities names.\n");

```

```

188
189     /* print the names (if any) */
190     for (i = 0; i < nreqs; i++) {
191         len = sizeof(issuer_dn);
192         ret = gnutls_x509_rdn_get(&req_ca_rdn[i], issuer_dn, &len);
193         if (ret >= 0) {
194             printf(" [%d]: ", i);
195             printf("%s\n", issuer_dn);
196         }
197     }
198
199     /* Select a certificate and return it.
200     * The certificate must be of any of the "sign algorithms"
201     * supported by the server.
202     */
203     type = gnutls_certificate_type_get(session);
204     if (type == GNUTLS_CERT_X509) {
205         *pcert_length = 1;
206         *pcert = &pcrt;
207         *pkey = key;
208     } else {
209         return -1;
210     }
211
212     return 0;
213 }
214

```

### 6.3.3. Obtaining session information

Most of the times it is desirable to know the security properties of the current established session. This includes the underlying ciphers and the protocols involved. That is the purpose of the following function. Note that this function will print meaningful values only if called after a successful `gnutls_handshake`.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
10 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
11
12 #include "examples.h"
13
14 /* This function will print some details of the
15  * given session.
16  */
17 int print_info(gnutls_session_t session)
18 {
19     gnutls_credentials_type_t cred;
20     gnutls_kx_algorithm_t kx;

```

```

21     int dhe, ecdh, group;
22     char *desc;
23
24     /* get a description of the session connection, protocol,
25      * cipher/key exchange */
26     desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
27     if (desc != NULL) {
28         printf("- Session: %s\n", desc);
29     }
30
31     dhe = ecdh = 0;
32
33     kx = gnutls_kx_get(session);
34
35     /* Check the authentication type used and switch
36      * to the appropriate.
37      */
38     cred = gnutls_auth_get_type(session);
39     switch (cred) {
40 #ifdef ENABLE_SRP
41     case GNUTLS_CRD_SRP:
42         printf("- SRP session with username %s\n",
43                gnutls_srp_server_get_username(session));
44         break;
45 #endif
46
47     case GNUTLS_CRD_PSK:
48         /* This returns NULL in server side.
49          */
50         if (gnutls_psk_client_get_hint(session) != NULL)
51             printf("- PSK authentication. PSK hint '%s'\n",
52                    gnutls_psk_client_get_hint(session));
53         /* This returns NULL in client side.
54          */
55         if (gnutls_psk_server_get_username(session) != NULL)
56             printf("- PSK authentication. Connected as '%s'\n",
57                    gnutls_psk_server_get_username(session));
58
59         if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_ECDHE_PSK)
60             ecdh = 1;
61         else if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_DHE_PSK)
62             dhe = 1;
63         break;
64
65     case GNUTLS_CRD_ANON: /* anonymous authentication */
66
67         printf("- Anonymous authentication.\n");
68         if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_ANON_ECDH)
69             ecdh = 1;
70         else if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_ANON_DH)
71             dhe = 1;
72         break;
73
74     case GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE: /* certificate authentication */
75
76         /* Check if we have been using ephemeral Diffie-Hellman.
77          */
78         if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_DHE_RSA || kx == GNUTLS_KX_DHE_DSS)

```



```
79         dhe = 1;
80     else if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_ECDHE_RSA
81             || kx == GNUTLS_KX_ECDHE_ECDSA)
82         ecdh = 1;
83
84     /* if the certificate list is available, then
85      * print some information about it.
86      */
87     print_x509_certificate_info(session);
88     break;
89 default:
90     break;
91 } /* switch */
92
93 /* read the negotiated group - if any */
94 group = gnutls_group_get(session);
95 if (group != 0) {
96     printf("- Negotiated group %s\n",
97           gnutls_group_get_name(group));
98 } else {
99     if (ecdh != 0)
100         printf("- Ephemeral ECDH using curve %s\n",
101               gnutls_ecc_curve_get_name(gnutls_ecc_curve_get
102                                         (session)));
103     else if (dhe != 0)
104         printf("- Ephemeral DH using prime of %d bits\n",
105               gnutls_dh_get_prime_bits(session));
106 }
107
108 return 0;
109 }
```

### 6.3.4. Advanced certificate verification

An example is listed below which uses the high level verification functions to verify a given certificate chain against a set of CAs and CRLs.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <assert.h>
11 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
12 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
13
14 #include "examples.h"
15
16 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
17
18 /* All the available CRLs
19  */
```

```

20 gnutls_x509_crl_t *crl_list;
21 int crl_list_size;
22
23 /* All the available trusted CAs
24 */
25 gnutls_x509_cert_t *ca_list;
26 int ca_list_size;
27
28 static int print_details_func(gnutls_x509_cert_t cert,
29                             gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer,
30                             gnutls_x509_crl_t crl,
31                             unsigned int verification_output);
32
33 /* This function will try to verify the peer's certificate chain, and
34  * also check if the hostname matches.
35  */
36 void
37 verify_certificate_chain(const char *hostname,
38                         const gnutls_datum_t * cert_chain,
39                         int cert_chain_length)
40 {
41     int i;
42     gnutls_x509_trust_list_t tlist;
43     gnutls_x509_cert_t *cert;
44     gnutls_datum_t txt;
45     unsigned int output;
46
47     /* Initialize the trusted certificate list. This should be done
48      * once on initialization. gnutls_x509_cert_list_import2() and
49      * gnutls_x509_crl_list_import2() can be used to load them.
50      */
51     CHECK(gnutls_x509_trust_list_init(&tlist, 0));
52
53     CHECK(gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_cas(tlist, ca_list, ca_list_size, 0));
54     CHECK(gnutls_x509_trust_list_add_crls(tlist, crl_list, crl_list_size,
55                                           GNUTLS_TL_VERIFY_CRL, 0));
56
57     cert = malloc(sizeof(*cert) * cert_chain_length);
58     assert(cert != NULL);
59
60     /* Import all the certificates in the chain to
61      * native certificate format.
62      */
63     for (i = 0; i < cert_chain_length; i++) {
64         CHECK(gnutls_x509_cert_init(&cert[i]));
65         CHECK(gnutls_x509_cert_import(cert[i], &cert_chain[i],
66                                       GNUTLS_X509_FMT_DER));
67     }
68
69     CHECK(gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_named_cert(tlist, cert[0],
70                                                    hostname,
71                                                    strlen(hostname),
72                                                    GNUTLS_VERIFY_DISABLE_CRL_CHECKS,
73                                                    &output,
74                                                    print_details_func));
75
76     /* if this certificate is not explicitly trusted verify against CAs
77      */

```

```
78     if (output != 0) {
79         CHECK(gnutls_x509_trust_list_verify_cert(tlist, cert,
80                                                     cert_chain_length, 0,
81                                                     &output,
82                                                     print_details_func));
83     }
84
85
86
87     if (output & GNUTLS_CERT_INVALID) {
88         fprintf(stderr, "Not trusted\n");
89         CHECK(gnutls_certificate_verification_status_print(
90                                                     output,
91                                                     GNUTLS_CERT_X509,
92                                                     &txt, 0));
93
94         fprintf(stderr, "Error: %s\n", txt.data);
95         gnutls_free(txt.data);
96     } else
97         fprintf(stderr, "Trusted\n");
98
99     /* Check if the name in the first certificate matches our destination!
100    */
101     if (!gnutls_x509_cert_check_hostname(cert[0], hostname)) {
102         printf
103             ("The certificate's owner does not match hostname '%s'\n",
104              hostname);
105     }
106
107     gnutls_x509_trust_list_deinit(tlist, 1);
108
109     return;
110 }
111
112 static int
113 print_details_func(gnutls_x509_cert_t cert,
114                   gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer, gnutls_x509_crl_t crl,
115                   unsigned int verification_output)
116 {
117     char name[512];
118     char issuer_name[512];
119     size_t name_size;
120     size_t issuer_name_size;
121
122     issuer_name_size = sizeof(issuer_name);
123     gnutls_x509_cert_get_issuer_dn(cert, issuer_name,
124                                     &issuer_name_size);
125
126     name_size = sizeof(name);
127     gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn(cert, name, &name_size);
128
129     fprintf(stdout, "\tSubject: %s\n", name);
130     fprintf(stdout, "\tIssuer: %s\n", issuer_name);
131
132     if (issuer != NULL) {
133         issuer_name_size = sizeof(issuer_name);
134         gnutls_x509_cert_get_dn(issuer, issuer_name,
135                                 &issuer_name_size);
```

```

136         fprintf(stdout, "\tVerified against: %s\n", issuer_name);
137     }
138
139     if (crl != NULL) {
140         issuer_name_size = sizeof(issuer_name);
141         gnutls_x509_crl_get_issuer_dn(crl, issuer_name,
142                                     &issuer_name_size);
143
144         fprintf(stdout, "\tVerified against CRL of: %s\n",
145               issuer_name);
146     }
147
148     fprintf(stdout, "\tVerification output: %x\n\n",
149           verification_output);
150
151     return 0;
152 }
153

```

### 6.3.5. Client example with PSK authentication

The following client is a very simple PSK TLS client which connects to a server and authenticates using a *username* and a *key*.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <unistd.h>
14 #include <assert.h>
15 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
16
17 /* A very basic TLS client, with PSK authentication.
18  */
19
20 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
21 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
22     do { \
23         rval = cmd; \
24     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED); \
25     assert(rval >= 0)
26
27 #define MAX_BUF 1024
28 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
29
30 extern int tcp_connect(void);
31 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
32

```

```
33 int main(void)
34 {
35     int ret, sd, ii;
36     gnutls_session_t session;
37     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
38     const char *err;
39     gnutls_psk_client_credentials_t pskcred;
40     const gnutls_datum_t key = { (void *) "DEADBEEF", 8 };
41
42     if (gnutls_check_version("3.6.3") == NULL) {
43         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.6.3 or later is required for this example\n");
44         exit(1);
45     }
46
47     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
48
49     CHECK(gnutls_psk_allocate_client_credentials(&pskcred));
50     CHECK(gnutls_psk_set_client_credentials(pskcred, "test", &key,
51                                           GNUTLS_PSK_KEY_HEX));
52
53     /* Initialize TLS session
54      */
55     CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT));
56
57     ret =
58         gnutls_set_default_priority_append(session,
59                                           "-KX-ALL:+ECDHE-PSK:+DHE-PSK:+PSK",
60                                           &err, 0);
61
62     /* Alternative for pre-3.6.3 versions:
63      * gnutls_priority_set_direct(session, "NORMAL:+ECDHE-PSK:+DHE-PSK:+PSK", &err)
64      */
65     if (ret < 0) {
66         if (ret == GNUTLS_E_INVALID_REQUEST) {
67             fprintf(stderr, "Syntax error at: %s\n", err);
68         }
69         exit(1);
70     }
71
72     /* put the x509 credentials to the current session
73      */
74     CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_PSK, pskcred));
75
76     /* connect to the peer
77      */
78     sd = tcp_connect();
79
80     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
81     gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,
82                                  GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
83
84     /* Perform the TLS handshake
85      */
86     do {
87         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
88     }
89     while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
90 }
```

```

91     if (ret < 0) {
92         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
93         gnutls_perror(ret);
94         goto end;
95     } else {
96         char *desc;
97
98         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
99         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
100        gnutls_free(desc);
101    }
102
103    LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
104
105    LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
106    if (ret == 0) {
107        printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
108        goto end;
109    } else if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
110        fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
111    } else if (ret < 0) {
112        fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
113        goto end;
114    }
115
116    if (ret > 0) {
117        printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
118        for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
119            fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
120        }
121        fputs("\n", stdout);
122    }
123
124    CHECK(gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR));
125
126    end:
127
128    tcp_close(sd);
129
130    gnutls_deinit(session);
131
132    gnutls_psk_free_client_credentials(pskcred);
133
134    gnutls_global_deinit();
135
136    return 0;
137 }

```

### 6.3.6. Client example with SRP authentication

The following client is a very simple SRP TLS client which connects to a server and authenticates using a *username* and a *password*. The server may authenticate itself using a certificate, and in that case it has to be verified.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2

```

```
3 #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4 #include <config.h>
5 #endif
6
7 #include <stdio.h>
8 #include <stdlib.h>
9 #include <string.h>
10 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
11
12 /* Those functions are defined in other examples.
13 */
14 extern void check_alert(gnutls_session_t session, int ret);
15 extern int tcp_connect(void);
16 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
17
18 #define MAX_BUF 1024
19 #define USERNAME "user"
20 #define PASSWORD "pass"
21 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
22 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
23
24 int main(void)
25 {
26     int ret;
27     int sd, ii;
28     gnutls_session_t session;
29     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
30     gnutls_srp_client_credentials_t srp_cred;
31     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cert_cred;
32
33     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
34         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
35         exit(1);
36     }
37
38     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
39     gnutls_global_init();
40
41     gnutls_srp_allocate_client_credentials(&srp_cred);
42     gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&cert_cred);
43
44     gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(cert_cred, CAFILE,
45                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
46     gnutls_srp_set_client_credentials(srp_cred, USERNAME, PASSWORD);
47
48     /* connects to server
49     */
50     sd = tcp_connect();
51
52     /* Initialize TLS session
53     */
54     gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT);
55
56
57     /* Set the priorities.
58     */
59     gnutls_priority_set_direct(session,
60                               "NORMAL:+SRP:+SRP-RSA:+SRP-DSS",
```

```

61         NULL);
62
63     /* put the SRP credentials to the current session
64     */
65     gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_SRP, srp_cred);
66     gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, cert_cred);
67
68     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
69     gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,
70                                 GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
71
72     /* Perform the TLS handshake
73     */
74     do {
75         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
76     }
77     while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
78
79     if (ret < 0) {
80         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
81         gnutls_perror(ret);
82         goto end;
83     } else {
84         char *desc;
85
86         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
87         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
88         gnutls_free(desc);
89     }
90
91     gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG));
92
93     ret = gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF);
94     if (gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) != 0 || ret == 0) {
95         if (ret == 0) {
96             printf
97             (" - Peer has closed the GnuTLS connection\n");
98             goto end;
99         } else {
100             fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n",
101                    gnutls_strerror(ret));
102             goto end;
103         }
104     } else
105         check_alert(session, ret);
106
107     if (ret > 0) {
108         printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
109         for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
110             fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
111         }
112         fputs("\n", stdout);
113     }
114     gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR);
115
116 end:
117
118     tcp_close(sd);

```



```
119     gnutls_deinit(session);
120
121     gnutls_srp_free_client_credentials(srp_cred);
122     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(cert_cred);
123
124     gnutls_global_deinit();
125
126     return 0;
127 }
128
```

### 6.3.7. Legacy client example with X.509 certificate support

For applications that need to maintain compatibility with the GnuTLS 3.1.x library, this client example is identical to [subsection 6.1.1](#) but utilizes APIs that were available in GnuTLS 3.1.4.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <assert.h>
11 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
12 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
13 #include "examples.h"
14
15 /* A very basic TLS client, with X.509 authentication and server certificate
16  * verification utilizing the GnuTLS 3.1.x API.
17  * Note that error recovery is minimal for simplicity.
18  */
19
20 #define CHECK(x) assert((x)>=0)
21 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
22     do { \
23         rval = cmd; \
24     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED); \
25     assert(rval >= 0)
26
27 #define MAX_BUF 1024
28 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
29 #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
30
31 extern int tcp_connect(void);
32 extern void tcp_close(int sd);
33 static int _verify_certificate_callback(gnutls_session_t session);
34
35 int main(void)
36 {
37     int ret, sd, ii;
38     gnutls_session_t session;
39     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
40     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t xcred;
```

```

41     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
42         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
43         exit(1);
44     }
45
46     CHECK(gnutls_global_init());
47
48     /* X509 stuff */
49     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&xcred));
50
51     /* sets the trusted cas file
52     */
53     CHECK(gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(xcred, CAFILE,
54                                                 GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM));
55     gnutls_certificate_set_verify_function(xcred,
56                                           _verify_certificate_callback);
57
58     /* If client holds a certificate it can be set using the following:
59     */
60     gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file (xcred,
61     "cert.pem", "key.pem",
62     GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
63     /*
64
65     /* Initialize TLS session
66     */
67     CHECK(gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_CLIENT));
68
69     gnutls_session_set_ptr(session, (void *) "www.example.com");
70
71     gnutls_server_name_set(session, GNUTLS_NAME_DNS, "www.example.com",
72                             strlen("www.example.com"));
73
74     /* use default priorities */
75     CHECK(gnutls_set_default_priority(session));
76
77 #if 0
78     /* if more fine-grained control is required */
79     ret = gnutls_priority_set_direct(session,
80                                     "NORMAL", &err);
81     if (ret < 0) {
82         if (ret == GNUTLS_E_INVALID_REQUEST) {
83             fprintf(stderr, "Syntax error at: %s\n", err);
84         }
85         exit(1);
86     }
87 #endif
88
89     /* put the x509 credentials to the current session
90     */
91     CHECK(gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE, xcred));
92
93     /* connect to the peer
94     */
95     sd = tcp_connect();
96
97     gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
98     gnutls_handshake_set_timeout(session,

```

```

99             GNUTLS_DEFAULT_HANDSHAKE_TIMEOUT);
100
101     /* Perform the TLS handshake
102     */
103     do {
104         ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
105     }
106     while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
107
108     if (ret < 0) {
109         fprintf(stderr, "*** Handshake failed\n");
110         gnutls_perror(ret);
111         goto end;
112     } else {
113         char *desc;
114
115         desc = gnutls_session_get_desc(session);
116         printf("- Session info: %s\n", desc);
117         gnutls_free(desc);
118     }
119
120     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_send(session, MSG, strlen(MSG)));
121
122     LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_rcv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
123     if (ret == 0) {
124         printf("- Peer has closed the TLS connection\n");
125         goto end;
126     } else if (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
127         fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
128     } else if (ret < 0) {
129         fprintf(stderr, "*** Error: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
130         goto end;
131     }
132
133     if (ret > 0) {
134         printf("- Received %d bytes: ", ret);
135         for (ii = 0; ii < ret; ii++) {
136             fputc(buffer[ii], stdout);
137         }
138         fputs("\n", stdout);
139     }
140
141     CHECK(gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR));
142
143 end:
144
145     tcp_close(sd);
146
147     gnutls_deinit(session);
148
149     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(xcred);
150
151     gnutls_global_deinit();
152
153     return 0;
154 }
155
156 /* This function will verify the peer's certificate, and check

```

```

157  * if the hostname matches, as well as the activation, expiration dates.
158  */
159  static int _verify_certificate_callback(gnutls_session_t session)
160  {
161      unsigned int status;
162      int type;
163      const char *hostname;
164      gnutls_datum_t out;
165
166      /* read hostname */
167      hostname = gnutls_session_get_ptr(session);
168
169      /* This verification function uses the trusted CAs in the credentials
170       * structure. So you must have installed one or more CA certificates.
171       */
172
173      CHECK(gnutls_certificate_verify_peers3(session, hostname,
174                                             &status));
175
176      type = gnutls_certificate_type_get(session);
177
178      CHECK(gnutls_certificate_verification_status_print(status, type,
179                                                         &out, 0));
180
181      printf("%s", out.data);
182
183      gnutls_free(out.data);
184
185      if (status != 0) /* Certificate is not trusted */
186          return GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_ERROR;
187
188      /* notify gnutls to continue handshake normally */
189      return 0;
190  }

```

### 6.3.8. Client example using the C++ API

The following client is a simple example of a client client utilizing the GnuTLS C++ API.

```

1  #include <config.h>
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <stdexcept>
4  #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
5  #include <gnutls/gnutlsxx.h>
6  #include <cstring> /* for strlen */
7
8  /* A very basic TLS client, with anonymous authentication.
9   * written by Eduardo Villanueva Che.
10  */
11
12  #define MAX_BUF 1024
13  #define SA struct sockaddr
14
15  #define CAFILE "ca.pem"
16  #define MSG "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
17

```

```
18 extern "C"
19 {
20     int tcp_connect(void);
21     void tcp_close(int sd);
22 }
23
24
25 int main(void)
26 {
27     int sd = -1;
28     gnutls_global_init();
29
30     try
31     {
32
33         /* Allow connections to servers that have OpenPGP keys as well.
34          */
35         gnutls::client_session session;
36
37         /* X509 stuff */
38         gnutls::certificate_credentials credentials;
39
40
41         /* sets the trusted cas file
42          */
43         credentials.set_x509_trust_file(CAFILE, GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
44         /* put the x509 credentials to the current session
45          */
46         session.set_credentials(credentials);
47
48         /* Use default priorities */
49         session.set_priority ("NORMAL", NULL);
50
51         /* connect to the peer
52          */
53         sd = tcp_connect();
54         session.set_transport_ptr((gnutls_transport_ptr_t) (ptrdiff_t)sd);
55
56         /* Perform the TLS handshake
57          */
58         int ret = session.handshake();
59         if (ret < 0)
60         {
61             throw std::runtime_error("Handshake failed");
62         }
63         else
64         {
65             std::cout << "- Handshake was completed" << std::endl;
66         }
67
68         session.send(MSG, strlen(MSG));
69         char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
70         ret = session.recv(buffer, MAX_BUF);
71         if (ret == 0)
72         {
73             throw std::runtime_error("Peer has closed the TLS connection");
74         }
75         else if (ret < 0)
```

```

76     {
77         throw std::runtime_error(gnutls_strerror(ret));
78     }
79
80     std::cout << "-- Received " << ret << " bytes:" << std::endl;
81     std::cout.write(buffer, ret);
82     std::cout << std::endl;
83
84     session.bye(GNUTLS_SHUT_RDWR);
85 }
86 catch (std::exception &ex)
87 {
88     std::cerr << "Exception caught: " << ex.what() << std::endl;
89 }
90
91 if (sd != -1)
92     tcp_close(sd);
93
94 gnutls_global_deinit();
95
96 return 0;
97 }

```

### 6.3.9. Echo server with PSK authentication

This is a server which supports PSK authentication.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <errno.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <string.h>
15 #include <unistd.h>
16 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
17
18 #define KEYFILE "key.pem"
19 #define CERTFILE "cert.pem"
20 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
21 #define CRLFILE "crl.pem"
22
23 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
24     do { \
25         rval = cmd; \
26     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED)
27
28 /* This is a sample TLS echo server, supporting X.509 and PSK
29    authentication.

```

```
30  */
31
32  #define SOCKET_ERR(err,s) if(err==-1) {perror(s);return(1);}
33  #define MAX_BUF 1024
34  #define PORT 5556          /* listen to 5556 port */
35
36  static int
37  pskfunc(gnutls_session_t session, const char *username,
38          gnutls_datum_t * key)
39  {
40      printf("psk: username %s\n", username);
41      key->data = gnutls_malloc(4);
42      key->data[0] = 0xDE;
43      key->data[1] = 0xAD;
44      key->data[2] = 0xBE;
45      key->data[3] = 0xEF;
46      key->size = 4;
47      return 0;
48  }
49
50  int main(void)
51  {
52      int err, listen_sd;
53      int sd, ret;
54      struct sockaddr_in sa_serv;
55      struct sockaddr_in sa_cli;
56      socklen_t client_len;
57      char topbuf[512];
58      gnutls_session_t session;
59      gnutls_certificate_credentials_t x509_cred;
60      gnutls_psk_server_credentials_t psk_cred;
61      gnutls_priority_t priority_cache;
62      char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
63      int optval = 1;
64      int kx;
65
66      if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
67          fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
68          exit(1);
69      }
70
71      /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
72      gnutls_global_init();
73
74      gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&x509_cred);
75      gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(x509_cred, CAFILE,
76                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
77
78      gnutls_certificate_set_x509_crl_file(x509_cred, CRLFILE,
79                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
80
81      gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file(x509_cred, CERTFILE, KEYFILE,
82                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
83
84      gnutls_psk_allocate_server_credentials(&psk_cred);
85      gnutls_psk_set_server_credentials_function(psk_cred, pskfunc);
86
87      /* pre-3.6.3 equivalent:
```

```

88     * gnutls_priority_init(&priority_cache,
89     *                       "NORMAL:+PSK:+ECDHE-PSK:+DHE-PSK",
90     *                       NULL);
91     */
92     gnutls_priority_init2(&priority_cache,
93     *                       "+ECDHE-PSK:+DHE-PSK:+PSK",
94     *                       NULL, GNUTLS_PRIORITY_INIT_DEF_APPEND);
95
96     gnutls_certificate_set_known_dh_params(x509_cred, GNUTLS_SEC_PARAM_MEDIUM);
97
98     /* Socket operations
99     */
100     listen_sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
101     SOCKET_ERR(listen_sd, "socket");
102
103     memset(&sa_serv, '\0', sizeof(sa_serv));
104     sa_serv.sin_family = AF_INET;
105     sa_serv.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
106     sa_serv.sin_port = htons(PORT); /* Server Port number */
107
108     setsockopt(listen_sd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, (void *) &optval,
109     *             sizeof(int));
110
111     err =
112     *     bind(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_serv, sizeof(sa_serv));
113     SOCKET_ERR(err, "bind");
114     err = listen(listen_sd, 1024);
115     SOCKET_ERR(err, "listen");
116
117     printf("Server ready. Listening to port '%d'.\n\n", PORT);
118
119     client_len = sizeof(sa_cli);
120     for (;;) {
121         gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_SERVER);
122         gnutls_priority_set(session, priority_cache);
123         gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE,
124         *             x509_cred);
125         gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_PSK, psk_cred);
126
127         /* request client certificate if any.
128         */
129         gnutls_certificate_server_set_request(session,
130         *             GNUTLS_CERT_REQUEST);
131
132         sd = accept(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_cli,
133         *             &client_len);
134
135         printf("- connection from %s, port %d\n",
136         *             inet_ntop(AF_INET, &sa_cli.sin_addr, topbuf,
137         *             sizeof(topbuf)), ntohs(sa_cli.sin_port));
138
139         gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
140         LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_handshake(session));
141         if (ret < 0) {
142             close(sd);
143             gnutls_deinit(session);
144             fprintf(stderr,
145             *             "*** Handshake has failed (%s)\n\n",

```



```

146         gnutls_strerror(ret));
147         continue;
148     }
149     printf("- Handshake was completed\n");
150
151     kx = gnutls_kx_get(session);
152     if (kx == GNUTLS_KX_PSK || kx == GNUTLS_KX_DHE_PSK ||
153         kx == GNUTLS_KX_ECDHE_PSK) {
154         printf("- User %s was connected\n",
155             gnutls_psk_server_get_username(session));
156     }
157
158     /* see the Getting peer's information example */
159     /* print_info(session); */
160
161     for (;;) {
162         LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
163
164         if (ret == 0) {
165             printf
166                 ("\n- Peer has closed the GnuTLS connection\n");
167             break;
168         } else if (ret < 0) {
169             && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
170                 fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n",
171                     gnutls_strerror(ret));
172             } else if (ret < 0) {
173                 fprintf(stderr, "\n*** Received corrupted "
174                     "data(%d). Closing the connection.\n\n",
175                     ret);
176                 break;
177             } else if (ret > 0) {
178                 /* echo data back to the client
179                  */
180                 gnutls_record_send(session, buffer, ret);
181             }
182         }
183         printf("\n");
184         /* do not wait for the peer to close the connection.
185          */
186         LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_WR));
187
188         close(sd);
189         gnutls_deinit(session);
190
191     }
192     close(listen_sd);
193
194     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(x509_cred);
195     gnutls_psk_free_server_credentials(psk_cred);
196
197     gnutls_priority_deinit(priority_cache);
198
199     gnutls_global_deinit();
200
201     return 0;
202

```

203 }

### 6.3.10. Echo server with SRP authentication

This is a server which supports SRP authentication. It is also possible to combine this functionality with a certificate server. Here it is separate for simplicity.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <errno.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <string.h>
15 #include <unistd.h>
16 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
17
18 #define SRP_PASSWD "tpasswd"
19 #define SRP_PASSWD_CONF "tpasswd.conf"
20
21 #define KEYFILE "key.pem"
22 #define CERTFILE "cert.pem"
23 #define CAFILE "/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt"
24
25 #define LOOP_CHECK(rval, cmd) \
26     do { \
27         rval = cmd; \
28     } while(rval == GNUTLS_E_AGAIN || rval == GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED)
29
30 /* This is a sample TLS-SRP echo server.
31    */
32
33 #define SOCKET_ERR(err,s) if(err==-1) {perror(s);return(1);}
34 #define MAX_BUF 1024
35 #define PORT 5556          /* listen to 5556 port */
36
37 int main(void)
38 {
39     int err, listen_sd;
40     int sd, ret;
41     struct sockaddr_in sa_serv;
42     struct sockaddr_in sa_cli;
43     socklen_t client_len;
44     char topbuf[512];
45     gnutls_session_t session;
46     gnutls_srp_server_credentials_t srp_cred;
47     gnutls_certificate_credentials_t cert_cred;
48     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
49     int optval = 1;

```

```

50     char name[256];
51
52     strcpy(name, "Echo Server");
53
54     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
55         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
56         exit(1);
57     }
58
59     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
60     gnutls_global_init();
61
62     /* SRP_PASSWD a password file (created with the included srptool utility)
63      */
64     gnutls_srp_allocate_server_credentials(&srp_cred);
65     gnutls_srp_set_server_credentials_file(srp_cred, SRP_PASSWD,
66                                           SRP_PASSWD_CONF);
67
68     gnutls_certificate_allocate_credentials(&cert_cred);
69     gnutls_certificate_set_x509_trust_file(cert_cred, CAFILE,
70                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
71     gnutls_certificate_set_x509_key_file(cert_cred, CERTFILE, KEYFILE,
72                                           GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
73
74     /* TCP socket operations
75      */
76     listen_sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
77     SOCKET_ERR(listen_sd, "socket");
78
79     memset(&sa_serv, '\0', sizeof(sa_serv));
80     sa_serv.sin_family = AF_INET;
81     sa_serv.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
82     sa_serv.sin_port = htons(PORT); /* Server Port number */
83
84     setsockopt(listen_sd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, (void *) &optval,
85               sizeof(int));
86
87     err =
88         bind(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_serv, sizeof(sa_serv));
89     SOCKET_ERR(err, "bind");
90     err = listen(listen_sd, 1024);
91     SOCKET_ERR(err, "listen");
92
93     printf("%s ready. Listening to port '%d'.\n\n", name, PORT);
94
95     client_len = sizeof(sa_cli);
96     for (;;) {
97         gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_SERVER);
98         gnutls_priority_set_direct(session,
99                                   "NORMAL"
100                                   ":-KX-ALL:+SRP:+SRP-DSS:+SRP-RSA",
101                                   NULL);
102         gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_SRP, srp_cred);
103         /* for the certificate authenticated ciphersuites.
104          */
105         gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_CERTIFICATE,
106                               cert_cred);
107

```

```

108      /* We don't request any certificate from the client.
109      * If we did we would need to verify it. One way of
110      * doing that is shown in the "Verifying a certificate"
111      * example.
112      */
113      gnutls_certificate_server_set_request(session,
114                                          GNUTLS_CERT_IGNORE);
115
116      sd = accept(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_cli,
117                  &client_len);
118
119      printf("- connection from %s, port %d\n",
120            inet_ntop(AF_INET, &sa_cli.sin_addr, topbuf,
121                      sizeof(topbuf)), ntohs(sa_cli.sin_port));
122
123      gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
124
125      LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_handshake(session));
126      if (ret < 0) {
127          close(sd);
128          gnutls_deinit(session);
129          fprintf(stderr,
130                "*** Handshake has failed (%s)\n\n",
131                gnutls_strerror(ret));
132          continue;
133      }
134      printf("- Handshake was completed\n");
135      printf("- User %s was connected\n",
136            gnutls_srp_server_get_username(session));
137
138      /* print_info(session); */
139
140      for (;;) {
141          LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF));
142
143          if (ret == 0) {
144              printf
145                  ("\n- Peer has closed the GnuTLS connection\n");
146              break;
147          } else if (ret < 0
148                    && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
149              fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n",
150                    gnutls_strerror(ret));
151          } else if (ret < 0) {
152              fprintf(stderr, "\n*** Received corrupted "
153                    "data(%d). Closing the connection.\n\n",
154                    ret);
155              break;
156          } else if (ret > 0) {
157              /* echo data back to the client
158              */
159              gnutls_record_send(session, buffer, ret);
160          }
161      }
162      printf("\n");
163      /* do not wait for the peer to close the connection. */
164      LOOP_CHECK(ret, gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_WR));
165

```

```
166         close(sd);
167         gnutls_deinit(session);
168
169     }
170     close(listen_sd);
171
172     gnutls_srp_free_server_credentials(srp_cred);
173     gnutls_certificate_free_credentials(cert_cred);
174
175     gnutls_global_deinit();
176
177     return 0;
178
179 }
```

### 6.3.11. Echo server with anonymous authentication

This example server supports anonymous authentication, and could be used to serve the example client for anonymous authentication.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <errno.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <string.h>
15 #include <unistd.h>
16 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
17
18 /* This is a sample TLS 1.0 echo server, for anonymous authentication only.
19  */
20
21
22 #define SOCKET_ERR(err,s) if(err==-1) {perror(s);return(1);}
23 #define MAX_BUF 1024
24 #define PORT 5556          /* listen to 5556 port */
25
26 int main(void)
27 {
28     int err, listen_sd;
29     int sd, ret;
30     struct sockaddr_in sa_serv;
31     struct sockaddr_in sa_cli;
32     socklen_t client_len;
33     char topbuf[512];
34     gnutls_session_t session;
35     gnutls_anon_server_credentials_t anoncred;
36     char buffer[MAX_BUF + 1];
```

```

37     int optval = 1;
38
39     if (gnutls_check_version("3.1.4") == NULL) {
40         fprintf(stderr, "GnuTLS 3.1.4 or later is required for this example\n");
41         exit(1);
42     }
43
44     /* for backwards compatibility with gnutls < 3.3.0 */
45     gnutls_global_init();
46
47     gnutls_anon_allocate_server_credentials(&anoncred);
48
49     gnutls_anon_set_server_known_dh_params(anoncred, GNUTLS_SEC_PARAM_MEDIUM);
50
51     /* Socket operations
52     */
53     listen_sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
54     SOCKET_ERR(listen_sd, "socket");
55
56     memset(&sa_serv, '\0', sizeof(sa_serv));
57     sa_serv.sin_family = AF_INET;
58     sa_serv.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
59     sa_serv.sin_port = htons(PORT); /* Server Port number */
60
61     setsockopt(listen_sd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, (void *) &optval,
62               sizeof(int));
63
64     err =
65         bind(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_serv, sizeof(sa_serv));
66     SOCKET_ERR(err, "bind");
67     err = listen(listen_sd, 1024);
68     SOCKET_ERR(err, "listen");
69
70     printf("Server ready. Listening to port '%d'.\n\n", PORT);
71
72     client_len = sizeof(sa_cli);
73     for (;;) {
74         gnutls_init(&session, GNUTLS_SERVER);
75         gnutls_priority_set_direct(session,
76                                   "NORMAL:+ANON-ECDH:+ANON-DH",
77                                   NULL);
78         gnutls_credentials_set(session, GNUTLS_CRD_ANON, anoncred);
79
80         sd = accept(listen_sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa_cli,
81                   &client_len);
82
83         printf("- connection from %s, port %d\n",
84               inet_ntop(AF_INET, &sa_cli.sin_addr, topbuf,
85                         sizeof(topbuf)), ntohs(sa_cli.sin_port));
86
87         gnutls_transport_set_int(session, sd);
88
89         do {
90             ret = gnutls_handshake(session);
91         }
92         while (ret < 0 && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0);
93
94         if (ret < 0) {

```

```
95         close(sd);
96         gnutls_deinit(session);
97         fprintf(stderr,
98             "*** Handshake has failed (%s)\n\n",
99             gnutls_strerror(ret));
100         continue;
101     }
102     printf("- Handshake was completed\n");
103
104     /* see the Getting peer's information example */
105     /* print_info(session); */
106
107     for (;;) {
108         ret = gnutls_record_recv(session, buffer, MAX_BUF);
109
110         if (ret == 0) {
111             printf
112                 ("\n- Peer has closed the GnuTLS connection\n");
113             break;
114         } else if (ret < 0
115             && gnutls_error_is_fatal(ret) == 0) {
116             fprintf(stderr, "*** Warning: %s\n",
117                 gnutls_strerror(ret));
118         } else if (ret < 0) {
119             fprintf(stderr, "\n*** Received corrupted "
120                 "data(%d). Closing the connection.\n\n",
121                 ret);
122             break;
123         } else if (ret > 0) {
124             /* echo data back to the client
125              */
126             gnutls_record_send(session, buffer, ret);
127         }
128     }
129     printf("\n");
130     /* do not wait for the peer to close the connection.
131      */
132     gnutls_bye(session, GNUTLS_SHUT_WR);
133
134     close(sd);
135     gnutls_deinit(session);
136
137 }
138 close(listen_sd);
139
140 gnutls_anon_free_server_credentials(anoncred);
141
142 gnutls_global_deinit();
143
144 return 0;
145
146 }
```

### 6.3.12. Helper functions for TCP connections

Those helper function abstract away TCP connection handling from the other examples. It is required to build some examples.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <unistd.h>
15
16 /* tcp.c */
17 int tcp_connect(void);
18 void tcp_close(int sd);
19
20 /* Connects to the peer and returns a socket
21  * descriptor.
22  */
23 extern int tcp_connect(void)
24 {
25     const char *PORT = "5556";
26     const char *SERVER = "127.0.0.1";
27     int err, sd;
28     struct sockaddr_in sa;
29
30     /* connects to server
31      */
32     sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
33
34     memset(&sa, '\0', sizeof(sa));
35     sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
36     sa.sin_port = htons(atoi(PORT));
37     inet_pton(AF_INET, SERVER, &sa.sin_addr);
38
39     err = connect(sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa, sizeof(sa));
40     if (err < 0) {
41         fprintf(stderr, "Connect error\n");
42         exit(1);
43     }
44
45     return sd;
46 }
47
48 /* closes the given socket descriptor.
49  */
50 extern void tcp_close(int sd)
51 {
52     shutdown(sd, SHUT_RDWR);      /* no more receptions */
53     close(sd);

```



54 }

### 6.3.13. Helper functions for UDP connections

The UDP helper functions abstract away UDP connection handling from the other examples. It is required to build the examples using UDP.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <sys/types.h>
11 #include <sys/socket.h>
12 #include <arpa/inet.h>
13 #include <netinet/in.h>
14 #include <unistd.h>
15
16 /* udp.c */
17 int udp_connect(void);
18 void udp_close(int sd);
19
20 /* Connects to the peer and returns a socket
21  * descriptor.
22  */
23 extern int udp_connect(void)
24 {
25     const char *PORT = "5557";
26     const char *SERVER = "127.0.0.1";
27     int err, sd;
28     #if defined(IP_DONTFRAG) || defined(IP_MTU_DISCOVER)
29         int optval;
30     #endif
31     struct sockaddr_in sa;
32
33     /* connects to server
34      */
35     sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
36
37     memset(&sa, '\0', sizeof(sa));
38     sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
39     sa.sin_port = htons(atoi(PORT));
40     inet_pton(AF_INET, SERVER, &sa.sin_addr);
41
42     #if defined(IP_DONTFRAG)
43         optval = 1;
44         setsockopt(sd, IPPROTO_IP, IP_DONTFRAG,
45                   (const void *) &optval, sizeof(optval));
46     #elif defined(IP_MTU_DISCOVER)
47         optval = IP_PMTUDISC_D0;
48         setsockopt(sd, IPPROTO_IP, IP_MTU_DISCOVER,
49                   (const void *) &optval, sizeof(optval));
```

```

50 #endif
51
52     err = connect(sd, (struct sockaddr *) &sa, sizeof(sa));
53     if (err < 0) {
54         fprintf(stderr, "Connect error\n");
55         exit(1);
56     }
57
58     return sd;
59 }
60
61 /* closes the given socket descriptor.
62  */
63 extern void udp_close(int sd)
64 {
65     close(sd);
66 }

```

## 6.4. OCSP example

### Generate OCSP request

A small tool to generate OCSP requests.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <string.h>
10 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
11 #include <gnutls/crypto.h>
12 #include <gnutls/ocsp.h>
13 #ifndef NO_LIBCURL
14 #include <curl/curl.h>
15 #endif
16 #include "read-file.h"
17
18 size_t get_data(void *buffer, size_t size, size_t nmemb, void *userp);
19 static gnutls_x509_cert_t load_cert(const char *cert_file);
20 static void _response_info(const gnutls_datum_t * data);
21 static void
22 _generate_request(gnutls_datum_t * rdata, gnutls_x509_cert_t cert,
23                  gnutls_x509_cert_t issuer, gnutls_datum_t * nonce);
24 static int
25 _verify_response(gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_cert_t cert,
26                  gnutls_x509_cert_t signer, gnutls_datum_t * nonce);
27
28 /* This program queries an OCSP server.
29  It expects three files. argv[1] containing the certificate to
30  be checked, argv[2] holding the issuer for this certificate,
31  and argv[3] holding a trusted certificate to verify OCSP's response.

```

```
32     argv[4] is optional and should hold the server host name.
33
34     For simplicity the libcurl library is used.
35     */
36
37 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
38 {
39     gnutls_datum_t ud, tmp;
40     int ret;
41     gnutls_datum_t req;
42     gnutls_x509_crt_t cert, issuer, signer;
43 #ifndef NO_LIBCURL
44     CURL *handle;
45     struct curl_slist *headers = NULL;
46 #endif
47     int v, seq;
48     const char *cert_file = argv[1];
49     const char *issuer_file = argv[2];
50     const char *signer_file = argv[3];
51     char *hostname = NULL;
52     unsigned char noncebuf[23];
53     gnutls_datum_t nonce = { noncebuf, sizeof(noncebuf) };
54
55     gnutls_global_init();
56
57     if (argc > 4)
58         hostname = argv[4];
59
60     ret = gnutls_rnd(GNUTLS_RND_NONCE, nonce.data, nonce.size);
61     if (ret < 0)
62         exit(1);
63
64     cert = load_cert(cert_file);
65     issuer = load_cert(issuer_file);
66     signer = load_cert(signer_file);
67
68     if (hostname == NULL) {
69
70         for (seq = 0;; seq++) {
71             ret =
72                 gnutls_x509_crt_get_authority_info_access(cert,
73                                                         seq,
74                                                         GNUTLS_IA_OCSP_URI,
75                                                         &tmp,
76                                                         NULL);
77
78             if (ret == GNUTLS_E_UNKNOWN_ALGORITHM)
79                 continue;
80             if (ret == GNUTLS_E_REQUESTED_DATA_NOT_AVAILABLE) {
81                 fprintf(stderr,
82                     "No URI was found in the certificate.\n");
83                 exit(1);
84             }
85             if (ret < 0) {
86                 fprintf(stderr, "error: %s\n",
87                     gnutls_strerror(ret));
88                 exit(1);
89             }
90         }
91     }
```

```

90         printf("CA issuers URI: %.*s\n", tmp.size,
91               tmp.data);
92
93         hostname = malloc(tmp.size + 1);
94         if (!hostname) {
95             fprintf(stderr, "error: cannot allocate memory\n");
96             exit(1);
97         }
98         memcpy(hostname, tmp.data, tmp.size);
99         hostname[tmp.size] = 0;
100
101         gnutls_free(tmp.data);
102         break;
103     }
104
105 }
106
107 /* Note that the OCSP servers hostname might be available
108  * using gnutls_x509_cert_get_authority_info_access() in the issuer's
109  * certificate */
110
111 memset(&ud, 0, sizeof(ud));
112 fprintf(stderr, "Connecting to %s\n", hostname);
113
114 _generate_request(&req, cert, issuer, &nonce);
115
116 #ifndef NO_LIBCURL
117     curl_global_init(CURL_GLOBAL_ALL);
118
119     handle = curl_easy_init();
120     if (handle == NULL)
121         exit(1);
122
123     headers =
124         curl_slist_append(headers,
125             "Content-Type: application/ocsp-request");
126
127     curl_easy_setopt(handle, CURLOPT_HTTPHEADER, headers);
128     curl_easy_setopt(handle, CURLOPT_POSTFIELDS, (void *) req.data);
129     curl_easy_setopt(handle, CURLOPT_POSTFIELDSIZE, req.size);
130     curl_easy_setopt(handle, CURLOPT_URL, hostname);
131     curl_easy_setopt(handle, CURLOPT_WRITEFUNCTION, get_data);
132     curl_easy_setopt(handle, CURLOPT_WRITEDATA, &ud);
133
134     ret = curl_easy_perform(handle);
135     if (ret != 0) {
136         fprintf(stderr, "curl[%d] error %d\n", __LINE__, ret);
137         exit(1);
138     }
139
140     curl_easy_cleanup(handle);
141 #endif
142
143     _response_info(&ud);
144
145     v = _verify_response(&ud, cert, signer, &nonce);
146
147     gnutls_x509_cert_deinit(cert);

```

```
148     gnutls_x509_crt_deinit(issuer);
149     gnutls_x509_crt_deinit(signer);
150     gnutls_global_deinit();
151
152     return v;
153 }
154
155 static void _response_info(const gnutls_datum_t * data)
156 {
157     gnutls_ocsp_resp_t resp;
158     int ret;
159     gnutls_datum buf;
160
161     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_init(&resp);
162     if (ret < 0)
163         exit(1);
164
165     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_import(resp, data);
166     if (ret < 0)
167         exit(1);
168
169     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_print(resp, GNUTLS_OCSP_PRINT_FULL, &buf);
170     if (ret != 0)
171         exit(1);
172
173     printf("%.s", buf.size, buf.data);
174     gnutls_free(buf.data);
175
176     gnutls_ocsp_resp_deinit(resp);
177 }
178
179 static gnutls_x509_crt_t load_cert(const char *cert_file)
180 {
181     gnutls_x509_crt_t crt;
182     int ret;
183     gnutls_datum_t data;
184     size_t size;
185
186     ret = gnutls_x509_crt_init(&crt);
187     if (ret < 0)
188         exit(1);
189
190     data.data = (void *) read_file(cert_file, RF_BINARY, &size);
191     data.size = size;
192
193     if (!data.data) {
194         fprintf(stderr, "Cannot open file: %s\n", cert_file);
195         exit(1);
196     }
197
198     ret = gnutls_x509_crt_import(crt, &data, GNUTLS_X509_FMT_PEM);
199     free(data.data);
200     if (ret < 0) {
201         fprintf(stderr, "Cannot import certificate in %s: %s\n",
202                 cert_file, gnutls_strerror(ret));
203         exit(1);
204     }
205 }
```

```

206     return crt;
207 }
208
209 static void
210 _generate_request(gnutls_datum_t * rdata, gnutls_x509_crt_t cert,
211                  gnutls_x509_crt_t issuer, gnutls_datum_t *nonce)
212 {
213     gnutls_ocsp_req_t req;
214     int ret;
215
216     ret = gnutls_ocsp_req_init(&req);
217     if (ret < 0)
218         exit(1);
219
220     ret = gnutls_ocsp_req_add_cert(req, GNUTLS_DIG_SHA1, issuer, cert);
221     if (ret < 0)
222         exit(1);
223
224
225     ret = gnutls_ocsp_req_set_nonce(req, 0, nonce);
226     if (ret < 0)
227         exit(1);
228
229     ret = gnutls_ocsp_req_export(req, rdata);
230     if (ret != 0)
231         exit(1);
232
233     gnutls_ocsp_req_deinit(req);
234
235     return;
236 }
237
238 static int
239 _verify_response(gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_x509_crt_t cert,
240                  gnutls_x509_crt_t signer, gnutls_datum_t *nonce)
241 {
242     gnutls_ocsp_resp_t resp;
243     int ret;
244     unsigned verify;
245     gnutls_datum_t rnonce;
246
247     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_init(&resp);
248     if (ret < 0)
249         exit(1);
250
251     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_import(resp, data);
252     if (ret < 0)
253         exit(1);
254
255     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_check_crt(resp, 0, cert);
256     if (ret < 0)
257         exit(1);
258
259     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_get_nonce(resp, NULL, &rnonce);
260     if (ret < 0)
261         exit(1);
262
263     if (rnonce.size != nonce->size || memcmp(nonce->data, rnonce.data,

```

```
264         nonce->size) != 0) {
265             exit(1);
266     }
267
268     ret = gnutls_ocsp_resp_verify_direct(resp, signer, &verify, 0);
269     if (ret < 0)
270         exit(1);
271
272     printf("Verifying OCSP Response: ");
273     if (verify == 0)
274         printf("Verification success!\n");
275     else
276         printf("Verification error!\n");
277
278     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_SIGNER_NOT_FOUND)
279         printf("Signer cert not found\n");
280
281     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_SIGNER_KEYUSAGE_ERROR)
282         printf("Signer cert keyusage error\n");
283
284     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_UNTRUSTED_SIGNER)
285         printf("Signer cert is not trusted\n");
286
287     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_INSECURE_ALGORITHM)
288         printf("Insecure algorithm\n");
289
290     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_SIGNATURE_FAILURE)
291         printf("Signature failure\n");
292
293     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_CERT_NOT_ACTIVATED)
294         printf("Signer cert not yet activated\n");
295
296     if (verify & GNUTLS_OCSP_VERIFY_CERT_EXPIRED)
297         printf("Signer cert expired\n");
298
299     gnutls_free(rnonce.data);
300     gnutls_ocsp_resp_deinit(resp);
301
302     return verify;
303 }
304
305 size_t get_data(void *buffer, size_t size, size_t nmemb, void *userp)
306 {
307     gnutls_datum_t *ud = userp;
308
309     size *= nmemb;
310
311     ud->data = realloc(ud->data, size + ud->size);
312     if (ud->data == NULL) {
313         fprintf(stderr, "Not enough memory for the request\n");
314         exit(1);
315     }
316
317     memcpy(&ud->data[ud->size], buffer, size);
318     ud->size += size;
319
320     return size;
```

321 | }

## 6.5. Miscellaneous examples

### 6.5.1. Checking for an alert

This is a function that checks if an alert has been received in the current session.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
10
11 #include "examples.h"
12
13 /* This function will check whether the given return code from
14  * a gnutls function (recv/send), is an alert, and will print
15  * that alert.
16  */
17 void check_alert(gnutls_session_t session, int ret)
18 {
19     int last_alert;
20
21     if (ret == GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED
22         || ret == GNUTLS_E_FATAL_ALERT_RECEIVED) {
23         last_alert = gnutls_alert_get(session);
24
25         /* The check for renegotiation is only useful if we are
26          * a server, and we had requested a rehandshake.
27          */
28         if (last_alert == GNUTLS_A_NO_RENEGOTIATION &&
29             ret == GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED)
30             printf("* Received NO_RENEGOTIATION alert. "
31                  "Client Does not support renegotiation.\n");
32         else
33             printf("* Received alert '%d': %s.\n", last_alert,
34                  gnutls_alert_get_name(last_alert));
35     }
36 }
```

### 6.5.2. X.509 certificate parsing example

To demonstrate the X.509 parsing capabilities an example program is listed below. That program reads the peer's certificate, and prints information about it.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
```



```
4 #include <config.h>
5 #endif
6
7 #include <stdio.h>
8 #include <stdlib.h>
9 #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
10 #include <gnutls/x509.h>
11
12 #include "examples.h"
13
14 static const char *bin2hex(const void *bin, size_t bin_size)
15 {
16     static char printable[110];
17     const unsigned char *_bin = bin;
18     char *print;
19     size_t i;
20
21     if (bin_size > 50)
22         bin_size = 50;
23
24     print = printable;
25     for (i = 0; i < bin_size; i++) {
26         sprintf(print, "%.2x ", _bin[i]);
27         print += 2;
28     }
29
30     return printable;
31 }
32
33 /* This function will print information about this session's peer
34  * certificate.
35  */
36 void print_x509_certificate_info(gnutls_session_t session)
37 {
38     char serial[40];
39     char dn[256];
40     size_t size;
41     unsigned int algo, bits;
42     time_t expiration_time, activation_time;
43     const gnutls_datum_t *cert_list;
44     unsigned int cert_list_size = 0;
45     gnutls_x509_crt_t cert;
46     gnutls_datum_t cinfo;
47
48     /* This function only works for X.509 certificates.
49     */
50     if (gnutls_certificate_type_get(session) != GNUTLS_CERT_X509)
51         return;
52
53     cert_list = gnutls_certificate_get_peers(session, &cert_list_size);
54
55     printf("Peer provided %d certificates.\n", cert_list_size);
56
57     if (cert_list_size > 0) {
58         int ret;
59
60         /* we only print information about the first certificate.
61         */
```

```

62     gnutls_x509_crt_init(&cert);
63
64     gnutls_x509_crt_import(cert, &cert_list[0],
65                             GNUTLS_X509_FMT_DER);
66
67     printf("Certificate info:\n");
68
69     /* This is the preferred way of printing short information about
70        a certificate. */
71
72     ret =
73         gnutls_x509_crt_print(cert, GNUTLS_CERT_PRINT_ONELINE,
74                               &cinfo);
75     if (ret == 0) {
76         printf("\t%s\n", cinfo.data);
77         gnutls_free(cinfo.data);
78     }
79
80     /* If you want to extract fields manually for some other reason,
81        below are popular example calls. */
82
83     expiration_time =
84         gnutls_x509_crt_get_expiration_time(cert);
85     activation_time =
86         gnutls_x509_crt_get_activation_time(cert);
87
88     printf("\tCertificate is valid since: %s",
89           ctime(&activation_time));
90     printf("\tCertificate expires: %s",
91           ctime(&expiration_time));
92
93     /* Print the serial number of the certificate.
94        */
95     size = sizeof(serial);
96     gnutls_x509_crt_get_serial(cert, serial, &size);
97
98     printf("\tCertificate serial number: %s\n",
99           bin2hex(serial, size));
100
101     /* Extract some of the public key algorithm's parameters
102        */
103     algo = gnutls_x509_crt_get_pk_algorithm(cert, &bits);
104
105     printf("Certificate public key: %s",
106           gnutls_pk_algorithm_get_name(algo));
107
108     /* Print the version of the X.509
109        * certificate.
110        */
111     printf("\tCertificate version: %d\n",
112           gnutls_x509_crt_get_version(cert));
113
114     size = sizeof(dn);
115     gnutls_x509_crt_get_dn(cert, dn, &size);
116     printf("\tDN: %s\n", dn);
117
118     size = sizeof(dn);
119     gnutls_x509_crt_get_issuer_dn(cert, dn, &size);

```

```
120         printf("\tIssuer's DN: %s\n", dn);
121
122         gnutls_x509_crt_deinit(cert);
123
124     }
125 }
```

### 6.5.3. Listing the ciphersuites in a priority string

This is a small program to list the enabled ciphersuites by a priority string.

```
1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #include <config.h>
4  #include <stdio.h>
5  #include <stdlib.h>
6  #include <string.h>
7  #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
8
9  static void print_cipher_suite_list(const char *priorities)
10 {
11     size_t i;
12     int ret;
13     unsigned int idx;
14     const char *name;
15     const char *err;
16     unsigned char id[2];
17     gnutls_protocol_t version;
18     gnutls_priority_t pcache;
19
20     if (priorities != NULL) {
21         printf("Cipher suites for %s\n", priorities);
22
23         ret = gnutls_priority_init(&pcache, priorities, &err);
24         if (ret < 0) {
25             fprintf(stderr, "Syntax error at: %s\n", err);
26             exit(1);
27         }
28
29         for (i = 0;; i++) {
30             ret =
31                 gnutls_priority_get_cipher_suite_index(pcache,
32                                                         i,
33                                                         &idx);
34             if (ret == GNUTLS_E_REQUESTED_DATA_NOT_AVAILABLE)
35                 break;
36             if (ret == GNUTLS_E_UNKNOWN_CIPHER_SUITE)
37                 continue;
38
39             name =
40                 gnutls_cipher_suite_info(idx, id, NULL, NULL,
41                                         NULL, &version);
42
43             if (name != NULL)
44                 printf("%-50s\t0x%02x, 0x%02x\t%s\n",
45                       name, (unsigned char) id[0],
```

```

46         (unsigned char) id[1],
47         gnutls_protocol_get_name(version));
48     }
49
50     return;
51 }
52 }
53
54 int main(int argc, char **argv)
55 {
56     if (argc > 1)
57         print_cipher_suite_list(argv[1]);
58     return 0;
59 }

```

#### 6.5.4. PKCS #12 structure generation example

This small program demonstrates the usage of the PKCS #12 API, by generating such a structure.

```

1  /* This example code is placed in the public domain. */
2
3  #ifdef HAVE_CONFIG_H
4  #include <config.h>
5  #endif
6
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <stdlib.h>
9  #include <gnutls/gnutls.h>
10 #include <gnutls/pkcs12.h>
11
12 #include "examples.h"
13
14 #define OUTFILE "out.p12"
15
16 /* This function will write a pkcs12 structure into a file.
17  * cert: is a DER encoded certificate
18  * pkcs8_key: is a PKCS #8 encrypted key (note that this must be
19  * encrypted using a PKCS #12 cipher, or some browsers will crash)
20  * password: is the password used to encrypt the PKCS #12 packet.
21  */
22 int
23 write_pkcs12(const gnutls_datum_t * cert,
24             const gnutls_datum_t * pkcs8_key, const char *password)
25 {
26     gnutls_pkcs12_t pkcs12;
27     int ret, bag_index;
28     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_t bag, key_bag;
29     char pkcs12_struct[10 * 1024];
30     size_t pkcs12_struct_size;
31     FILE *fp;
32
33     /* A good idea might be to use gnutls_x509_privkey_get_key_id()
34      * to obtain a unique ID.
35      */
36     gnutls_datum_t key_id = { (void *) "\x00\x00\x07", 3 };

```

```
37
38     gnutls_global_init();
39
40     /* Firstly we create two helper bags, which hold the certificate,
41      * and the (encrypted) key.
42      */
43
44     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_init(&bag);
45     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_init(&key_bag);
46
47     ret =
48         gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_data(bag, GNUTLS_BAG_CERTIFICATE, cert);
49     if (ret < 0) {
50         fprintf(stderr, "ret: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
51         return 1;
52     }
53
54     /* ret now holds the bag's index.
55      */
56     bag_index = ret;
57
58     /* Associate a friendly name with the given certificate. Used
59      * by browsers.
60      */
61     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_friendly_name(bag, bag_index, "My name");
62
63     /* Associate the certificate with the key using a unique key
64      * ID.
65      */
66     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_key_id(bag, bag_index, &key_id);
67
68     /* use weak encryption for the certificate.
69      */
70     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_encrypt(bag, password,
71                             GNUTLS_PKCS_USE_PKCS12_RC2_40);
72
73     /* Now the key.
74      */
75
76     ret = gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_data(key_bag,
77                                     GNUTLS_BAG_PKCS8_ENCRYPTED_KEY,
78                                     pkcs8_key);
79     if (ret < 0) {
80         fprintf(stderr, "ret: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
81         return 1;
82     }
83
84     /* Note that since the PKCS #8 key is already encrypted we don't
85      * bother encrypting that bag.
86      */
87     bag_index = ret;
88
89     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_friendly_name(key_bag, bag_index, "My name");
90
91     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_set_key_id(key_bag, bag_index, &key_id);
92
93
94     /* The bags were filled. Now create the PKCS #12 structure.
```

```
95     */
96     gnutls_pkcs12_init(&pkcs12);
97
98     /* Insert the two bags in the PKCS #12 structure.
99     */
100
101     gnutls_pkcs12_set_bag(pkcs12, bag);
102     gnutls_pkcs12_set_bag(pkcs12, key_bag);
103
104
105     /* Generate a message authentication code for the PKCS #12
106     * structure.
107     */
108     gnutls_pkcs12_generate_mac(pkcs12, password);
109
110     pkcs12_struct_size = sizeof(pkcs12_struct);
111     ret =
112         gnutls_pkcs12_export(pkcs12, GNUTLS_X509_FMT_DER,
113                             pkcs12_struct, &pkcs12_struct_size);
114     if (ret < 0) {
115         fprintf(stderr, "ret: %s\n", gnutls_strerror(ret));
116         return 1;
117     }
118
119     fp = fopen(OUTFILE, "w");
120     if (fp == NULL) {
121         fprintf(stderr, "cannot open file\n");
122         return 1;
123     }
124     fwrite(pkcs12_struct, 1, pkcs12_struct_size, fp);
125     fclose(fp);
126
127     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_deinit(bag);
128     gnutls_pkcs12_bag_deinit(key_bag);
129     gnutls_pkcs12_deinit(pkcs12);
130
131     return 0;
132 }
```

# 7

## Using GnuTLS as a cryptographic library

GnuTLS is not a low-level cryptographic library, i.e., it does not provide access to basic cryptographic primitives. However it abstracts the internal cryptographic back-end (see [section 9.5](#)), providing symmetric crypto, hash and HMAC algorithms, as well access to the random number generation. For a low-level crypto API the usage of [nettle](#)<sup>1</sup> library is recommended.

### 7.1. Symmetric algorithms

The available functions to access symmetric crypto algorithms operations are listed in the sections below. The supported algorithms are the algorithms required by the TLS protocol. They are listed in [Table 7.1](#). Note that there two types of ciphers, the ones providing an authenticated-encryption with associated data (AEAD), and the legacy ciphers which provide raw access to the ciphers. We recommend the use of the AEAD ciphers under the AEAD APIs for new applications as they are designed to minimize the misuse of cryptographic primitives.

#### Authenticated-encryption API

The AEAD API provides access to all ciphers supported by GnuTLS which support authenticated encryption with associated data; these ciphers are marked with the AEAD keyword on the table above. The AEAD cipher API is particularly suitable for message or packet-encryption as it provides authentication and encryption on the same API. See [RFC5116](#) for more information on authenticated encryption.

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<sup>1</sup>See @uref<https://www.lysator.liu.se/~nisse/nettle/>.

```

int gnutls_aead_cipher_init (gnutls_aead_cipher_hd_t * handle,
gnutls_cipher_algorithm_t cipher, const gnutls_datum_t * key)

int gnutls_aead_cipher_encrypt (gnutls_aead_cipher_hd_t handle, const void *
nonce, size_t nonce_len, const void * auth, size_t auth_len, size_t tag_size,
const void * ptext, size_t ptext_len, void * ctext, size_t * ctext_len)

int gnutls_aead_cipher_decrypt (gnutls_aead_cipher_hd_t handle, const void *
nonce, size_t nonce_len, const void * auth, size_t auth_len, size_t tag_size,
const void * ctext, size_t ctext_len, void * ptext, size_t * ptext_len)

void gnutls_aead_cipher_deinit (gnutls_aead_cipher_hd_t handle)

```

Because the encryption function above may be difficult to use with scattered data, we provide the following API.

```

int gnutls_aead_cipher_encryptv (gnutls_aead_cipher_hd_t handle, const void
* nonce, size_t nonce_len, const givovec_t * auth_iov, int auth_iovcnt, size_t
tag_size, const givovec_t * iov, int iovcnt, void * ctext, size_t * ctext_len)

```

**Description:** This function will encrypt the provided data buffers using the algorithm specified by the context. The output data will contain the authentication tag.

**Returns:** Zero or a negative error code on error.

## Legacy API

The legacy API provides low-level access to all legacy ciphers supported by GnuTLS, and some of the AEAD ciphers (e.g., AES-GCM and CHACHA20). The restrictions of the nettle library implementation of the ciphers apply verbatim to this API<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup>See the nettle manual <https://www.lysator.liu.se/~nisse/nettle/nettle.html>



```
int gnutls_cipher_init (gnutls_cipher_hd_t * handle, gnutls_cipher_algorithm_t ci-  
pher, const gnutls_datum_t * key, const gnutls_datum_t * iv)  
  
int gnutls_cipher_encrypt2 (gnutls_cipher_hd_t handle, const void * ptext, size_t  
ptext_len, void * ctext, size_t ctext_len)  
  
int gnutls_cipher_decrypt2 (gnutls_cipher_hd_t handle, const void * ctext, size_t  
ctext_len, void * ptext, size_t ptext_len)  
  
void gnutls_cipher_set_iv (gnutls_cipher_hd_t handle, void * iv, size_t ivlen)  
  
void gnutls_cipher_deinit (gnutls_cipher_hd_t handle)
```

```
int gnutls_cipher_add_auth (gnutls_cipher_hd_t handle, const void * ptext, size_t  
ptext_size)  
  
int gnutls_cipher_tag (gnutls_cipher_hd_t handle, void * tag, size_t tag_size)
```

While the latter two functions allow the same API can be used with authenticated encryption ciphers, it is recommended to use the following functions which are solely for AEAD ciphers. The latter API is designed to be simple to use and also hard to misuse, by handling the tag verification and addition in transparent way.

## 7.2. Public key algorithms

Public key cryptography algorithms such as RSA, DSA and ECDSA, are accessed using the abstract key API in [section 4.1](#). This is a high level API with the advantage of transparently handling keys stored in memory and keys present in smart cards.

```

int gnutls_privkey_init (gnutls_privkey_t * key)

int gnutls_privkey_import_url (gnutls_privkey_t key, const char * url, unsigned int
flags)

int gnutls_privkey_import_x509_raw (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, const gnutls_datum_t *
data, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format, const char * password, unsigned int flags)

int gnutls_privkey_sign_data (gnutls_privkey_t signer, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t
hash, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_datum_t * signature)

int gnutls_privkey_sign_hash (gnutls_privkey_t signer, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t
hash_algo, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * hash_data, gnutls_datum_t *
signature)

void gnutls_privkey_deinit (gnutls_privkey_t key)

```

```

int gnutls_pubkey_init (gnutls_pubkey_t * key)

int gnutls_pubkey_import_url (gnutls_pubkey_t key, const char * url, unsigned int
flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_import_x509 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_x509_crt_t crt, un-
signed int flags)

int gnutls_pubkey_verify_data2 (gnutls_pubkey_t pubkey, gnutls_sign_algorithm_t
algo, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * data, const gnutls_datum_t *
signature)

int gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash2 (gnutls_pubkey_t key, gnutls_sign_algorithm_t
algo, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_datum_t * hash, const gnutls_datum_t *
signature)

void gnutls_pubkey_deinit (gnutls_pubkey_t key)

```

Keys stored in memory can be imported using functions like `gnutls_privkey_import_x509_raw`, while keys on smart cards or HSMs should be imported using their PKCS#11 URL with `gnutls_privkey_import_url`.

If any of the smart card operations require PIN, that should be provided either by setting the global PIN function (`gnutls_pkcs11_set_pin_function`), or better with the targeted to structures functions such as `gnutls_privkey_set_pin_function`.

### 7.2.1. Key generation

All supported key types (including RSA, DSA, ECDSA, Ed25519, Ed448) can be generated with GnuTLS. They can be generated with the simpler `gnutls_privkey_generate` or with the more advanced `gnutls_privkey_generate2`.

```
int gnutls_privkey_generate2 (gnutls_privkey_t pkey, gnutls_pk_algorithm_t algo,
unsigned int bits, unsigned int flags, const gnutls_keygen_data_st * data, unsigned
data_size)
```

**Description:** This function will generate a random private key. Note that this function must be called on an initialized private key. The flag `GNUTLS_PRIVKEY_FLAG_PROVABLE` instructs the key generation process to use algorithms like Shawa-Taylor (from FIPS PUB186-4) which generate provable parameters out of a seed for RSA and DSA keys. On DSA keys the PQG parameters are generated using the seed, while on RSA the two primes. To specify an explicit seed (by default a random seed is used), use the `data` with a `GNUTLS_KEYGEN_SEED` type. Note that when generating an elliptic curve key, the curve can be substituted in the place of the bits parameter using the `GNUTLS_CURVE_TO_BITS()` macro. To export the generated keys in memory or in files it is recommended to use the PKCS#8 form as it can handle all key types, and can store additional parameters such as the seed, in case of provable RSA or DSA keys. Generated keys can be exported in memory using `gnutls_privkey_export_x509()`, and then with `gnutls_x509_privkey_export2_pkcs8()`. If key generation is part of your application, avoid setting the number of bits directly, and instead use `gnutls_sec_param_to_pk_bits()`. That way the generated keys will adapt to the security levels of the underlying GnuTLS library.

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

## 7.3. Cryptographic Message Syntax / PKCS7

The CMS or PKCS #7 format is a commonly used format for digital signatures. PKCS #7 is the name of the original standard when published by RSA, though today the standard is adopted by IETF under the name CMS.

The standards include multiple ways of signing a digital document, e.g., by embedding the data into the signature, or creating detached signatures of the data, including a timestamp, additional certificates etc. In certain cases the same format is also used to transport lists of certificates and CRLs.

It is a relatively popular standard to sign structures, and is being used to sign in PDF files, as well as for signing kernel modules and other structures.

In GnuTLS, the basic functions to initialize, deinitialize, import, export or print information about a PKCS #7 structure are listed below.

```
int gnutls_pkcs7_init (gnutls_pkcs7_t * pkcs7)

void gnutls_pkcs7_deinit (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7)

int gnutls_pkcs7_export2 (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format,
gnutls_datum_t * out)

int gnutls_pkcs7_import (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, const gnutls_datum_t * data,
gnutls_x509_crt_fmt_t format)

int gnutls_pkcs7_print (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_certificate_print_formats_t for-
mat, gnutls_datum_t * out)
```

The following functions allow the verification of a structure using either a trust list, or individual certificates. The `gnutls_pkcs7_sign` function is the data signing function.

```
int gnutls_pkcs7_verify_direct (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_x509_crt_t signer,
unsigned idx, const gnutls_datum_t * data, unsigned flags)

int gnutls_pkcs7_verify (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_x509_trust_list_t tl,
gnutls_typed_vdata_st * vdata, unsigned int vdata_size, unsigned idx, const
gnutls_datum_t * data, unsigned flags)
```

```
int gnutls_pkcs7_sign (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_x509_crt_t signer,
gnutls_privkey_t signer_key, const gnutls_datum_t * data, gnutls_pkcs7_attrs_t
signed_attrs, gnutls_pkcs7_attrs_t unsigned_attrs, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t dig,
unsigned flags)
```

**Description:** This function will add a signature in the provided PKCS #7 structure for the provided data. Multiple signatures can be made with different signers. The available flags are: `GNUTLS_PKCS7_EMBED_DATA`, `GNUTLS_PKCS7_INCLUDE_TIME`, `GNUTLS_PKCS7_INCLUDE_CERT`, and `GNUTLS_PKCS7_WRITE_SPKI`. They are explained in the `gnutls_pkcs7_sign_flags` definition.

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

@showenumdescgnutls\_pkcs7\_sign\_flags,Flags applicable to `gnutls_pkcs7_sign()`

Other helper functions which allow to access the signatures, or certificates attached in the structure are listed below.

```
int gnutls_pkcs7_get_signature_count (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7)

int gnutls_pkcs7_get_signature_info (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, unsigned idx,
gnutls_pkcs7_signature_info_st * info)

int gnutls_pkcs7_get_cert_count (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7)

int gnutls_pkcs7_get_cert_raw2 (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, unsigned idx,
gnutls_datum_t * cert)

int gnutls_pkcs7_get_crl_count (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7)

int gnutls_pkcs7_get_crl_raw2 (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, unsigned idx,
gnutls_datum_t * crl)
```

To append certificates, or CRLs in the structure the following functions are provided.

```
int gnutls_pkcs7_set_cert_raw (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, const gnutls_datum_t * cert)

int gnutls_pkcs7_set_cert (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_x509_cert_t crt)

int gnutls_pkcs7_set_crl_raw (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, const gnutls_datum_t * crl)

int gnutls_pkcs7_set_crl (gnutls_pkcs7_t pkcs7, gnutls_x509_crl_t crl)
```

## 7.4. Hash and MAC functions

The available operations to access hash functions and hash-MAC (HMAC) algorithms are shown below. HMAC algorithms provided keyed hash functionality. The supported MAC and HMAC algorithms are listed in [Table 7.2](#). Note that, despite the `hmac` part in the name of the MAC functions listed below, they can be used either for HMAC or MAC operations.

```

int gnutls_hmac_init (gnutls_hmac_hd_t * dig, gnutls_mac_algorithm_t algorithm,
const void * key, size_t keylen)

int gnutls_hmac (gnutls_hmac_hd_t handle, const void * ptext, size_t ptext_len)

void gnutls_hmac_output (gnutls_hmac_hd_t handle, void * digest)

void gnutls_hmac_deinit (gnutls_hmac_hd_t handle, void * digest)

unsigned gnutls_hmac_get_len (gnutls_mac_algorithm_t algorithm)

int gnutls_hmac_fast (gnutls_mac_algorithm_t algorithm, const void * key, size_t
keylen, const void * ptext, size_t ptext_len, void * digest)

```

The available functions to access hash functions are shown below. The supported hash functions are shown in [Table 7.3](#).

```

int gnutls_hash_init (gnutls_hash_hd_t * dig, gnutls_digest_algorithm_t algorithm)

int gnutls_hash (gnutls_hash_hd_t handle, const void * ptext, size_t ptext_len)

void gnutls_hash_output (gnutls_hash_hd_t handle, void * digest)

void gnutls_hash_deinit (gnutls_hash_hd_t handle, void * digest)

unsigned gnutls_hash_get_len (gnutls_digest_algorithm_t algorithm)

int gnutls_hash_fast (gnutls_digest_algorithm_t algorithm, const void * ptext,
size_t ptext_len, void * digest)

```

```

int gnutls_fingerprint (gnutls_digest_algorithm_t algo, const gnutls_datum_t * data,
void * result, size_t * result_size)

```

## 7.5. Random number generation

Access to the random number generator is provided using the `gnutls_rnd` function. It allows obtaining random data of various levels.

```
int gnutls_rnd (gnutls_rnd_level_t level, void * data, size_t len)
```

**Description:** This function will generate random data and store it to output buffer. The value of `level` should be one of `GNUTLS_RND_NONCE`, `GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM` and `GNUTLS_RND_KEY`. See the manual and `gnutls_rnd_level_t` for detailed information. This function is thread-safe and also fork-safe.

**Returns:** Zero on success, or a negative error code on error.

See [section 9.6](#) for more information on the random number generator operation.

## 7.6. Overriding algorithms

In systems which provide a hardware accelerated cipher implementation that is not directly supported by GnuTLS, it is possible to utilize it. There are functions which allow overriding the default cipher, digest and MAC implementations. Those are described below.

To override public key operations see [subsection 4.1.2](#).

```
int gnutls_crypto_register_cipher (gnutls_cipher_algorithm_t algo-  
rithm, int priority, gnutls_cipher_init_func init, gnutls_cipher_setkey_func  
setkey, gnutls_cipher_setiv_func setiv, gnutls_cipher_encrypt_func encrypt,  
gnutls_cipher_decrypt_func decrypt, gnutls_cipher_deinit_func deinit)
```

**Description:** This function will register a cipher algorithm to be used by gnutls. Any algorithm registered will override the included algorithms and by convention kernel implemented algorithms have priority of 90 and CPU-assisted of 80. The algorithm with the lowest priority will be used by gnutls. In the case the registered `init` or `setkey` functions return `GNUTLS_E_NEED_FALLBACK`, GnuTLS will attempt to use the next in priority registered cipher. The functions which are marked as non-AEAD they are not required when registering a cipher to be used with the new AEAD API introduced in GnuTLS 3.4.0. Internally GnuTLS uses the new AEAD API.

**Deprecated:** since 3.7.0 it is no longer possible to override cipher implementation

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, otherwise a negative error code.

```
int gnutls_crypto_register_aead_cipher (gnutls_cipher_algorithm_t algorithm,  
int priority, gnutls_cipher_init_func init, gnutls_cipher_setkey_func setkey,  
gnutls_cipher_aead_encrypt_func aead_encrypt, gnutls_cipher_aead_decrypt_func  
aead_decrypt, gnutls_cipher_deinit_func deinit)
```

**Description:** This function will register a cipher algorithm to be used by gnutls. Any algorithm registered will override the included algorithms and by convention kernel implemented algorithms have priority of 90 and CPU-assisted of 80. The algorithm with the lowest priority will be used by gnutls. In the case the registered init or setkey functions return `GNUTLS_E_NEED_FALLBACK`, GnuTLS will attempt to use the next in priority registered cipher. The functions registered will be used with the new AEAD API introduced in GnuTLS 3.4.0. Internally GnuTLS uses the new AEAD API.

**Deprecated:** since 3.7.0 it is no longer possible to override cipher implementation

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, otherwise a negative error code.

```
int gnutls_crypto_register_mac (gnutls_mac_algorithm_t algorithm, int priority,  
gnutls_mac_init_func init, gnutls_mac_setkey_func setkey, gnutls_mac_setnonce_func  
setnonce, gnutls_mac_hash_func hash, gnutls_mac_output_func output,  
gnutls_mac_deinit_func deinit, gnutls_mac_fast_func hash_fast)
```

**Description:** This function will register a MAC algorithm to be used by gnutls. Any algorithm registered will override the included algorithms and by convention kernel implemented algorithms have priority of 90 and CPU-assisted of 80. The algorithm with the lowest priority will be used by gnutls.

**Deprecated:** since 3.7.0 it is no longer possible to override cipher implementation

**Returns:** `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` on success, otherwise a negative error code.



**enum gnutls\_cipher\_algorithm\_t:**

GNUTLS_CIPHER_UNKNOWN	Value to identify an unknown/unsupported algorithm.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_NULL	The NULL (identity) encryption algorithm.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_ARCFOUR_128	ARCFOUR stream cipher with 128-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_3DES_CBC	3DES in CBC mode.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_128_CBC	AES in CBC mode with 128-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_256_CBC	AES in CBC mode with 256-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_ARCFOUR_40	ARCFOUR stream cipher with 40-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_CAMELLIA_128_CBC	Camellia in CBC mode with 128-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_CAMELLIA_256_CBC	Camellia in CBC mode with 256-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_192_CBC	AES in CBC mode with 192-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_128_GCM	AES in GCM mode with 128-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_256_GCM	AES in GCM mode with 256-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_CAMELLIA_192_CBC	Camellia in CBC mode with 192-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_SALSA20_256	Salsa20 with 256-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_ESTREAM_- SALSA20_256	Estream's Salsa20 variant with 256-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_CAMELLIA_128_- GCM	CAMELLIA in GCM mode with 128-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_CAMELLIA_256_- GCM	CAMELLIA in GCM mode with 256-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_RC2_40_CBC	RC2 in CBC mode with 40-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_DES_CBC	DES in CBC mode (56-bit keys).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_128_CCM	AES in CCM mode with 128-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_256_CCM	AES in CCM mode with 256-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_128_CCM_8	AES in CCM mode with 64-bit tag and 128-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_256_CCM_8	AES in CCM mode with 64-bit tag and 256-bit keys (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_CHACHA20_- POLY1305	The Chacha20 cipher with the Poly1305 authenticator (AEAD).
GNUTLS_CIPHER_GOST28147_TC26Z_- CFB	GOST 28147-89 (Magma) cipher in CFB mode with TC26 Z S-box.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_GOST28147_CPA_- CFB	GOST 28147-89 (Magma) cipher in CFB mode with CryptoPro A S-box.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_GOST28147_CPB_- CFB	GOST 28147-89 (Magma) cipher in CFB mode with CryptoPro B S-box.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_GOST28147_CPC_- CFB	GOST 28147-89 (Magma) cipher in CFB mode with CryptoPro C S-box.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_GOST28147_CPD_- CFB	GOST 28147-89 (Magma) cipher in CFB mode with CryptoPro D S-box.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_128_CFB8	AES in CFB8 mode with 128-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_192_CFB8	AES in CFB8 mode with 192-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_256_CFB8	AES in CFB8 mode with 256-bit keys.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_128_XTS	AES in XTS mode with 128-bit key + 128bit tweak key.
GNUTLS_CIPHER_AES_256_XTS	AES in XTS mode with 256-bit key + 256bit tweak key.

Note that the XTS ciphers are message oriented. The whole message needs to be provided with a single call, because cipher-stealing requires to know where the message actually terminates in order to be able to compute where the stealing occurs.

<b>enum gnutls_mac_algorithm_t:</b>	
GNUTLS_MAC_UNKNOWN	Unknown MAC algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_NULL	NULL MAC algorithm (empty output).
GNUTLS_MAC_MD5	HMAC-MD5 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA1	HMAC-SHA-1 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_RMD160	HMAC-RMD160 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_MD2	HMAC-MD2 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA256	HMAC-SHA-256 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA384	HMAC-SHA-384 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA512	HMAC-SHA-512 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA224	HMAC-SHA-224 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA3_224	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA3_256	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA3_384	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHA3_512	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_MAC_MD5_SHA1	Combined MD5+SHA1 MAC placeholder.
GNUTLS_MAC_GOSTR_94	HMAC GOST R 34.11-94 algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_STREEBOG_256	HMAC GOST R 34.11-2001 (Streebog) algorithm, 256 bit.
GNUTLS_MAC_STREEBOG_512	HMAC GOST R 34.11-2001 (Streebog) algorithm, 512 bit.
GNUTLS_MAC_AEAD	MAC implicit through AEAD cipher.
GNUTLS_MAC_UMAC_96	The UMAC-96 MAC algorithm (requires nonce).
GNUTLS_MAC_UMAC_128	The UMAC-128 MAC algorithm (requires nonce).
GNUTLS_MAC_AES_CMAC_128	The AES-CMAC-128 MAC algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_AES_CMAC_256	The AES-CMAC-256 MAC algorithm.
GNUTLS_MAC_AES_GMAC_128	The AES-GMAC-128 MAC algorithm (requires nonce).
GNUTLS_MAC_AES_GMAC_192	The AES-GMAC-192 MAC algorithm (requires nonce).
GNUTLS_MAC_AES_GMAC_256	The AES-GMAC-256 MAC algorithm (requires nonce).
GNUTLS_MAC_GOST28147_TC26Z_IMIT	The GOST 28147-89 working in IMIT mode with TC26 Z S-box.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHAKE_128	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_MAC_SHAKE_256	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_MAC_MAGMA_OMAC	GOST R 34.12-2015 (Magma) in OMAC (CMAC) mode.
GNUTLS_MAC_KUZNYECHIK_OMAC	GOST R 34.12-2015 (Kuznyechik) in OMAC (CMAC) mode.

Table 7.2.: The supported MAC and HMAC algorithms.

<b>enum gnutls_digest_algorithm_t:</b>	
GNUTLS_DIG_UNKNOWN	Unknown hash algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_NULL	NULL hash algorithm (empty output).
GNUTLS_DIG_MD5	MD5 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA1	SHA-1 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_RMD160	RMD160 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_MD2	MD2 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA256	SHA-256 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA384	SHA-384 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA512	SHA-512 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA224	SHA-224 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA3_224	SHA3-224 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA3_256	SHA3-256 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA3_384	SHA3-384 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHA3_512	SHA3-512 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_MD5_SHA1	Combined MD5+SHA1 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_GOSTR_94	GOST R 34.11-94 algorithm.
GNUTLS_DIG_STREEBOG_256	GOST R 34.11-2001 (Streebog) algorithm, 256 bit.
GNUTLS_DIG_STREEBOG_512	GOST R 34.11-2001 (Streebog) algorithm, 512 bit.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHAKE_128	Reserved; unimplemented.
GNUTLS_DIG_SHAKE_256	Reserved; unimplemented.

Table 7.3.: The supported hash algorithms.

<b>enum gnutls_rnd_level_t:</b>	
GNUTLS_RND_NONCE	Non-predictable random number. Fatal in parts of session if broken, i.e., vulnerable to statistical analysis.
GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM	Pseudo-random cryptographic random number. Fatal in session if broken. Example use: temporal keys.
GNUTLS_RND_KEY	Fatal in many sessions if broken. Example use: Long-term keys.

Table 7.4.: The random number levels.

```
int gnutls_crypto_register_digest (gnutls_digest_algorithm_t algo-  
rithm, int priority, gnutls_digest_init_func init, gnutls_digest_hash_func  
hash, gnutls_digest_output_func output, gnutls_digest_deinit_func deinit,  
gnutls_digest_fast_func hash_fast)
```

**Description:** This function will register a digest algorithm to be used by gnutls. Any algorithm registered will override the included algorithms and by convention kernel implemented algorithms have priority of 90 and CPU-assisted of 80. The algorithm with the lowest priority will be used by gnutls.

**Deprecated:** since 3.7.0 it is no longer possible to override cipher implementation

**Returns:** GNUTLS\_E\_SUCCESS on success, otherwise a negative error code.

# 8

## Other included programs

Included with GnuTLS are also a few command line tools that let you use the library for common tasks without writing an application. The applications are discussed in this chapter.

### 8.1. Invoking gnutls-cli

Simple client program to set up a TLS connection to some other computer. It sets up a TLS connection and forwards data from the standard input to the secured socket and vice versa.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `gnutls-cli` program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

#### gnutls-cli help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for `gnutls-cli`.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```
1 gnutls-cli - GnuTLS client
2 Usage: gnutls-cli [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]... [hostname]
3
4 -d, --debug=num      Enable debugging
5                      - it must be in the range:
6                      0 to 9999
7 -V, --verbose        More verbose output
8                      - may appear multiple times
9 --tofu               Enable trust on first use authentication
10                     - disabled as '--no-tofu'
11 --strict-tofu        Fail to connect if a certificate is unknown or a known certificate has
12 changed
13                     - disabled as '--no-strict-tofu'
14 --dane               Enable DANE certificate verification (DNSSEC)
15                     - disabled as '--no-dane'
16 --local-dns          Use the local DNS server for DNSSEC resolving
```

```

17         - disabled as '--no-local-dns'
18     --ca-verification    Enable CA certificate verification
19         - disabled as '--no-ca-verification'
20         - enabled by default
21     --ocsp               Enable OCSP certificate verification
22         - disabled as '--no-ocsp'
23     -r, --resume         Establish a session and resume
24     --earlydata=str      Send early data on resumption from the specified file
25     -e, --rehandshake    Establish a session and rehandshake
26     --sni-hostname=str   Server's hostname for server name indication extension
27     --verify-hostname=str Server's hostname to use for validation
28     -s, --starttls       Connect, establish a plain session and start TLS
29     --app-proto=str      an alias for the 'starttls-proto' option
30     --starttls-proto=str The application protocol to be used to obtain the server's certificate
31 (https, ftp, smtp, imap, ldap, xmpp, lmtp, pop3, nntp, sieve, postgres)
32         - prohibits the option 'starttls'
33     -u, --udp            Use DTLS (datagram TLS) over UDP
34     --mtu=num            Set MTU for datagram TLS
35         - it must be in the range:
36         0 to 17000
37     --crlf               Send CR LF instead of LF
38     --fastopen           Enable TCP Fast Open
39     --x509fmtder         Use DER format for certificates to read from
40     --print-cert         Print peer's certificate in PEM format
41     --save-cert=str      Save the peer's certificate chain in the specified file in PEM format
42     --save-ocsp=str      Save the peer's OCSP status response in the provided file
43         - prohibits the option 'save-ocsp-multi'
44     --save-ocsp-multi=str Save all OCSP responses provided by the peer in this file
45         - prohibits the option 'save-ocsp'
46     --save-server-trace=str Save the server-side TLS message trace in the provided file
47     --save-client-trace=str Save the client-side TLS message trace in the provided file
48     --dh-bits=num        The minimum number of bits allowed for DH
49     --priority=str       Priorities string
50     --x509cafile=str     Certificate file or PKCS #11 URL to use
51     --x509crlfile=file   CRL file to use
52         - file must pre-exist
53     --x509keyfile=str    X.509 key file or PKCS #11 URL to use
54     --x509certfile=str   X.509 Certificate file or PKCS #11 URL to use
55         - requires the option 'x509keyfile'
56     --rawpkkeyfile=str   Private key file (PKCS #8 or PKCS #12) or PKCS #11 URL to use
57     --rawpkfile=str      Raw public-key file to use
58         - requires the option 'rawpkkeyfile'
59     --srpusername=str    SRP username to use
60     --srppasswd=str      SRP password to use
61     --pskusername=str    PSK username to use
62     --pskkey=str         PSK key (in hex) to use
63     -p, --port=str       The port or service to connect to
64     --insecure           Don't abort program if server certificate can't be validated
65     --verify-allow-broken Allow broken algorithms, such as MD5 for certificate verification
66     --benchmark-ciphers Benchmark individual ciphers
67     --benchmark-tls-kx   Benchmark TLS key exchange methods
68     --benchmark-tls-ciphers Benchmark TLS ciphers
69     -l, --list           Print a list of the supported algorithms and modes
70         - prohibits the option 'port'
71     --priority-list      Print a list of the supported priority strings
72     --noticket           Don't allow session tickets
73     --srtp-profiles=str  Offer SRTP profiles
74     --alpn=str           Application layer protocol

```

```
75             - may appear multiple times
76 -b, --heartbeat      Activate heartbeat support
77   --recordsize=num   The maximum record size to advertise
78                     - it must be in the range:
79                       0 to 4096
80   --disable-sni      Do not send a Server Name Indication (SNI)
81   --single-key-share Send a single key share under TLS1.3
82   --post-handshake-auth Enable post-handshake authentication under TLS1.3
83   --inline-commands  Inline commands of the form ^<cmd>^
84   --inline-commands-prefix=str Change the default delimiter for inline commands.
85   --provider=file    Specify the PKCS #11 provider library
86                     - file must pre-exist
87   --fips140-mode      Reports the status of the FIPS140-2 mode in gnutls library
88   --logfile=str       Redirect informational messages to a specific file.
89   --keymatexport=str  Label used for exporting keying material
90   --keymatexportsize=num Size of the exported keying material
91   --waitresumption    Block waiting for the resumption data under TLS1.3
92   --ca-auto-retrieve  Enable automatic retrieval of missing CA certificates
93                     - disabled as '--no-ca-auto-retrieve'
94 -v, --version[=arg]   output version information and exit
95 -h, --help            display extended usage information and exit
96 -!, --more-help       extended usage information passed thru pager
97
98 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
99 hyphen and the flag character.
100 Operands and options may be intermixed. They will be reordered.
101
102 Simple client program to set up a TLS connection to some other computer. It
103 sets up a TLS connection and forwards data from the standard input to the
104 secured socket and vice versa.
105
```

## debug option (-d)

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

## tofu option

This is the “enable trust on first use authentication” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `--no-tofu`.

This option will, in addition to certificate authentication, perform authentication based on previously seen public keys, a model similar to SSH authentication. Note that when tofu is specified (PKI) and DANE authentication will become advisory to assist the public key acceptance process.

**strict-tofu option**

This is the “fail to connect if a certificate is unknown or a known certificate has changed” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-strict-tofu`.

This option will perform authentication as with option `-tofu`; however, no questions shall be asked whatsoever, neither to accept an unknown certificate nor a changed one.

**dane option**

This is the “enable dane certificate verification (dnssec)” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-dane`.

This option will, in addition to certificate authentication using the trusted CAs, verify the server certificates using on the DANE information available via DNSSEC.

**local-dns option**

This is the “use the local dns server for dnssec resolving” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-local-dns`.

This option will use the local DNS server for DNSSEC. This is disabled by default due to many servers not allowing DNSSEC.

**ca-verification option**

This is the “enable ca certificate verification” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-ca-verification`.
- It is enabled by default.

This option can be used to enable or disable CA certificate verification. It is to be used with the `-dane` or `-tofu` options.

**ocsp option**

This is the “enable ocsp certificate verification” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:



- can be disabled with `-no-ocsp`.

This option will enable verification of the peer's certificate using `ocsp`

### **resume option (-r)**

This is the “establish a session and resume” option. Connect, establish a session, reconnect and resume.

### **rehandshake option (-e)**

This is the “establish a session and rehandshake” option. Connect, establish a session and rehandshake immediately.

### **sni-hostname option**

This is the “server's hostname for server name indication extension” option. This option takes a string argument. Set explicitly the server name used in the TLS server name indication extension. That is useful when testing with servers setup on different DNS name than the intended. If not specified, the provided hostname is used. Even with this option server certificate verification still uses the hostname passed on the main commandline. Use `-verify-hostname` to change this.

### **verify-hostname option**

This is the “server's hostname to use for validation” option. This option takes a string argument. Set explicitly the server name to be used when validating the server's certificate.

### **starttls option (-s)**

This is the “connect, establish a plain session and start tls” option. The TLS session will be initiated when EOF or a SIGALRM is received.

### **app-proto option**

This is an alias for the `starttls-proto` option, [section 8.1](#).

### **starttls-*proto* option**

This is the “the application protocol to be used to obtain the server's certificate (https, ftp, smtp, imap, ldap, xmpp, lmt, pop3, nntp, sieve, postgres)” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: starttls.

Specify the application layer protocol for STARTTLS. If the protocol is supported, gnutls-cli will proceed to the TLS negotiation.

### **save-ocsp-multi option**

This is the “save all ocsp responses provided by the peer in this file” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: save-ocsp.

The file will contain a list of PEM encoded OCSF status responses if any were provided by the peer, starting with the one for the peer’s server certificate.

### **dh-bits option**

This is the “the minimum number of bits allowed for dh” option. This option takes a number argument. This option sets the minimum number of bits allowed for a Diffie-Hellman key exchange. You may want to lower the default value if the peer sends a weak prime and you get an connection error with unacceptable prime.

### **priority option**

This is the “priorities string” option. This option takes a string argument. TLS algorithms and protocols to enable. You can use predefined sets of ciphersuites such as PERFORMANCE, NORMAL, PFS, SECURE128, SECURE256. The default is NORMAL.

Check the GnuTLS manual on section “Priority strings” for more information on the allowed keywords

### **rawpkkeyfile option**

This is the “private key file (pkcs #8 or pkcs #12) or pkcs #11 url to use” option. This option takes a string argument. In order to instruct the application to negotiate raw public keys one must enable the respective certificate types via the priority strings (i.e. CTYPE-CLI-\* and CTYPE-SRV-\* flags).

Check the GnuTLS manual on section “Priority strings” for more information on how to set certificate types.

### **rawpkfile option**

This is the “raw public-key file to use” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must appear in combination with the following options: rawpkkeyfile.

In order to instruct the application to negotiate raw public keys one must enable the respective certificate types via the priority strings (i.e. CTYPE-CLI-\* and CTYPE-SRV-\* flags).

Check the GnuTLS manual on section “Priority strings” for more information on how to set certificate types.

### **ranges option**

This is the “use length-hiding padding to prevent traffic analysis” option. When possible (e.g., when using CBC ciphersuites), use length-hiding padding to prevent traffic analysis.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

### **benchmark-ciphers option**

This is the “benchmark individual ciphers” option. By default the benchmarked ciphers will utilize any capabilities of the local CPU to improve performance. To test against the raw software implementation set the environment variable GNUTLS\_CPUID\_OVERRIDE to 0x1.

### **benchmark-tls-ciphers option**

This is the “benchmark tls ciphers” option. By default the benchmarked ciphers will utilize any capabilities of the local CPU to improve performance. To test against the raw software implementation set the environment variable GNUTLS\_CPUID\_OVERRIDE to 0x1.

### **list option (-l)**

This is the “print a list of the supported algorithms and modes” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- must not appear in combination with any of the following options: port.

Print a list of the supported algorithms and modes. If a priority string is given then only the enabled ciphersuites are shown.

### **priority-list option**

This is the “print a list of the supported priority strings” option. Print a list of the supported priority strings. The ciphersuites corresponding to each priority string can be examined using -l -p.

**noticket option**

This is the “don’t allow session tickets” option. Disable the request of receiving of session tickets under TLS1.2 or earlier

**alpn option**

This is the “application layer protocol” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.

This option will set and enable the Application Layer Protocol Negotiation (ALPN) in the TLS protocol.

**disable-extensions option**

This is the “disable all the tls extensions” option. This option disables all TLS extensions. Deprecated option. Use the priority string.

**NOTE: THIS OPTION IS DEPRECATED**

**single-key-share option**

This is the “send a single key share under tls1.3” option. This option switches the default mode of sending multiple key shares, to send a single one (the top one).

**post-handshake-auth option**

This is the “enable post-handshake authentication under tls1.3” option. This option enables post-handshake authentication when under TLS1.3.

**inline-commands option**

This is the “inline commands of the form

textasciicircum<cmd>

textasciicircum” option. Enable inline commands of the form

textasciicircum<cmd>

textasciicircum. The inline commands are expected to be in a line by themselves. The available commands are: resume, rekey1 (local rekey), rekey (rekey on both peers) and renegotiate.

**inline-commands-prefix option**

This is the “change the default delimiter for inline commands.” option. This option takes a string argument. Change the default delimiter (

textasciicircum) used for inline commands. The delimiter is expected to be a single US-ASCII character (octets 0 - 127). This option is only relevant if inline commands are enabled via the `inline-commands` option

### **provider option**

This is the “specify the pkcs #11 provider library” option. This option takes a file argument. This will override the default options in `/etc/gnutls/pkcs11.conf`

### **logfile option**

This is the “redirect informational messages to a specific file.” option. This option takes a string argument. Redirect informational messages to a specific file. The file may be `/dev/null` also to make the gnutls client quiet to use it in piped server connections where only the server communication may appear on stdout.

### **waitresumption option**

This is the “block waiting for the resumption data under tls1.3” option. This option makes the client to block waiting for the resumption data under TLS1.3. The option has effect only when `-resume` is provided.

### **ca-auto-retrieve option**

This is the “enable automatic retrieval of missing ca certificates” option.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- can be disabled with `-no-ca-auto-retrieve`.

This option enables the client to automatically retrieve the missing intermediate CA certificates in the certificate chain, based on the Authority Information Access (AIA) extension.

### **gnutls-cli exit status**

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

### **gnutls-cli See Also**

`gnutls-cli-debug(1)`, `gnutls-serv(1)`

## gnutls-cli Examples

### Connecting using PSK authentication

To connect to a server using PSK authentication, you need to enable the choice of PSK by using a cipher priority parameter such as in the example below.

```

1 $ ./gnutls-cli -p 5556 localhost --pskusername psk_identity \
2   --pskkey 88f3824b3e5659f52d00e959bacab954b6540344 \
3   --priority NORMAL:-KX-ALL:+ECDHE-PSK:+DHE-PSK:+PSK
4 Resolving 'localhost'...
5 Connecting to '127.0.0.1:5556'...
6 - PSK authentication.
7 - Version: TLS1.1
8 - Key Exchange: PSK
9 - Cipher: AES-128-CBC
10 - MAC: SHA1
11 - Compression: NULL
12 - Handshake was completed
13
14 - Simple Client Mode:
```

By keeping the `--pskusername` parameter and removing the `--pskkey` parameter, it will query only for the password during the handshake.

### Connecting using raw public-key authentication

To connect to a server using raw public-key authentication, you need to enable the option to negotiate raw public-keys via the priority strings such as in the example below.

```

1 $ ./gnutls-cli -p 5556 localhost --priority NORMAL:-CTYPE-CLI-ALL:+CTYPE-CLI-RAWPK \
2   --rawpkkeyfile cli.key.pem \
3   --rawpkfile cli.rawpk.pem
4 Processed 1 client raw public key pair...
5 Resolving 'localhost'...
6 Connecting to '127.0.0.1:5556'...
7 - Successfully sent 1 certificate(s) to server.
8 - Server has requested a certificate.
9 - Certificate type: X.509
10 - Got a certificate list of 1 certificates.
11 - Certificate[0] info:
12 - skipped
13 - Description: (TLS1.3-Raw Public Key-X.509)-(ECDHE-SECP256R1)-(RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA256)-(AES-256-GCM)
14 - Options:
15 - Handshake was completed
16
17 - Simple Client Mode:
```

### Connecting to STARTTLS services

You could also use the client to connect to services with starttls capability.

```

1 $ gnutls-cli --starttls-proto smtp --port 25 localhost
```

## Listing ciphersuites in a priority string

To list the ciphersuites in a priority string:

```
1 $ ./gnutls-cli --priority SECURE192 -l
2 Cipher suites for SECURE192
3 TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA384      0xc0, 0x24      TLS1.2
4 TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_GCM_SHA384      0xc0, 0x2e      TLS1.2
5 TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_256_GCM_SHA384        0xc0, 0x30      TLS1.2
6 TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA256          0x00, 0x6b      TLS1.2
7 TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_256_CBC_SHA256          0x00, 0x6a      TLS1.2
8 TLS_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA256              0x00, 0x3d      TLS1.2
9
10 Certificate types: CTYPEx509
11 Protocols: VERS-TLS1.2, VERS-TLS1.1, VERS-TLS1.0, VERS-SSL3.0, VERS-DTLS1.0
12 Compression: COMP-NULL
13 Elliptic curves: CURVE-SECP384R1, CURVE-SECP521R1
14 PK-signatures: SIGN-RSA-SHA384, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA384, SIGN-RSA-SHA512, SIGN-ECDSA-SHA512
```

## Connecting using a PKCS #11 token

To connect to a server using a certificate and a private key present in a PKCS #11 token you need to substitute the PKCS 11 URLs in the `x509certfile` and `x509keyfile` parameters.

Those can be found using `"p11tool -list-tokens"` and then listing all the objects in the needed token, and using the appropriate.

```
1 $ p11tool --list-tokens
2
3 Token 0:
4 URL: pkcs11:model=PKCS15;manufacturer=MyMan;serial=1234;token=Test
5 Label: Test
6 Manufacturer: EnterSafe
7 Model: PKCS15
8 Serial: 1234
9
10 $ p11tool --login --list-certs "pkcs11:model=PKCS15;manufacturer=MyMan;serial=1234;token=Test"
11
12 Object 0:
13 URL: pkcs11:model=PKCS15;manufacturer=MyMan;serial=1234;token=Test;object=client;type=cert
14 Type: X.509 Certificate
15 Label: client
16 ID: 2a:97:0d:58:d1:51:3c:23:07:ae:4e:0d:72:26:03:7d:99:06:02:6a
17
18 $ MYCERT="pkcs11:model=PKCS15;manufacturer=MyMan;serial=1234;token=Test;object=client;type=cert"
19 $ MYKEY="pkcs11:model=PKCS15;manufacturer=MyMan;serial=1234;token=Test;object=client;type=private"
20 $ export MYCERT MYKEY
21
22 $ gnutls-cli www.example.com --x509keyfile $MYKEY --x509certfile $MYCERT
```

Notice that the private key only differs from the certificate in the type.

## 8.2. Invoking gnutls-serv

Server program that listens to incoming TLS connections.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `gnutls-serv` program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

### gnutls-serv help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for gnutls-serv.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```

1 gnutls-serv - GnuTLS server
2 Usage: gnutls-serv [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...
3
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging
5                          - it must be in the range:
6                          0 to 9999
7 --sni-hostname=str       Server's hostname for server name extension
8 --sni-hostname-fatal     Send fatal alert on sni-hostname mismatch
9 --alpn=str               Specify ALPN protocol to be enabled by the server
10                        - may appear multiple times
11 --alpn-fatal             Send fatal alert on non-matching ALPN name
12 --noticket              Don't accept session tickets
13 --earlydata             Accept early data
14 --maxearlydata=num      The maximum early data size to accept
15                        - it must be in the range:
16                        greater than or equal to 1
17 --nocookie              Don't require cookie on DTLS sessions
18 -g, --generate           Generate Diffie-Hellman parameters
19 -q, --quiet              Suppress some messages
20 --nodb                  Do not use a resumption database
21 --http                  Act as an HTTP server
22 --echo                  Act as an Echo server
23 --crlf                  Do not replace CRLF by LF in Echo server mode
24 -u, --udp                Use DTLS (datagram TLS) over UDP
25 --mtu=num               Set MTU for datagram TLS
26                        - it must be in the range:
27                        0 to 17000
28 --srtp-profiles=str      Offer SRTP profiles
29 -a, --disable-client-cert Do not request a client certificate
30                        - prohibits the option 'require-client-cert'
31 -r, --require-client-cert Require a client certificate
32 --verify-client-cert     If a client certificate is sent then verify it.
33 -b, --heartbeat          Activate heartbeat support
34 --x509fmtder            Use DER format for certificates to read from
35 --priority=str           Priorities string
36 --dhparams=file         DH params file to use
37                        - file must pre-exist

```



```

38      --x509cafile=str      Certificate file or PKCS #11 URL to use
39      --x509crlfile=file    CRL file to use
40                          - file must pre-exist
41      --x509keyfile=str     X.509 key file or PKCS #11 URL to use
42                          - may appear multiple times
43      --x509certfile=str    X.509 Certificate file or PKCS #11 URL to use
44                          - may appear multiple times
45      --rawpkkeyfile=str    Private key file (PKCS #8 or PKCS #12) or PKCS #11 URL to use
46                          - may appear multiple times
47      --rawpkfile=str       Raw public-key file to use
48                          - requires the option 'rawpkkeyfile'
49                          - may appear multiple times
50      --srpasswd=file       SRP password file to use
51                          - file must pre-exist
52      --srpasswdconf=file   SRP password configuration file to use
53                          - file must pre-exist
54      --pskpasswd=file      PSK password file to use
55                          - file must pre-exist
56      --pskhint=str        PSK identity hint to use
57      --ocsp-response=str   The OCSP response to send to client
58                          - may appear multiple times
59      --ignore-ocsp-response-errors Ignore any errors when setting the OCSP response
60      -p, --port=num        The port to connect to
61      -l, --list            Print a list of the supported algorithms and modes
62      --provider=file       Specify the PKCS #11 provider library
63                          - file must pre-exist
64      --keymatexport=str    Label used for exporting keying material
65      --keymatexportsize=num Size of the exported keying material
66      --recordsize=num      The maximum record size to advertise
67                          - it must be in the range:
68                          0 to 16384
69      --httpdata=file       The data used as HTTP response
70                          - file must pre-exist
71      -v, --version[=arg]   output version information and exit
72      -h, --help            display extended usage information and exit
73      -!, --more-help       extended usage information passed thru pager
74
75 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
76 hyphen and the flag character.
77
78 Server program that listens to incoming TLS connections.
79

```

## debug option (-d)

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

## sni-hostname option

This is the “server’s hostname for server name extension” option. This option takes a string argument. Server name of type `host_name` that the server will recognise as its own. If the server receives client hello with different name, it will send a warning-level `unrecognized_name`

alert.

### **alpn option**

This is the “specify alpn protocol to be enabled by the server” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.

Specify the (textual) ALPN protocol for the server to use.

### **require-client-cert option (-r)**

This is the “require a client certificate” option. This option before 3.6.0 used to imply `-verify-client-cert`. Since 3.6.0 it will no longer verify the certificate by default.

### **verify-client-cert option**

This is the “if a client certificate is sent then verify it.” option. Do not require, but if a client certificate is sent then verify it and close the connection if invalid.

### **heartbeat option (-b)**

This is the “activate heartbeat support” option. Regularly ping client via heartbeat extension messages

### **priority option**

This is the “priorities string” option. This option takes a string argument. TLS algorithms and protocols to enable. You can use predefined sets of ciphersuites such as PERFORMANCE, NORMAL, SECURE128, SECURE256. The default is NORMAL.

Check the GnuTLS manual on section “Priority strings” for more information on allowed keywords

### **x509keyfile option**

This is the “x.509 key file or pkcs #11 url to use” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.

Specify the private key file or URI to use; it must correspond to the certificate specified in `-x509certfile`. Multiple keys and certificates can be specified with this option and in that case each occurrence of keyfile must be followed by the corresponding x509certfile or vice-versa.

### **x509certfile option**

This is the “x.509 certificate file or pkcs #11 url to use” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.

Specify the certificate file or URI to use; it must correspond to the key specified in `-x509keyfile`. Multiple keys and certificates can be specified with this option and in that case each occurrence of keyfile must be followed by the corresponding x509certfile or vice-versa.

### **x509dsakeyfile option**

This is an alias for the x509keyfile option, [section 8.2](#).

### **x509dsacertfile option**

This is an alias for the x509certfile option, [section 8.2](#).

### **x509ecckeyfile option**

This is an alias for the x509keyfile option, [section 8.2](#).

### **x509ecccertfile option**

This is an alias for the x509certfile option, [section 8.2](#).

### **rawpkkeyfile option**

This is the “private key file (pkcs #8 or pkcs #12) or pkcs #11 url to use” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.

Specify the private key file or URI to use; it must correspond to the raw public-key specified in `-rawpkfile`. Multiple key pairs can be specified with this option and in that case each occurrence of keyfile must be followed by the corresponding rawpkfile or vice-versa.

In order to instruct the application to negotiate raw public keys one must enable the respective certificate types via the priority strings (i.e. `CTYPE-CLI-*` and `CTYPE-SRV-*` flags).

Check the GnuTLS manual on section “Priority strings” for more information on how to set certificate types.

**rawpkfile option**

This is the “raw public-key file to use” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.
- must appear in combination with the following options: rawpkkeyfile.

Specify the raw public-key file to use; it must correspond to the private key specified in `rawpkkeyfile`. Multiple key pairs can be specified with this option and in that case each occurrence of keyfile must be followed by the corresponding rawpkfile or vice-versa.

In order to instruct the application to negotiate raw public keys one must enable the respective certificate types via the priority strings (i.e. `CTYPE-CLI-*` and `CTYPE-SRV-*` flags).

Check the GnuTLS manual on section “Priority strings” for more information on how to set certificate types.

**ocsp-response option**

This is the “the ocsp response to send to client” option. This option takes a string argument.

This option has some usage constraints. It:

- may appear an unlimited number of times.

If the client requested an OCSP response, return data from this file to the client.

**ignore-ocsp-response-errors option**

This is the “ignore any errors when setting the ocsp response” option. That option instructs gnutls to not attempt to match the provided OCSP responses with the certificates.

**list option (-l)**

This is the “print a list of the supported algorithms and modes” option. Print a list of the supported algorithms and modes. If a priority string is given then only the enabled ciphersuites are shown.

**provider option**

This is the “specify the pkcs #11 provider library” option. This option takes a file argument. This will override the default options in `/etc/gnutls/pkcs11.conf`

## gnutls-serv exit status

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

## gnutls-serv See Also

gnutls-cli-debug(1), gnutls-cli(1)

## gnutls-serv Examples

Running your own TLS server based on GnuTLS can be useful when debugging clients and/or GnuTLS itself. This section describes how to use **gnutls-serv** as a simple HTTPS server.

The most basic server can be started as:

```
1 gnutls-serv --http --priority "NORMAL:+ANON-ECDH:+ANON-DH"
```

It will only support anonymous ciphersuites, which many TLS clients refuse to use.

The next step is to add support for X.509. First we generate a CA:

```
1 $ certtool --generate-privkey > x509-ca-key.pem
2 $ echo 'cn = GnuTLS test CA' > ca.tmpl
3 $ echo 'ca' >> ca.tmpl
4 $ echo 'cert_signing_key' >> ca.tmpl
5 $ certtool --generate-self-signed --load-privkey x509-ca-key.pem \
6   --template ca.tmpl --outfile x509-ca.pem
```

Then generate a server certificate. Remember to change the `dns_name` value to the name of your server host, or skip that command to avoid the field.

```
1 $ certtool --generate-privkey > x509-server-key.pem
2 $ echo 'organization = GnuTLS test server' > server.tmpl
3 $ echo 'cn = test.gnutls.org' >> server.tmpl
4 $ echo 'tls_www_server' >> server.tmpl
5 $ echo 'encryption_key' >> server.tmpl
6 $ echo 'signing_key' >> server.tmpl
7 $ echo 'dns_name = test.gnutls.org' >> server.tmpl
8 $ certtool --generate-certificate --load-privkey x509-server-key.pem \
9   --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem --load-ca-privkey x509-ca-key.pem \
10  --template server.tmpl --outfile x509-server.pem
```

For use in the client, you may want to generate a client certificate as well.

```
1 $ certtool --generate-privkey > x509-client-key.pem
2 $ echo 'cn = GnuTLS test client' > client.tmpl
3 $ echo 'tls_www_client' >> client.tmpl
4 $ echo 'encryption_key' >> client.tmpl
5 $ echo 'signing_key' >> client.tmpl
6 $ certtool --generate-certificate --load-privkey x509-client-key.pem \
```

```

7  --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem --load-ca-privkey x509-ca-key.pem \
8  --template client.tmpl --outfile x509-client.pem

```

To be able to import the client key/certificate into some applications, you will need to convert them into a PKCS#12 structure. This also encrypts the security sensitive key with a password.

```

1  $ certtool --to-p12 --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem \
2  --load-privkey x509-client-key.pem --load-certificate x509-client.pem \
3  --outder --outfile x509-client.p12

```

For icing, we'll create a proxy certificate for the client too.

```

1  $ certtool --generate-privkey > x509-proxy-key.pem
2  $ echo 'cn = GnuTLS test client proxy' > proxy.tmpl
3  $ certtool --generate-proxy --load-privkey x509-proxy-key.pem \
4  --load-ca-certificate x509-client.pem --load-ca-privkey x509-client-key.pem \
5  --load-certificate x509-client.pem --template proxy.tmpl \
6  --outfile x509-proxy.pem

```

Then start the server again:

```

1  $ gnutls-serv --http \
2  --x509cafile x509-ca.pem \
3  --x509keyfile x509-server-key.pem \
4  --x509certfile x509-server.pem

```

Try connecting to the server using your web browser. Note that the server listens to port 5556 by default.

While you are at it, to allow connections using ECDSA, you can also create a ECDSA key and certificate for the server. These credentials will be used in the final example below.

```

1  $ certtool --generate-privkey --ecdsa > x509-server-key-ecc.pem
2  $ certtool --generate-certificate --load-privkey x509-server-key-ecc.pem \
3  --load-ca-certificate x509-ca.pem --load-ca-privkey x509-ca-key.pem \
4  --template server.tmpl --outfile x509-server-ecc.pem

```

The next step is to add support for SRP authentication. This requires an SRP password file created with `srptool`. To start the server with SRP support:

```

1  gnutls-serv --http --priority NORMAL:+SRP-RSA:+SRP \
2  --srppasswdconf srp-tpasswd.conf \
3  --srppasswd srp-passwd.txt

```

Let's also start a server with support for PSK. This would require a password file created with `psktool`.

```

1  gnutls-serv --http --priority NORMAL:+ECDHE-PSK:+PSK \
2  --pskpasswd psk-passwd.txt

```

If you want a server with support for raw public-keys we can also add these credentials. Note however that there is no identity information linked to these keys as is the case with regular

x509 certificates. Authentication must be done via different means. Also we need to explicitly enable raw public-key certificates via the priority strings.

```
1 gnutls-serv --http --priority NORMAL:+CTYPE-CLI-RAWPK:+CTYPE-SRV-RAWPK \  
2 --rawpkfile srv.rawpk.pem \  
3 --rawpkkeyfile srv.key.pem
```

Finally, we start the server with all the earlier parameters and you get this command:

```
1 gnutls-serv --http --priority NORMAL:+PSK:+SRP:+CTYPE-CLI-RAWPK:+CTYPE-SRV-RAWPK \  
2 --x509cafile x509-ca.pem \  
3 --x509keyfile x509-server-key.pem \  
4 --x509certfile x509-server.pem \  
5 --x509keyfile x509-server-key-ecc.pem \  
6 --x509certfile x509-server-ecc.pem \  
7 --srppasswdconf srp-tpasswd.conf \  
8 --srppasswd srp-passwd.txt \  
9 --pskpasswd psk-passwd.txt \  
10 --rawpkfile srv.rawpk.pem \  
11 --rawpkkeyfile srv.key.pem
```

### 8.3. Invoking gnutls-cli-debug

TLS debug client. It sets up multiple TLS connections to a server and queries its capabilities. It was created to assist in debugging GnuTLS, but it might be useful to extract a TLS server's capabilities. It connects to a TLS server, performs tests and print the server's capabilities. If called with the '-V' parameter more checks will be performed. Can be used to check for servers with special needs or bugs.

This section was generated by **AutoGen**, using the `agtexi-cmd` template and the option descriptions for the `gnutls-cli-debug` program. This software is released under the GNU General Public License, version 3 or later.

#### gnutls-cli-debug help/usage (“--help”)

This is the automatically generated usage text for gnutls-cli-debug.

The text printed is the same whether selected with the `help` option (“--help”) or the `more-help` option (“--more-help”). `more-help` will print the usage text by passing it through a pager program. `more-help` is disabled on platforms without a working `fork(2)` function. The `PAGER` environment variable is used to select the program, defaulting to “more”. Both will exit with a status code of 0.

```
1 gnutls-cli-debug - GnuTLS debug client  
2 Usage: gnutls-cli-debug [ -<flag> [<val>] | --<name>[={| }<val>] ]...  
3  
4 -d, --debug=num          Enable debugging  
5                           - it must be in the range:  
6                           0 to 9999  
7 -V, --verbose            More verbose output  
8                           - may appear multiple times
```

```

9      -p, --port=num          The port to connect to
10                             - it must be in the range:
11                             0 to 65536
12      --app-proto=str         an alias for the 'starttls-proto' option
13      --starttls-proto=str    The application protocol to be used to obtain the server's certificate
14 (https, ftp, smtp, imap, ldap, xmpp, lmtp, pop3, nntp, sieve, postgres)
15      -v, --version[=arg]     output version information and exit
16      -h, --help              display extended usage information and exit
17      -!, --more-help         extended usage information passed thru pager
18
19 Options are specified by doubled hyphens and their name or by a single
20 hyphen and the flag character.
21 Operands and options may be intermixed. They will be reordered.
22
23 TLS debug client. It sets up multiple TLS connections to a server and
24 queries its capabilities. It was created to assist in debugging GnuTLS,
25 but it might be useful to extract a TLS server's capabilities. It connects
26 to a TLS server, performs tests and print the server's capabilities. If
27 called with the '-V' parameter more checks will be performed. Can be used
28 to check for servers with special needs or bugs.
29

```

## debug option (-d)

This is the “enable debugging” option. This option takes a number argument. Specifies the debug level.

## app-proto option

This is an alias for the `starttls-proto` option, [section 8.3](#).

## starttls-proto option

This is the “the application protocol to be used to obtain the server’s certificate (https, ftp, smtp, imap, ldap, xmpp, lmtp, pop3, nntp, sieve, postgres)” option. This option takes a string argument. Specify the application layer protocol for STARTTLS. If the protocol is supported, gnutls-cli will proceed to the TLS negotiation.

## gnutls-cli-debug exit status

One of the following exit values will be returned:

- 0 (EXIT\_SUCCESS) Successful program execution.
- 1 (EXIT\_FAILURE) The operation failed or the command syntax was not valid.

## gnutls-cli-debug See Also

gnutls-cli(1), gnutls-serv(1)



**gnutls-cli-debug Examples**

```

1 $ gnutls-cli-debug localhost
2 GnuTLS debug client 3.5.0
3 Checking localhost:443
4         for SSL 3.0 (RFC6101) support... yes
5         whether we need to disable TLS 1.2... no
6         whether we need to disable TLS 1.1... no
7         whether we need to disable TLS 1.0... no
8         whether %NO_EXTENSIONS is required... no
9         whether %COMPAT is required... no
10        for TLS 1.0 (RFC2246) support... yes
11        for TLS 1.1 (RFC4346) support... yes
12        for TLS 1.2 (RFC5246) support... yes
13        fallback from TLS 1.6 to... TLS1.2
14        for RFC7507 inappropriate fallback... yes
15        for HTTPS server name... Local
16        for certificate chain order... sorted
17        for safe renegotiation (RFC5746) support... yes
18        for Safe renegotiation support (SCSV)... no
19        for encrypt-then-MAC (RFC7366) support... no
20        for ext master secret (RFC7627) support... no
21        for heartbeat (RFC6520) support... no
22        for version rollback bug in RSA PMS... dunno
23        for version rollback bug in Client Hello... no
24        whether the server ignores the RSA PMS version... yes
25 whether small records (512 bytes) are tolerated on handshake... yes
26        whether cipher suites not in SSL 3.0 spec are accepted... yes
27 whether a bogus TLS record version in the client hello is accepted... yes
28        whether the server understands TLS closure alerts... partially
29        whether the server supports session resumption... yes
30        for anonymous authentication support... no
31        for ephemeral Diffie-Hellman support... no
32        for ephemeral EC Diffie-Hellman support... yes
33        ephemeral EC Diffie-Hellman group info... SECP256R1
34        for AES-128-GCM cipher (RFC5288) support... yes
35        for AES-128-CCM cipher (RFC6655) support... no
36        for AES-128-CCM-8 cipher (RFC6655) support... no
37        for AES-128-CBC cipher (RFC3268) support... yes
38        for CAMELLIA-128-GCM cipher (RFC6367) support... no
39        for CAMELLIA-128-CBC cipher (RFC5932) support... no
40        for 3DES-CBC cipher (RFC2246) support... yes
41        for ARCFOUR 128 cipher (RFC2246) support... yes
42        for MD5 MAC support... yes
43        for SHA1 MAC support... yes
44        for SHA256 MAC support... yes
45        for ZLIB compression support... no
46        for max record size (RFC6066) support... no
47        for OCSP status response (RFC6066) support... no
48        for OpenPGP authentication (RFC6091) support... no

```

You could also use the client to debug services with starttls capability.

```

1 $ gnutls-cli-debug --starttls-proto smtp --port 25 localhost

```



# 9

## Internal Architecture of GnuTLS

This chapter is to give a brief description of the way GnuTLS works. The focus is to give an idea to potential developers and those who want to know what happens inside the black box.

### 9.1. The TLS Protocol

The main use case for the TLS protocol is shown in [Figure 9.1](#). A user of a library implementing the protocol expects no less than this functionality, i.e., to be able to set parameters such as the accepted security level, perform a negotiation with the peer and be able to exchange data.

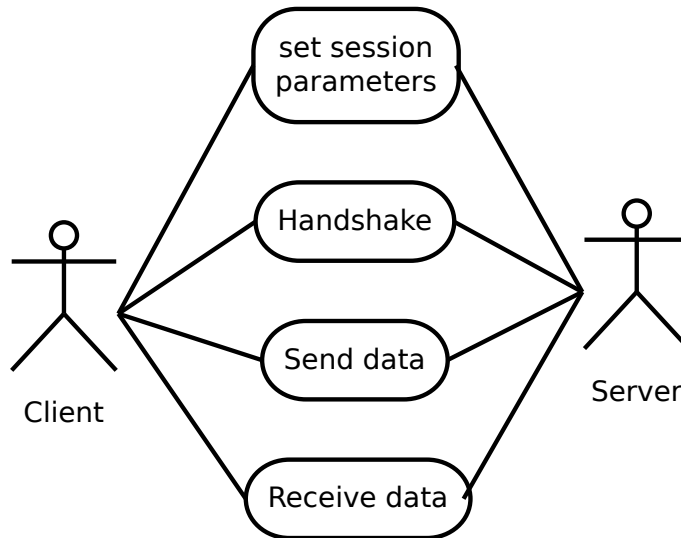


Figure 9.1.: TLS protocol use case.

### 9.2. TLS Handshake Protocol

The GnuTLS handshake protocol is implemented as a state machine that waits for input or returns immediately when the non-blocking transport layer functions are used. The main idea

is shown in [Figure 9.2](#).

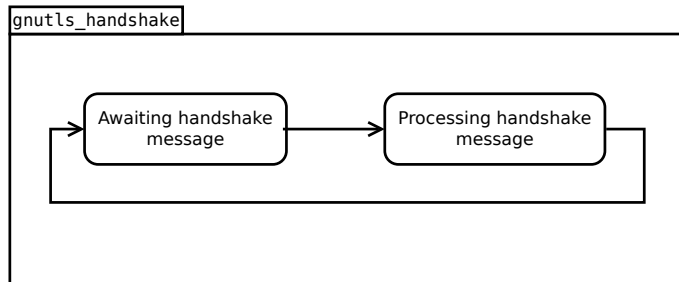


Figure 9.2.: GnuTLS handshake state machine.

Also the way the input is processed varies per ciphersuite. Several implementations of the internal handlers are available and `gnutls_handshake` only multiplexes the input to the appropriate handler. For example a PSK ciphersuite has a different implementation of the `process_client_key_exchange` than a certificate ciphersuite. We illustrate the idea in [Figure 9.3](#).

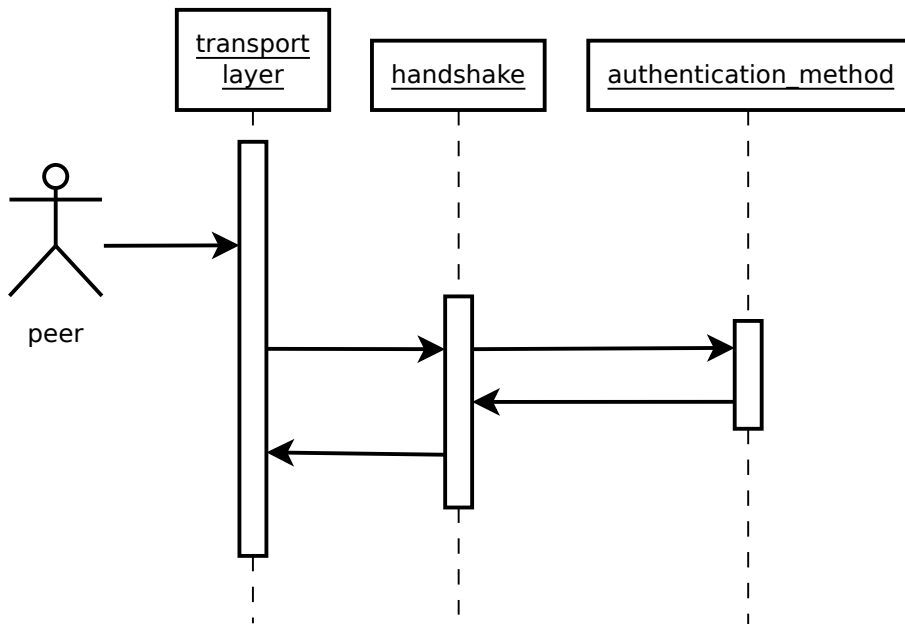


Figure 9.3.: GnuTLS handshake process sequence.

### 9.3. TLS Authentication Methods

In GnuTLS authentication methods can be implemented quite easily. Since the required changes to add a new authentication method affect only the handshake protocol, a simple interface is used. An authentication method needs to implement the functions shown below.

```
typedef struct
{
    const char *name;
    int (*gnutls_generate_server_certificate) (gnutls_session_t, gnutls_buffer_st*);
    int (*gnutls_generate_client_certificate) (gnutls_session_t, gnutls_buffer_st*);
    int (*gnutls_generate_server_kx) (gnutls_session_t, gnutls_buffer_st*);
    int (*gnutls_generate_client_kx) (gnutls_session_t, gnutls_buffer_st*);
    int (*gnutls_generate_client_cert_vrfy) (gnutls_session_t, gnutls_buffer_st *);
    int (*gnutls_generate_server_certificate_request) (gnutls_session_t,
                                                       gnutls_buffer_st *);

    int (*gnutls_process_server_certificate) (gnutls_session_t, opaque *,
                                              size_t);
    int (*gnutls_process_client_certificate) (gnutls_session_t, opaque *,
                                              size_t);
    int (*gnutls_process_server_kx) (gnutls_session_t, opaque *, size_t);
    int (*gnutls_process_client_kx) (gnutls_session_t, opaque *, size_t);
    int (*gnutls_process_client_cert_vrfy) (gnutls_session_t, opaque *, size_t);
    int (*gnutls_process_server_certificate_request) (gnutls_session_t,
                                                      opaque *, size_t);
} mod_auth_st;
```

Those functions are responsible for the interpretation of the handshake protocol messages. It is common for such functions to read data from one or more `credentials_t` structures<sup>1</sup> and write data, such as certificates, usernames etc. to `auth_info_t` structures.

Simple examples of existing authentication methods can be seen in `auth/psk.c` for PSK ciphersuites and `auth/srp.c` for SRP ciphersuites. After implementing these functions the structure holding its pointers has to be registered in `gnutls_algorithms.c` in the `_gnutls_kx_algorithms` structure.

### 9.4. TLS Extension Handling

As with authentication methods, adding TLS hello extensions can be done quite easily by implementing the interface shown below.

```
typedef int (*gnutls_ext_recv_func) (gnutls_session_t session,
                                     const unsigned char *data, size_t len);
typedef int (*gnutls_ext_send_func) (gnutls_session_t session,
                                     gnutls_buffer_st *extdata);
```

---

<sup>1</sup>such as the `gnutls_certificate_credentials_t` structures

Here there are two main functions, one for parsing the received extension data and one for formatting the extension data that must be send. These functions have to check internally whether they operate within a client or a server session.

A simple example of an extension handler can be seen in `lib/ext/srp.c` in GnuTLS' source code. After implementing these functions, the extension has to be registered. Registering an extension can be done in two ways. You can create a GnuTLS internal extension and register it in `hello_ext.c` or write an external extension (not inside GnuTLS but inside an application using GnuTLS) and register it via the exported functions `gnutls_session_ext_register` or `gnutls_ext_register`.

## Adding a new TLS hello extension

Adding support for a new TLS hello extension is done from time to time, and the process to do so is not difficult. Here are the steps you need to follow if you wish to do this yourself. For the sake of discussion, let's consider adding support for the hypothetical TLS extension `foobar`. The following section is about adding an hello extension to GnuTLS itself. For custom application extensions you should check the exported functions `gnutls_session_ext_register` or `gnutls_ext_register`.

**Add configure option like `--enable-foobar` or `--disable-foobar`.**

This step is useful when the extension code is large and it might be desirable under some circumstances to be able to leave out the extension during compilation of GnuTLS. If you don't need this kind of feature this step can be safely skipped.

Whether to choose enable or disable depends on whether you intend to make the extension be enabled by default. Look at existing checks (i.e., SRP, authz) for how to model the code. For example:

```

1 AC_MSG_CHECKING([whether to disable foobar support])
2 AC_ARG_ENABLE(foobar,
3     AS_HELP_STRING([--disable-foobar],
4     [disable foobar support]),
5     ac_enable_foobar=no)
6 if test x$ac_enable_foobar != xno; then
7     AC_MSG_RESULT(no)
8     AC_DEFINE(ENABLE_FOOBAR, 1, [enable foobar])
9 else
10    ac_full=0
11    AC_MSG_RESULT(yes)
12 fi
13 AM_CONDITIONAL(ENABLE_FOOBAR, test "$ac_enable_foobar" != "no")

```

These lines should go in `lib/m4/hooks.m4`.

**Add an extension identifier to `extensions_t` in `gnutls_int.h`.**

A good name for the identifier would be `GNUTLS_EXTENSION_FOOBAR`. If the extension that you are implementing is an extension that is officially registered by IANA then it is recommended to use its official name such that the extension can be correctly identified by other developers. Check with <https://www.iana.org/assignments/tls-extensiontype-values> for registered extensions.

**Register the extension in `lib/hello_ext.c`.**

In order for the extension to be executed you need to register it in the `static hello_ext_entry_st const *extfunc[]` list in `lib/hello_ext.c`.

A typical entry would be:

```
1 #ifdef ENABLE_FOOBAR
2     [GNUTLS_EXTENSION_FOOBAR] = &ext_mod_foobar,
3 #endif
```

Also for every extension you need to create an `hello_ext_entry_st` that describes the extension. This structure is placed in the designated c file for your extension and its name is used in the registration entry as depicted above.

The structure of `hello_ext_entry_st` is as follows:

```
1  const hello_ext_entry_st ext_mod_foobar = {
2      .name = "FOOBAR",
3      .tls_id = 255,
4      .gid = GNUTLS_EXTENSION_FOOBAR,
5      .parse_type = GNUTLS_EXT_TLS,
6      .validity = GNUTLS_EXT_FLAG_CLIENT_HELLO |
7                  GNUTLS_EXT_FLAG_TLS12_SERVER_HELLO |
8                  GNUTLS_EXT_FLAG_TLS13_SERVER_HELLO |
9                  GNUTLS_EXT_FLAG_TLS,
10     .recv_func = _gnutls_foobar_recv_params,
11     .send_func = _gnutls_foobar_send_params,
12     .pack_func = _gnutls_foobar_pack,
13     .unpack_func = _gnutls_foobar_unpack,
14     .deinit_func = _gnutls_foobar_deinit,
15     .cannot_be_overridden = 1
16 };
```

The `GNUTLS_EXTENSION_FOOBAR` is the identifier that you've added to `gnutls_int.h` earlier. The `.tls_id` should contain the number that IANA has assigned to this extension, or an unassigned number of your choice if this is an unregistered extension. In the rest of this structure you specify the functions to handle the extension data. The **receive** function will be called upon reception of the data and will be used to parse or interpret the extension data. The **send** function will be called prior to sending the extension data on the wire and will be used to format the data such that it can be send over the wire. The **pack** and **unpack** functions will be used to prepare the data for storage in case of session resumption (and vice versa). The **deinit** function will be called to deinitialize the extension's private parameters, if any.

Look at `gnutls_ext_parse_type_t` and `gnutls_ext_flags_t` for a complete list of available flags.

Note that the conditional `ENABLE_FOOBAR` definition should only be used if step 1 with the `configure` options has taken place.

### Add new files that implement the hello extension.

To keep things structured every extension should have its own files. The functions that you should (at least) add are those referenced in the struct from the previous step. Use descriptive file names such as `lib/ext/foobar.c` and for the corresponding header `lib/ext/foobar.h`. As a starter, you could add this:

```

1 int
2 _gnutls_foobar_recv_params (gnutls_session_t session, const uint8_t * data,
3                             size_t data_size)
4 {
5     return 0;
6 }
7
8 int
9 _gnutls_foobar_send_params (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_buffer_st* data)
10 {
11     return 0;
12 }
13
14 int
15 _gnutls_foobar_pack (extension_priv_data_t epriv, gnutls_buffer_st * ps)
16 {
17     /* Append the extension's internal state to buffer */
18     return 0;
19 }
20
21 int
22 _gnutls_foobar_unpack (gnutls_buffer_st * ps, extension_priv_data_t * epriv)
23 {
24     /* Read the internal state from buffer */
25     return 0;
26 }

```

The `_gnutls_foobar_recv_params` function is responsible for parsing incoming extension data (both in the client and server).

The `_gnutls_foobar_send_params` function is responsible for formatting extension data such that it can be send over the wire (both in the client and server). It should append data to provided buffer and return a positive (or zero) number on success or a negative error code. Previous to 3.6.0 versions of GnuTLS required that function to return the number of bytes that were written. If zero is returned and no bytes are appended the extension will not be sent. If a zero byte extension is to be sent this function must return `GNUTLS_E_INT_RET_0`.

If you receive length fields that don't match, return `GNUTLS_E_UNEXPECTED_PACKET_LENGTH`. If you receive invalid data, return `GNUTLS_E_RECEIVED_ILLEGAL_PARAMETER`. You can use other error codes from the list in [Appendix D](#). Return 0 on success.



An extension typically stores private information in the `session` data for later usage. That can be done using the functions `_gnutls_hello_ext_set_datum` and `_gnutls_hello_ext_get_datum`. You can check simple examples at `lib/ext/max_record.c` and `lib/ext/server_name.c` extensions. That private information can be saved and restored across session resumption if the following functions are set:

The `_gnutls_foobar_pack` function is responsible for packing internal extension data to save them in the session resumption storage.

The `_gnutls_foobar_unpack` function is responsible for restoring session data from the session resumption storage.

When the internal data is stored using the `_gnutls_hello_ext_set_datum`, then you can rely on the default pack and unpack functions: `_gnutls_hello_ext_default_pack` and `_gnutls_hello_ext_default_unpack`.

Recall that both for the client and server, the send and receive functions most likely will need to do different things depending on which mode they are in. It may be useful to make this distinction explicit in the code. Thus, for example, a better template than above would be:

```
1 int
2 _gnutls_foobar_rcv_params (gnutls_session_t session,
3                             const uint8_t * data,
4                             size_t data_size)
5 {
6     if (session->security_parameters.entity == GNUTLS_CLIENT)
7         return foobar_rcv_client (session, data, data_size);
8     else
9         return foobar_rcv_server (session, data, data_size);
10 }
11
12 int
13 _gnutls_foobar_send_params (gnutls_session_t session,
14                             gnutls_buffer_st * data)
15 {
16     if (session->security_parameters.entity == GNUTLS_CLIENT)
17         return foobar_send_client (session, data);
18     else
19         return foobar_send_server (session, data);
20 }
```

The functions used would be declared as `static` functions, of the appropriate prototype, in the same file.

When adding the new extension files, you'll need to add them to `lib/ext/Makefile.am` as well, for example:

```
1 if ENABLE_FOOBAR
2 libgnutls_ext_la_SOURCES += ext/foobar.c ext/foobar.h
3 endif
```

**Add API functions to use the extension.**

It might be desirable to allow users of the extension to request the use of the extension, or set extension specific data. This can be implemented by adding extension specific function calls that can be added to `includes/gnutls/gnutls.h`, as long as the LGPLv2.1+ applies. The implementation of these functions should lie in the `lib/ext/foobar.c` file.

To make the API available in the shared library you need to add the added symbols in `lib/-libgnutls.map`, so that the symbols are exported properly.

When writing GTK-DOC style documentation for your new APIs, don't forget to add `Since:` tags to indicate the GnuTLS version the API was introduced in.

**Adding a new Supplemental Data Handshake Message**

TLS handshake extensions allow to send so called supplemental data handshake messages [37]. This short section explains how to implement a supplemental data handshake message for a given TLS extension.

First of all, modify your extension `foobar` in the way, to instruct the handshake process to send and receive supplemental data, as shown below.

```

1 int
2 _gnutls_foobar_rcv_params (gnutls_session_t session, const opaque * data,
3                           size_t _data_size)
4 {
5     ...
6     gnutls_supplemental_rcv(session, 1);
7     ...
8 }
9
10 int
11 _gnutls_foobar_send_params (gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_buffer_st *extdata)
12 {
13     ...
14     gnutls_supplemental_send(session, 1);
15     ...
16 }
```

Furthermore you'll need two new functions `_foobar_supp_rcv_params` and `_foobar_supp_send_params`, which must conform to the following prototypes.

```

1 typedef int (*gnutls_supp_rcv_func)(gnutls_session_t session,
2                                     const unsigned char *data,
3                                     size_t data_size);
4 typedef int (*gnutls_supp_send_func)(gnutls_session_t session,
5                                       gnutls_buffer_t buf);
```

The following example code shows how to send a “Hello World” string in the supplemental data handshake message.

```

1 int
2 _foobar_supp_rcv_params(gnutls_session_t session, const opaque *data, size_t _data_size)
```

```
3 {
4     uint8_t len = _data_size;
5     unsigned char *msg;
6
7     msg = gnutls_malloc(len);
8     if (msg == NULL) return GNUTLS_E_MEMORY_ERROR;
9
10    memcpy(msg, data, len);
11    msg[len]='\0';
12
13    /* do something with msg */
14    gnutls_free(msg);
15
16    return len;
17 }
18
19 int
20 _foobar_supp_send_params(gnutls_session_t session, gnutls_buffer_t buf)
21 {
22     unsigned char *msg = "hello world";
23     int len = strlen(msg);
24
25     if (gnutls_buffer_append_data(buf, msg, len) < 0)
26         abort();
27
28     return len;
29 }
```

Afterwards, register the new supplemental data using `gnutls_session_supplemental_register`, or `gnutls_supplemental_register` at some point in your program.

## 9.5. Cryptographic Backend

Today most new processors, either for embedded or desktop systems include either instructions intended to speed up cryptographic operations, or a co-processor with cryptographic capabilities. Taking advantage of those is a challenging task for every cryptographic application or library. GnuTLS handles the cryptographic provider in a modular way, following a layered approach to access cryptographic operations as in [Figure 9.4](#).

The TLS layer uses a cryptographic provider layer, that will in turn either use the default crypto provider – a software crypto library, or use an external crypto provider, if available in the local system. The reason of handling the external cryptographic provider in GnuTLS and not delegating it to the cryptographic libraries, is that none of the supported cryptographic libraries support `/dev/crypto` or CPU-optimized cryptography in an efficient way.

### Cryptographic library layer

The Cryptographic library layer, currently supports only libnettle. Older versions of GnuTLS used to support libgcrypt, but it was switched with nettle mainly for performance reasons<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>See <https://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/gnutls-devel/2011-02/msg00079.html>.

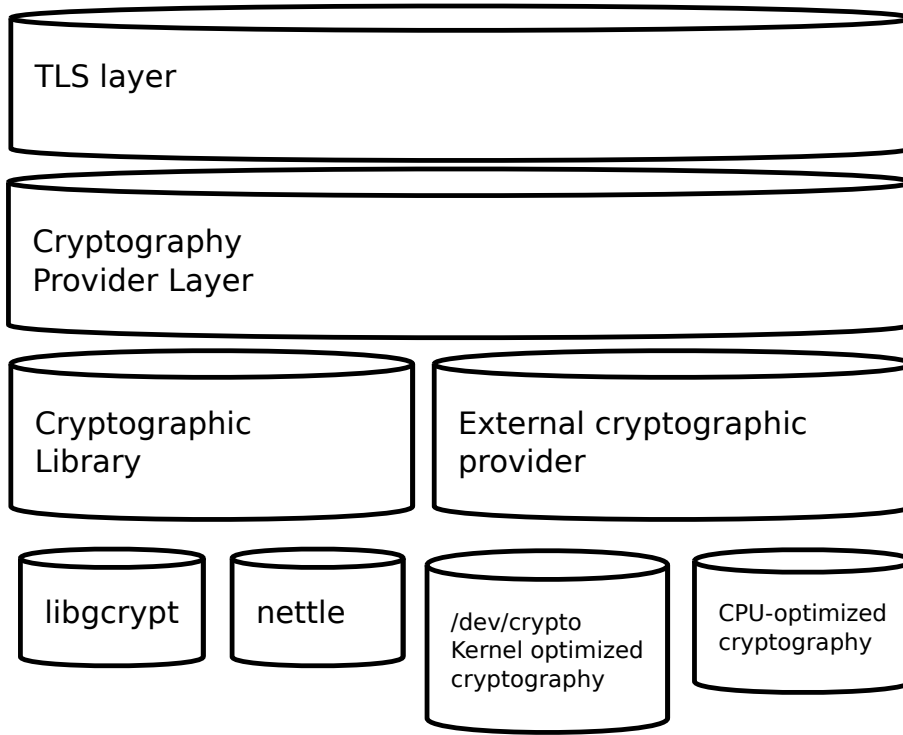


Figure 9.4.: GnuTLS cryptographic back-end design.

and secondary because it is a simpler library to use. In the future other cryptographic libraries might be supported as well.

### External cryptography provider

Systems that include a cryptographic co-processor, typically come with kernel drivers to utilize the operations from software. For this reason GnuTLS provides a layer where each individual algorithm used can be replaced by another implementation, i.e., the one provided by the driver. The FreeBSD, OpenBSD and Linux kernels<sup>3</sup> include already a number of hardware assisted implementations, and also provide an interface to access them, called `/dev/crypto`. GnuTLS will take advantage of this interface if compiled with special options. That is because in most systems where hardware-assisted cryptographic operations are not available, using this interface might actually harm performance.

In systems that include cryptographic instructions with the CPU's instructions set, using the kernel interface will introduce an unneeded layer. For this reason GnuTLS includes such optimizations found in popular processors such as the AES-NI or VIA PADLOCK instruction sets. This is achieved using a mechanism that detects CPU capabilities and overrides parts of crypto

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<sup>3</sup>Check <https://home.gna.org/cryptodev-linux/> for the Linux kernel implementation of `/dev/crypto`.

back-end at runtime. The next section discusses the registration of a detected algorithm optimization. For more information please consult the GnuTLS source code in `lib/accelerated/`.

### Overriding specific algorithms

When an optimized implementation of a single algorithm is available, say a hardware assisted version of AES-CBC then the following functions, from `crypto.h`, can be used to register those algorithms.

- `gnutls_crypto_register_cipher`: To register a cipher algorithm.
- `gnutls_crypto_register_aead_cipher`: To register an AEAD cipher algorithm.
- `gnutls_crypto_register_mac`: To register a MAC algorithm.
- `gnutls_crypto_register_digest`: To register a hash algorithm.

Those registration functions will only replace the specified algorithm and leave the rest of subsystem intact.

### Protecting keys through isolation

For asymmetric or public keys, GnuTLS supports PKCS #11 which allows operation without access to long term keys, in addition to CPU offloading. For more information see [chapter 4](#).

## 9.6. Random Number Generators

### About the generators

GnuTLS provides two random generators. The default, and the AES-DRBG random generator which is only used when the library is compiled with support for FIPS140-2 and the system is in FIPS140-2 mode.

### The default generator - inner workings

The random number generator levels in `gnutls_rnd_level_t` map to two CHACHA-based random generators which are initially seeded using the OS random device, e.g., `/dev/urandom` or `getrandom()`. These random generators are unique per thread, and are automatically re-seeded when a fork is detected.

The reason the CHACHA cipher was selected for the GnuTLS' PRNG is the fact that CHACHA is considered a secure and fast stream cipher, and is already defined for use in TLS protocol. As such, the utilization of it would not stress the CPU caches, and would allow for better performance on busy servers, irrespective of their architecture (e.g., even if AES is not available with an optimized instruction set).

The generators are unique per thread to allow lock-free operation. That induces a cost of around 140-bytes for the state of the generators per thread, on threads that would utilize

`gnutls_rnd`. At the same time it allows fast and lock-free access to the generators. The lock-free access benefits servers which utilize more than 4 threads, while imposes no cost on single threaded processes.

On the first call to `gnutls_rnd` the generators are seeded with two independent keys obtained from the OS random device. Their seed is used to output a fixed amount of bytes before re-seeding; the number of bytes output varies per generator.

One generator is dedicated for the `GNUTLS_RND_NONCE` level, and the second is shared for the `GNUTLS_RND_KEY` and `GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM` levels. For the rest of this section we refer to the first as the nonce generator and the second as the key generator.

The nonce generator will reseed after outputting a fixed amount of bytes (typically few megabytes), or after few hours of operation without reaching the limit has passed. It is being re-seed using the key generator to obtain a new key for the CHACHA cipher, which is mixed with its old one.

Similarly, the key generator, will also re-seed after a fixed amount of bytes is generated (typically less than the nonce), and will also re-seed based on time, i.e., after few hours of operation without reaching the limit for a re-seed. For its re-seed it mixes data obtained from the OS random device with the previous key.

Although the key generator used to provide data for the `GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM` and `GNUTLS_RND_KEY` levels is identical, when used with the `GNUTLS_RND_KEY` level a re-key of the PRNG using its own output, is additionally performed. That ensures that the recovery of the PRNG state will not be sufficient to recover previously generated values.

## The AES-DRBG generator - inner workings

Similar with the default generator, the random number generator levels in `gnutls_rnd_level_t` map to two AES-DRBG random generators which are initially seeded using the OS random device, e.g., `/dev/urandom` or `getrandom()`. These random generators are unique per thread, and are automatically re-seeded when a fork is detected.

The AES-DRBG generator is based on the AES cipher in counter mode and is re-seeded after a fixed amount of bytes are generated.

## Defense against PRNG attacks

This section describes the counter-measures available in the Pseudo-random number generator (PRNG) of GnuTLS for known attacks as described in [17]. Note that, the attacks on a PRNG such as state-compromise, assume a quite powerful adversary which has in practice access to the PRNG state.

### Cryptanalytic

To defend against cryptanalytic attacks GnuTLS' PRNG is a stream cipher designed to defend against the same attacks. As such, GnuTLS' PRNG strength with regards to this attack

relies on the underlying crypto block, which at the time of writing is CHACHA. That is easily replaceable in the future if attacks are found to be possible in that cipher.

### **Input-based attacks**

These attacks assume that the attacker can influence the input that is used to form the state of the PRNG. To counter these attacks GnuTLS does not gather input from the system environment but rather relies on the OS provided random generator. That is the `/dev/urandom` or `getentropy/getrandom` system calls. As such, GnuTLS' PRNG is as strong as the system random generator can assure with regards to input-based attacks.

### **State-compromise: Backtracking**

A backtracking attack, assumes that an adversary obtains at some point of time access to the generator state, and wants to recover past bytes. As the GnuTLS generator is fine-tuned to provide multiple levels, such an attack mainly concerns levels `GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM` and `GNUTLS_RND_KEY`, since `GNUTLS_RND_NONCE` is intended to output non-secret data. The `GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM` generator at the time of writing can output 2MB prior to being re-seeded thus this is its upper bound for previously generated data recovered using this attack. That assumes that the state of the operating system random generator is unknown to the attacker, and we carry that assumption on the next paragraphs. The usage of `GNUTLS_RND_KEY` level ensures that no backtracking is possible for all output data, by re-keying the PRNG using its own output.

Such an attack reflects the real world scenario where application's memory is temporarily compromised, while the kernel's memory is inaccessible.

### **State-compromise: Permanent Compromise Attack**

A permanent compromise attack implies that once an attacker compromises the state of GnuTLS' random generator at a specific time, future and past outputs from the generator are compromised. For past outputs the previous paragraph applies. For future outputs, both the `GNUTLS_RND_RANDOM` and the `GNUTLS_RND_KEY` will recover after 2MB of data have been generated or few hours have passed (two at the time of writing). Similarly the `GNUTLS_RND_NONCE` level generator will recover after several megabytes of output is generated, or its re-key time is reached.

### **State-compromise: Iterative guessing**

This attack assumes that after an attacker obtained the PRNG state at some point, is able to recover the state at a later time by observing outputs of the PRNG. That is countered by switching the key to generators using a combination of a fresh key and the old one (using XOR), at re-seed time. All levels are immune to such attack after a re-seed.

**State-compromise: Meet-in-the-Middle**

This attack assumes that the attacker obtained the PRNG state at two distinct times, and being able to recover the state at the third time after observing the output of the PRNG. Given the approach described on the above paragraph, all levels are immune to such attack.

## 9.7. FIPS140-2 mode

GnuTLS can operate in a special mode for FIPS140-2. That mode of operation is for the conformance to NIST's FIPS140-2 publication, which consists of policies for cryptographic modules (such as software libraries). Its implementation in GnuTLS is designed for Red Hat Enterprise Linux, and can only be enabled when the library is explicitly compiled with the `'--enable-fips140-mode'` configure option.

There are two distinct library states with regard to FIPS140-2: the FIPS140-2 mode is *installed* if `/etc/system-fips` is present, and the FIPS140-2 mode is *enabled* if `/proc/sys/crypto/fips_enabled` contains `'1'`, which is typically set with the `"fips=1"` kernel command line option.

When the FIPS140-2 mode is installed, the operation of the library is modified as follows.

- The random generator used switches to DRBG-AES
- The integrity of the GnuTLS and dependent libraries is checked on startup
- Algorithm self-tests are run on library load

When the FIPS140-2 mode is enabled, The operation of the library is in addition modified as follows.

- Only approved by FIPS140-2 algorithms are enabled
- Only approved by FIPS140-2 key lengths are allowed for key generation
- Any cryptographic operation will be refused if any of the self-tests failed

There are also few environment variables which modify that operation. The environment variable `GNUTLS_SKIP_FIPS_INTEGRITY_CHECKS` will disable the library integrity tests on startup, and the variable `GNUTLS_FORCE_FIPS_MODE` can be set to force a value from [Table 9.1](#), i.e., `'1'` will enable the FIPS140-2 mode, while `'0'` will disable it.

The integrity checks for the dependent libraries and GnuTLS are performed using `'.hmac'` files which are present at the same path as the library. The key for the operations can be provided on compile-time with the configure option `'--with-fips140-key'`. The MAC algorithm used is HMAC-SHA256.

On runtime an application can verify whether the library is in FIPS140-2 mode using the `gnutls_fips140_mode_enabled` function.



## Relaxing FIPS140-2 requirements

The library by default operates in a strict enforcing mode, ensuring that all constraints imposed by the FIPS140-2 specification are enforced. However the application can relax these requirements via `gnutls_fips140_set_mode` which can switch to alternative modes as in [Table 9.1](#).

<b>enum gnutls_fips_mode_t:</b>	
<b>GNUTLS_FIPS140_DISABLED</b>	The FIPS140-2 mode is disabled.
<b>GNUTLS_FIPS140_STRICT</b>	The default mode; all forbidden operations will cause an operation failure via error code.
<b>GNUTLS_FIPS140_SELFTESTS</b>	A transient state during library initialization. That state cannot be set or seen by applications.
<b>GNUTLS_FIPS140_LAX</b>	The library still uses the FIPS140-2 relevant algorithms but all forbidden by FIPS140-2 operations are allowed; this is useful when the application is aware of the followed security policy, and needs to utilize disallowed operations for other reasons (e.g., compatibility).
<b>GNUTLS_FIPS140_LOG</b>	Similarly to <b>GNUTLS_FIPS140_LAX</b> , it allows forbidden operations; any use of them results to a message to the audit callback functions.

Table 9.1.: The `gnutls_fips_mode_t` enumeration.

The intention of this API is to be used by applications which may run in FIPS140-2 mode, while they utilize few algorithms not in the allowed set, e.g., for non-security related purposes. In these cases applications should wrap the non-compliant code within blocks like the following.

```

1 GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_LAX_MODE();
2
3 _gnutls_hash_fast(GNUTLS_DIG_MD5, buffer, sizeof(buffer), output);
4
5 GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_STRICT_MODE();

```

The `GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_LAX_MODE` and `GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_STRICT_MODE` are macros to simplify the following sequence of calls.

```

1 if (gnutls_fips140_mode_enabled())
2     gnutls_fips140_set_mode(GNUTLS_FIPS140_LAX, GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_MODE_THREAD);
3
4 _gnutls_hash_fast(GNUTLS_DIG_MD5, buffer, sizeof(buffer), output);
5
6 if (gnutls_fips140_mode_enabled())
7     gnutls_fips140_set_mode(GNUTLS_FIPS140_STRICT, GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_MODE_THREAD);

```

The reason of the `GNUTLS_FIPS140_SET_MODE_THREAD` flag in the previous calls is to localize

the change in the mode. Note also, that such a block has no effect when the library is not operating under FIPS140-2 mode, and thus it can be considered a no-op.

Applications could also switch FIPS140-2 mode explicitly off, by calling

```
1 gnutls_fips140_set_mode(GNUTLS_FIPS140_LAX, 0);
```



## Upgrading from previous versions

The GnuTLS library typically maintains binary and source code compatibility across versions. The releases that have the major version increased break binary compatibility but source compatibility is provided. This section lists exceptional cases where changes to existing code are required due to library changes.

### Upgrading to 2.12.x from previous versions

GnuTLS 2.12.x is binary compatible with previous versions but changes the semantics of `gnutls_transport_set_lowat`, which might cause breakage in applications that relied on its default value be 1. Two fixes are proposed:

- Quick fix. Explicitly call `gnutls_transport_set_lowat (session, 1);` after `gnutls_init`.
- Long term fix. Because later versions of gnutls abolish the functionality of using the system call `select` to check for gnutls pending data, the function `gnutls_record_check_pending` has to be used to achieve the same functionality as described in [subsection 5.5.1](#).

### Upgrading to 3.0.x from 2.12.x

GnuTLS 3.0.x is source compatible with previous versions except for the functions listed below.

Old function	Replacement
<code>gnutls_transport_set_lowat</code>	To replace its functionality the function <code>gnutls_record_check_pending</code> has to be used, as described in <a href="#">subsection 5.5.1</a>
<code>gnutls_session_get_server_random</code> , <code>gnutls_session_get_client_random</code>	They are replaced by the safer function <code>gnutls_session_get_random</code>
<code>gnutls_session_get_master_secret</code>	Replaced by the keying material exporters discussed in <a href="#">subsection 5.12.7</a>
<code>gnutls_transport_set_global_errno</code>	Replaced by using the system's <code>errno</code> facility or <code>gnutls_transport_set_errno</code> .
<code>gnutls_x509_privkey_verify_data</code>	Replaced by <code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_data2</code> .
<code>gnutls_certificate_verify_peers</code>	Replaced by <code>gnutls_certificate_verify_peers2</code> .
<code>gnutls_psk_netconf_derive_key</code>	Removed. The key derivation function was never standardized.
<code>gnutls_session_set_finished_function</code>	Removed.
<code>gnutls_ext_register</code>	Removed. Extension registration API is now internal to allow easier changes in the API.
<code>gnutls_certificate_get_x509_crls</code> , <code>gnutls_certificate_get_x509_cas</code>	Removed to allow updating the internal structures. Replaced by <code>gnutls_certificate_get_issuer</code> .
<code>gnutls_certificate_get_openpgp_keyring</code>	Removed.
<code>gnutls_ia_</code>	Removed. The inner application extensions were completely removed (they failed to be standardized).

## Upgrading to 3.1.x from 3.0.x

GnuTLS 3.1.x is source and binary compatible with GnuTLS 3.0.x releases. Few functions have been deprecated and are listed below.

Old function	Replacement
<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash</code>	The function <code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash2</code> is provided and is functionally equivalent and safer to use.
<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_data</code>	The function <code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_data2</code> is provided and is functionally equivalent and safer to use.

## Upgrading to 3.2.x from 3.1.x

GnuTLS 3.2.x is source and binary compatible with GnuTLS 3.1.x releases. Few functions have been deprecated and are listed below.

Old function	Replacement
<code>gnutls_privkey_sign_raw_data</code>	The function <code>gnutls_privkey_sign_hash</code> is equivalent when the flag <code>GNUTLS_PRIVKEY_SIGN_FLAG_TLS1_RSA</code> is specified.

## Upgrading to 3.3.x from 3.2.x

GnuTLS 3.3.x is source and binary compatible with GnuTLS 3.2.x releases; however there few changes in semantics which are listed below.

Old function	Replacement
<code>gnutls_global_init</code>	No longer required. The library is initialized using a constructor.
<code>gnutls_global_deinit</code>	No longer required. The library is deinitialized using a destructor.

## Upgrading to 3.4.x from 3.3.x

GnuTLS 3.4.x is source compatible with GnuTLS 3.3.x releases; however, several deprecated functions were removed, and are listed below.

Old function	Replacement
Priority string "NORMAL" has been modified	The following string emulates the 3.3.x behavior "NORMAL:+VERS-SSL3.0:+ARCFOUR-128:+DHE-DSS:+SIGN-DSA-SHA512:+SIGN-DSA-SHA256:+SIGN-DSA-SHA1"
<code>gnutls_certificate_client_set_retrieve_function</code> , <code>gnutls_certificate_server_set_retrieve_function</code>	<code>gnutls_certificate_set_retrieve_function</code>
<code>gnutls_certificate_set_rsa_export_params</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_export_get_modulus_bits</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_export_get_pubkey</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_cpy</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_deinit</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_export_pkcs1</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_export_raw</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_generate2</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_import_pkcs1</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_import_raw</code> , <code>gnutls_rsa_params_init</code>	No replacement; the library does not support the RSA-EXPORT ciphersuites.
<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash</code>	<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash2</code> .
<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_data</code>	<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_data2</code> .
<code>gnutls_x509_cert_get_verify_algorithm</code>	No replacement; a similar function is <code>gnutls_x509_cert_get_signature_algorithm</code> .
<code>gnutls_pubkey_get_verify_algorithm</code>	No replacement; a similar function is <code>gnutls_pubkey_get_preferred_hash_algorithm</code> .
<code>gnutls_certificate_type_set_priority</code> , <code>gnutls_cipher_set_priority</code> , <code>gnutls_compression_set_priority</code> , <code>gnutls_kx_set_priority</code> , <code>gnutls_mac_set_priority</code> , <code>gnutls_protocol_set_priority</code>	<code>gnutls_priority_set_direct</code> .
<code>gnutls_sign_callback_get</code> , <code>gnutls_sign_callback_set</code>	<code>gnutls_privkey_import_ext3</code>
<code>gnutls_x509_cert_verify_hash</code>	<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_hash2</code>
<code>gnutls_x509_cert_verify_data</code>	<code>gnutls_pubkey_verify_data2</code>
<code>gnutls_privkey_sign_raw_data</code>	<code>gnutls_privkey_sign_hash</code> with the flag <code>GNUTLS_PRIVKEY_SIGN_FLAG_TLS1_RSA</code>

## **Upgrading to 3.6.x from 3.5.x**

GnuTLS 3.6.x is source and binary compatible with GnuTLS 3.5.x releases; however, there are minor differences, listed below.

Old functionality	Replacement
The priority strings "+COMP" are a no-op	TLS compression is no longer available.
The SSL 3.0 protocol is a no-op	SSL 3.0 is no longer compiled in by default. It is a legacy protocol which is completely eliminated from public internet. As such it was removed to reduce the attack vector for applications using the library.
The hash function SHA2-224 is a no-op for TLS1.2	TLS 1.3 no longer uses SHA2-224, and it was never a widespread hash algorithm. As such it was removed for simplicity.
The SRP key exchange accepted parameters outside the [39] spec	The SRP key exchange is restricted to [39] spec parameters to protect clients from MitM attacks.
The compression-related functions are deprecated	No longer use <code>gnutls_compression_get</code> , <code>gnutls_compression_get_name</code> , <code>gnutls_compression_list</code> , and <code>gnutls_compression_get_id</code> .
<code>gnutls_x509_cert_sign</code> , <code>gnutls_x509_crl_sign</code> , <code>gnutls_x509_crq_sign</code>	These signing functions will no longer sign using SHA1, but with a secure hash algorithm.
<code>gnutls_certificate_set_ocsp_status_request_file</code>	This function will return an error if the loaded response doesn't match any of the present certificates. To revert to previous semantics set the <code>GNUTLS_CERTIFICATE_SKIP_OCSP_RESPONSE_CHECK</code> flag using <code>gnutls_certificate_set_flags</code> .
The callback <code>gnutls_privkey_import_ext3</code> is not flexible enough for new signature algorithms such as RSA-PSS	It is replaced with <code>gnutls_privkey_import_ext4</code>
Re-handshake functionality is not applicable under TLS 1.3.	It is replaced by separate key update and re-authentication functionality which can be accessed directly via <code>gnutls_session_key_update</code> and <code>gnutls_reauth</code> .
TLS session identifiers are not shared with the server under TLS 1.3.	The TLS session identifiers are persistent across resumption only on server side and can be obtained as before via <code>gnutls_session_get_id2</code> .
<code>gnutls_pkcs11_privkey_generate3</code> , <code>gnutls_pkcs11_copy_secret_key</code> , <code>gnutls_pkcs11_copy_x509_privkey2</code>	These functions no longer create an exportable key by default; they require the flag <code>GNUTLS_PKCS11_OBJ_FLAG_MARK_NOT_SENSITIVE</code> to do so.
<code>gnutls_db_set_retrieve_function</code> , <code>gnutls_db_set_store_function</code> , <code>gnutls_db_set_remove_function</code>	These functions are no longer relevant under TLS 1.3; resumption under TLS 1.3 is done via session tickets, c.f. <code>gnutls_session_ticket_enable_server</code> .
<code>gnutls_session_get_data2</code> , <code>gnutls_session_get_data</code>	These functions may introduce a slight delay under TLS 1.3 for few milliseconds. Check output of <code>gnutls_session_get_flags</code> for <code>GNUTLS_SESSION_FLAG_SESSION_TICKET</code> before calling this function to avoid delays. To work efficiently under TLS 1.3 this function requires the application setting <code>gnutls_transport_set_pull_timeout_function</code> .





## Support

### B.1. Getting Help

A mailing list where users may help each other exists, and you can reach it by sending e-mail to [gnutls-help@gnutls.org](mailto:gnutls-help@gnutls.org). Archives of the mailing list discussions, and an interface to manage subscriptions, is available through the World Wide Web at <https://lists.gnutls.org/pipermail/gnutls-help/>.

A mailing list for developers are also available, see <https://www.gnutls.org/lists.html>. Bug reports should be sent to [bugs@gnutls.org](mailto:bugs@gnutls.org), see [section B.3](#).

### B.2. Commercial Support

Commercial support is available for users of GnuTLS. See <https://www.gnutls.org/commercial.html> for more information.

### B.3. Bug Reports

If you think you have found a bug in GnuTLS, please investigate it and report it.

- Please make sure that the bug is really in GnuTLS, and preferably also check that it hasn't already been fixed in the latest version.
- You have to send us a test case that makes it possible for us to reproduce the bug.
- You also have to explain what is wrong; if you get a crash, or if the results printed are not good and in that case, in what way. Make sure that the bug report includes all information you would need to fix this kind of bug for someone else.

Please make an effort to produce a self-contained report, with something definite that can be tested or debugged. Vague queries or piecemeal messages are difficult to act on and don't help the development effort.

If your bug report is good, we will do our best to help you to get a corrected version of the software; if the bug report is poor, we won't do anything about it (apart from asking you to send better bug reports).

If you think something in this manual is unclear, or downright incorrect, or if the language needs to be improved, please also send a note.

Send your bug report to:

`bugs@gnutls.org`

## B.4. Contributing

If you want to submit a patch for inclusion – from solving a typo you discovered, up to adding support for a new feature – you should submit it as a bug report, using the process in [section B.3](#). There are some things that you can do to increase the chances for it to be included in the official package.

Unless your patch is very small (say, under 10 lines) we require that you assign the copyright of your work to the Free Software Foundation. This is to protect the freedom of the project. If you have not already signed papers, we will send you the necessary information when you submit your contribution.

For contributions that doesn't consist of actual programming code, the only guidelines are common sense. For code contributions, a number of style guides will help you:

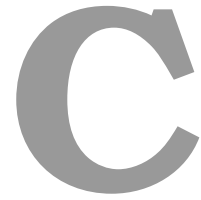
- Coding Style. Follow the GNU Standards document.  
If you normally code using another coding standard, there is no problem, but you should use indent to reformat the code before submitting your work.
- Use the unified diff format `diff -u`.
- Return errors. No reason whatsoever should abort the execution of the library. Even memory allocation errors, e.g. when `malloc` return `NULL`, should work although result in an error code.
- Design with thread safety in mind. Don't use global variables. Don't even write to per-handle global variables unless the documented behaviour of the function you write is to write to the per-handle global variable.
- Avoid using the C math library. It causes problems for embedded implementations, and in most situations it is very easy to avoid using it.
- Document your functions. Use comments before each function headers, that, if properly formatted, are extracted into Texinfo manuals and GTK-DOC web pages.
- Supply a ChangeLog and NEWS entries, where appropriate.

## B.5. Certification

There are certifications from national or international bodies which "prove" to an auditor that the crypto component follows some best practices, such as unit testing and reliance on well known crypto primitives.

GnuTLS has support for the FIPS 140-2 certification under Red Hat Enterprise Linux. See [section 9.7](#) for more information.





## Supported Ciphersuites

Ciphersuite name	TLS ID	Since
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x13 0x01	TLS1.3
TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x13 0x02	TLS1.3
TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	0x13 0x03	TLS1.3
TLS_AES_128_CCM_SHA256	0x13 0x04	TLS1.3
TLS_AES_128_CCM_8_SHA256	0x13 0x05	TLS1.3
TLS_RSA_NULL_MD5	0x00 0x01	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_NULL_SHA1	0x00 0x02	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_NULL_SHA256	0x00 0x3B	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0x00 0x05	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_ARCFOUR_128_MD5	0x00 0x04	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x0A	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x2F	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x35	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xBA	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xC0	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x41	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x84	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x3C	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x3D	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0x9C	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0x9D	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x7A	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x7B	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_128_CCM	0xC0 0x9C	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_256_CCM	0xC0 0x9D	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_128_CCM_8	0xC0 0xA0	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_AES_256_CCM_8	0xC0 0xA1	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0x00 0x66	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_DSS_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x13	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x32	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x38	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_DSS_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xBD	TLS1.2

TLS_DHE_DSS_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xC3	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x44	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_DSS_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x87	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x40	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x6A	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0xA2	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0xA3	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x80	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_DSS_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x81	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x16	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x33	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x39	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xBE	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xC4	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x45	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x88	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x67	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x6B	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0x9E	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0x9F	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x7C	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x7D	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xAA	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_128_CCM	0xC0 0x9E	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_256_CCM	0xC0 0x9F	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_128_CCM.8	0xC0 0xA2	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_RSA_AES_256_CCM.8	0xC0 0xA3	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_NULL_SHA1	0xC0 0x10	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x12	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x13	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x14	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x28	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0xC0 0x11	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x76	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x77	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_NULL_SHA1	0xC0 0x06	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x08	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x09	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x0A	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0xC0 0x07	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x72	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x73	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x23	TLS1.2

TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x27	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x86	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x87	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x2B	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x2C	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x2F	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x30	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x24	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x8A	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x8B	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xA8	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xA9	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_128_CCM	0xC0 0xAC	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_CCM	0xC0 0xAD	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_128_CCM.8	0xC0 0xAE	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_AES_256_CCM.8	0xC0 0xAF	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x34	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x35	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x36	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x37	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x38	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0xC0 0x33	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_NULL_SHA1	0xC0 0x39	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_NULL_SHA256	0xC0 0x3A	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_NULL_SHA384	0xC0 0x3B	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x9A	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x9B	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0x00 0x8A	TLS1.0
TLS_PSK_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x8B	TLS1.0
TLS_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x8C	TLS1.0
TLS_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x8D	TLS1.0
TLS_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xAE	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0xA9	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x8E	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x8F	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0xA8	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_NULL_SHA1	0x00 0x2C	TLS1.0
TLS_PSK_NULL_SHA256	0x00 0xB0	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x94	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x95	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	0x00 0xAF	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_NULL_SHA384	0x00 0xB1	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0x00 0x92	TLS1.0

TLS_RSA_PSK_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x93	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x94	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x95	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x92	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x93	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0xAC	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xB6	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_NULL_SHA1	0x00 0x2E	TLS1.0
TLS_RSA_PSK_NULL_SHA256	0x00 0xB8	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0xAD	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	0x00 0xB7	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_NULL_SHA384	0x00 0xB9	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x98	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x99	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0x00 0x8E	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_PSK_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x8F	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x90	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x91	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xB2	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0xAA	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_NULL_SHA1	0x00 0x2D	TLS1.0
TLS_DHE_PSK_NULL_SHA256	0x00 0xB4	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_NULL_SHA384	0x00 0xB5	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	0x00 0xB3	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0xAB	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0xC0 0x96	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA384	0xC0 0x97	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x90	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x91	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_128_CCM	0xC0 0xA4	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_256_CCM	0xC0 0xA5	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_128_CCM	0xC0 0xA6	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_256_CCM	0xC0 0xA7	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_128_CCM.8	0xC0 0xA8	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_AES_256_CCM.8	0xC0 0xA9	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_128_CCM.8	0xC0 0xAA	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_AES_256_CCM.8	0xC0 0xAB	TLS1.2
TLS_DHE_PSK_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xAD	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDHE_PSK_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xAC	TLS1.2
TLS_RSA_PSK_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xAE	TLS1.2
TLS_PSK_CHACHA20_POLY1305	0xCC 0xAB	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_ARCFOUR_128_MD5	0x00 0x18	TLS1.0
TLS_DH_ANON_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x1B	TLS1.0



TLS_DH_ANON_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x34	TLS1.0
TLS_DH_ANON_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x3A	TLS1.0
TLS_DH_ANON_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xBF	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0xC5	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x46	TLS1.0
TLS_DH_ANON_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA1	0x00 0x89	TLS1.0
TLS_DH_ANON_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x6C	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	0x00 0x6D	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	0x00 0xA6	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	0x00 0xA7	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_CAMELLIA_128_GCM_SHA256	0xC0 0x84	TLS1.2
TLS_DH_ANON_CAMELLIA_256_GCM_SHA384	0xC0 0x85	TLS1.2
TLS_ECDH_ANON_NULL_SHA1	0xC0 0x15	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDH_ANON_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x17	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDH_ANON_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x18	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDH_ANON_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x19	TLS1.0
TLS_ECDH_ANON_ARCFOUR_128_SHA1	0xC0 0x16	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x1A	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x1D	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x20	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_DSS_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x1C	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_RSA_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x1B	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_DSS_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x1F	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_RSA_AES_128_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x1E	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_DSS_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x22	TLS1.0
TLS_SRP_SHA_RSA_AES_256_CBC_SHA1	0xC0 0x21	TLS1.0
TLS_GOSTR341112_256_28147_CNT_IMIT	0xC1 0x02	TLS1.2

Table C.1.: The ciphersuites table



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## Error Codes and Descriptions

The error codes used throughout the library are described below. The return code `GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS` indicates a successful operation, and is guaranteed to have the value 0, so you can use it in logical expressions.

Code	Name	Description
0	<code>GNUTLS_E_SUCCESS</code>	Success.
-3	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNKNOWN_COMPRESSION_ALGORITHM</code>	Could not negotiate a supported compression method.
-6	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNKNOWN_CIPHER_TYPE</code>	The cipher type is unsupported.
-7	<code>GNUTLS_E_LARGE_PACKET</code>	The transmitted packet is too large (EMSGSIZE).
-8	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNSUPPORTED_VERSION_PACKET</code>	A packet with illegal or unsupported version was received.
-9	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNEXPECTED_PACKET_LENGTH</code>	Error decoding the received TLS packet.
-10	<code>GNUTLS_E_INVALID_SESSION</code>	The specified session has been invalidated for some reason.
-12	<code>GNUTLS_E_FATAL_ALERT_RECEIVED</code>	A TLS fatal alert has been received.
-15	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNEXPECTED_PACKET</code>	An unexpected TLS packet was received.
-16	<code>GNUTLS_E_WARNING_ALERT_RECEIVED</code>	A TLS warning alert has been received.
-18	<code>GNUTLS_E_ERROR_IN_FINISHED_PACKET</code>	An error was encountered at the TLS Finished packet calculation.
-19	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNEXPECTED_HANDSHAKE_PACKET</code>	An unexpected TLS handshake packet was received.
-21	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNKNOWN_CIPHER_SUITE</code>	Could not negotiate a supported cipher suite.
-22	<code>GNUTLS_E_UNWANTED_ALGORITHM</code>	An algorithm that is not enabled was negotiated.
-23	<code>GNUTLS_E_MPI_SCAN_FAILED</code>	The scanning of a large integer has failed.
-24	<code>GNUTLS_E_DECRYPTION_FAILED</code>	Decryption has failed.
-25	<code>GNUTLS_E_MEMORY_ERROR</code>	Internal error in memory allocation.
-26	<code>GNUTLS_E_DECOMPRESSION_FAILED</code>	Decompression of the TLS record packet has failed.

-27	GNUTLS_E_COMPRESSION_FAILED	Compression of the TLS record packet has failed.
-28	GNUTLS_E_AGAIN	Resource temporarily unavailable, try again.
-29	GNUTLS_E_EXPIRED	The session or certificate has expired.
-30	GNUTLS_E_DB_ERROR	Error in Database backend.
-31	GNUTLS_E_SRP_PWD_ERROR	Error in password/key file.
-32	GNUTLS_E_INSUFFICIENT_CREDENTIALS	Insufficient credentials for that request.
-33	GNUTLS_E_HASH_FAILED	Hashing has failed.
-34	GNUTLS_E_BASE64_DECODING_ERROR	Base64 decoding error.
-35	GNUTLS_E_MPL_PRINT_FAILED	Could not export a large integer.
-37	GNUTLS_E_REHANDSHAKE	Rehandshake was requested by the peer.
-38	GNUTLS_E_GOT_APPLICATION_DATA	TLS Application data were received, while expecting handshake data.
-39	GNUTLS_E_RECORD_LIMIT_REACHED	The upper limit of record packet sequence numbers has been reached. Wow!
-40	GNUTLS_E_ENCRYPTION_FAILED	Encryption has failed.
-43	GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_ERROR	Error in the certificate.
-44	GNUTLS_E_PK_ENCRYPTION_FAILED	Public key encryption has failed.
-45	GNUTLS_E_PK_DECRYPTION_FAILED	Public key decryption has failed.
-46	GNUTLS_E_PK_SIGN_FAILED	Public key signing has failed.
-47	GNUTLS_E_X509_UNSUPPORTED_CRITICAL_EXTENSION	Unsupported critical extension in X.509 certificate.
-48	GNUTLS_E_KEY_USAGE_VIOLATION	Key usage violation in certificate has been detected.
-49	GNUTLS_E_NO_CERTIFICATE_FOUND	No certificate was found.
-50	GNUTLS_E_INVALID_REQUEST	The request is invalid.
-51	GNUTLS_E_SHORT_MEMORY_BUFFER	The given memory buffer is too short to hold parameters.
-52	GNUTLS_E_INTERRUPTED	Function was interrupted.
-53	GNUTLS_E_PUSH_ERROR	Error in the push function.
-54	GNUTLS_E_PULL_ERROR	Error in the pull function.
-55	GNUTLS_E_RECEIVED_ILLEGAL_PARAMETER	An illegal parameter has been received.
-56	GNUTLS_E_REQUESTED_DATA_NOT_AVAILABLE	The requested data were not available.
-57	GNUTLS_E_PKCS1_WRONG_PAD	Wrong padding in PKCS1 packet.
-58	GNUTLS_E_RECEIVED_ILLEGAL_EXTENSION	An illegal TLS extension was received.
-59	GNUTLS_E_INTERNAL_ERROR	GnuTLS internal error.
-60	GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_KEY_MISMATCH	The certificate and the given key do not match.

-61	GNUTLS_E_UNSUPPORTED_- CERTIFICATE_TYPE	The certificate type is not supported.
-62	GNUTLS_E_X509_UNKNOWN_SAN	Unknown Subject Alternative name in X.509 certificate.
-63	GNUTLS_E_DH_PRIME_UNACCEPTABLE	The Diffie-Hellman prime sent by the server is not acceptable (not long enough).
-64	GNUTLS_E_FILE_ERROR	Error while reading file.
-67	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND	ASN1 parser: Element was not found.
-68	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_- FOUND	ASN1 parser: Identifier was not found
-69	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_DER_ERROR	ASN1 parser: Error in DER parsing.
-70	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND	ASN1 parser: Value was not found.
-71	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_GENERIC_ERROR	ASN1 parser: Generic parsing error.
-72	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_VALUE_NOT_VALID	ASN1 parser: Value is not valid.
-73	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_TAG_ERROR	ASN1 parser: Error in TAG.
-74	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_TAG_IMPLICIT	ASN1 parser: error in implicit tag
-75	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_TYPE_ANY_ERROR	ASN1 parser: Error in type 'ANY'.
-76	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR	ASN1 parser: Syntax error.
-77	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_DER_OVERFLOW	ASN1 parser: Overflow in DER parsing.
-78	GNUTLS_E_TOO_MANY_EMPTY_PACKETS	Too many empty record packets have been received.
-79	GNUTLS_E_OPENPGP_UID_REVOKED	The OpenPGP User ID is revoked.
-80	GNUTLS_E_UNKNOWN_PK_ALGORITHM	An unknown public key algorithm was encountered.
-81	GNUTLS_E_TOO_MANY_HANDSHAKE_- PACKETS	Too many handshake packets have been received.
-82	GNUTLS_E_RECEIVED_DISALLOWED_- NAME	A disallowed SNI server name has been received.
-84	GNUTLS_E_NO_TEMPORARY_RSA_- PARAMS	No temporary RSA parameters were found.
-86	GNUTLS_E_NO_COMPRESSION_- ALGORITHMS	No supported compression algorithms have been found.
-87	GNUTLS_E_NO_CIPHER_SUITES	No supported cipher suites have been found.
-88	GNUTLS_E_OPENPGP_GETKEY_FAILED	Could not get OpenPGP key.
-89	GNUTLS_E_PK_SIG_VERIFY_FAILED	Public key signature verification has failed.
-90	GNUTLS_E_ILLEGAL_SRP_USERNAME	The SRP username supplied is illegal.
-91	GNUTLS_E_SRP_PWD_PARSING_ERROR	Parsing error in password/key file.
-93	GNUTLS_E_NO_TEMPORARY_DH_PARAMS	No temporary DH parameters were found.
-94	GNUTLS_E_OPENPGP_FINGERPRINT_- UNSUPPORTED	The OpenPGP fingerprint is not supported.
-95	GNUTLS_E_X509_UNSUPPORTED_- ATTRIBUTE	The certificate has unsupported attributes.

-96	GNUTLS_E.UNKNOWN_HASH_- ALGORITHM	The hash algorithm is unknown.
-97	GNUTLS_E.UNKNOWN_PKCS.CONTENT_- TYPE	The PKCS structure's content type is unknown.
-98	GNUTLS_E.UNKNOWN_PKCS.BAG_TYPE	The PKCS structure's bag type is unknown.
-99	GNUTLS_E.INVALID.PASSWORD	The given password contains invalid characters.
-100	GNUTLS_E.MAC.VERIFY_FAILED	The Message Authentication Code verification failed.
-101	GNUTLS_E.CONSTRAINT.ERROR	Some constraint limits were reached.
-104	GNUTLS_E.IA.VERIFY_FAILED	Verifying TLS/IA phase checksum failed
-105	GNUTLS_E.UNKNOWN_ALGORITHM	The specified algorithm or protocol is unknown.
-106	GNUTLS_E.UNSUPPORTED.SIGNATURE_- ALGORITHM	The signature algorithm is not supported.
-107	GNUTLS_E.SAFE.RENEGOTIATION_- FAILED	Safe renegotiation failed.
-108	GNUTLS_E.UNSAFE.RENEGOTIATION_- DENIED	Unsafe renegotiation denied.
-109	GNUTLS_E.UNKNOWN_SRP.USERNAME	The username supplied is unknown.
-110	GNUTLS_E.PREMATURE.TERMINATION	The TLS connection was non-properly terminated.
-111	GNUTLS_E.MALFORMED_CIDR	CIDR name constraint is malformed in size or structure.
-112	GNUTLS_E.CERTIFICATE.REQUIRED	Certificate is required.
-201	GNUTLS_E.BASE64.ENCODING.ERROR	Base64 encoding error.
-202	GNUTLS_E.INCOMPATIBLE.GCRYPT_- LIBRARY	The crypto library version is too old.
-203	GNUTLS_E.INCOMPATIBLE.LIBTASN1_- LIBRARY	The tasn1 library version is too old.
-204	GNUTLS_E.OPENPGP.KEYRING.ERROR	Error loading the keyring.
-205	GNUTLS_E.X509.UNSUPPORTED_OID	The OID is not supported.
-206	GNUTLS_E.RANDOM.FAILED	Failed to acquire random data.
-207	GNUTLS_E.BASE64.UNEXPECTED_- HEADER.ERROR	Base64 unexpected header error.
-208	GNUTLS_E.OPENPGP.SUBKEY.ERROR	Could not find OpenPGP subkey.
-209	GNUTLS_E.CRYPTO.ALREADY_- REGISTERED	There is already a crypto algorithm with lower priority.
-210	GNUTLS_E.HANDSHAKE.TOO_LARGE	The handshake data size is too large.
-211	GNUTLS_E.CRYPTODEV.IOCTL.ERROR	Error interfacing with /dev/crypto
-212	GNUTLS_E.CRYPTODEV.DEVICE.ERROR	Error opening /dev/crypto
-213	GNUTLS_E.CHANNEL.BINDING.NOT_- AVAILABLE	Channel binding data not available

-214	GNUTLS_E_BAD_COOKIE	The cookie was bad.
-215	GNUTLS_E_OPENPGP_PREFERRED_KEY_ERROR	The OpenPGP key has not a preferred key set.
-216	GNUTLS_E_INCOMPAT_DSA_KEY_WITH_TLS_PROTOCOL	The given DSA key is incompatible with the selected TLS protocol.
-217	GNUTLS_E_INSUFFICIENT_SECURITY	One of the involved algorithms has insufficient security level.
-292	GNUTLS_E_HEARTBEAT_PONG_RECEIVED	A heartbeat pong message was received.
-293	GNUTLS_E_HEARTBEAT_PING_RECEIVED	A heartbeat ping message was received.
-294	GNUTLS_E_UNRECOGNIZED_NAME	The SNI host name not recognised.
-300	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_ERROR	PKCS #11 error.
-301	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_LOAD_ERROR	PKCS #11 initialization error.
-302	GNUTLS_E_PARSING_ERROR	Error in parsing.
-303	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_PIN_ERROR	Error in provided PIN.
-305	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_SLOT_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in slot
-306	GNUTLS_E_LOCKING_ERROR	Thread locking error
-307	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_ATTRIBUTE_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in attribute
-308	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_DEVICE_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in device
-309	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_DATA_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in data
-310	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_UNSUPPORTED_FEATURE_ERROR	PKCS #11 unsupported feature
-311	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_KEY_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in key
-312	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_PIN_EXPIRED	PKCS #11 PIN expired
-313	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_PIN_LOCKED	PKCS #11 PIN locked
-314	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_SESSION_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in session
-315	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_SIGNATURE_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in signature
-316	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_TOKEN_ERROR	PKCS #11 error in token
-317	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_USER_ERROR	PKCS #11 user error
-318	GNUTLS_E_CRYPTO_INIT_FAILED	The initialization of crypto backend has failed.
-319	GNUTLS_E_TIMEDOUT	The operation timed out
-320	GNUTLS_E_USER_ERROR	The operation was cancelled due to user error
-321	GNUTLS_E_ECC_NO_SUPPORTED_CURVES	No supported ECC curves were found
-322	GNUTLS_E_ECC_UNSUPPORTED_CURVE	The curve is unsupported
-323	GNUTLS_E_PKCS11_REQUESTED_OBJECT_NOT_AVAILABLE	The requested PKCS #11 object is not available
-324	GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_LIST_UNSORTED	The provided X.509 certificate list is not sorted (in subject to issuer order)
-325	GNUTLS_E_ILLEGAL_PARAMETER	An illegal parameter was found.
-326	GNUTLS_E_NO_PRIORITIES_WERE_SET	No or insufficient priorities were set.
-327	GNUTLS_E_X509_UNSUPPORTED_EXTENSION	Unsupported extension in X.509 certificate.

-328	GNUTLS_E.SESSION_EOF	Peer has terminated the connection
-329	GNUTLS_E.TPM_ERROR	TPM error.
-330	GNUTLS_E.TPM_KEY_PASSWORD_ERROR	Error in provided password for key to be loaded in TPM.
-331	GNUTLS_E.TPM_SRK_PASSWORD_ERROR	Error in provided SRK password for TPM.
-332	GNUTLS_E.TPM_SESSION_ERROR	Cannot initialize a session with the TPM.
-333	GNUTLS_E.TPM_KEY_NOT_FOUND	TPM key was not found in persistent storage.
-334	GNUTLS_E.TPM_UNINITIALIZED	TPM is not initialized.
-335	GNUTLS_E.TPM_NO_LIB	The TPM library (trousers) cannot be found.
-340	GNUTLS_E.NO_CERTIFICATE_STATUS	There is no certificate status (OCSP).
-341	GNUTLS_E.OCSP_RESPONSE_ERROR	The OCSP response is invalid
-342	GNUTLS_E.RANDOM_DEVICE_ERROR	Error in the system's randomness device.
-343	GNUTLS_E.AUTH_ERROR	Could not authenticate peer.
-344	GNUTLS_E.NO_APPLICATION_PROTOCOL	No common application protocol could be negotiated.
-345	GNUTLS_E.SOCKETS_INIT_ERROR	Error in sockets initialization.
-346	GNUTLS_E.KEY_IMPORT_FAILED	Failed to import the key into store.
-347	GNUTLS_E.INAPPROPRIATE_FALLBACK	A connection with inappropriate fallback was attempted.
-348	GNUTLS_E.CERTIFICATE_VERIFICATION_ERROR	Error in the certificate verification.
-349	GNUTLS_E.PRIVKEY_VERIFICATION_ERROR	Error in the private key verification; seed doesn't match.
-350	GNUTLS_E.UNEXPECTED_EXTENSIONS_LENGTH	Invalid TLS extensions length field.
-351	GNUTLS_E.ASN1_EMBEDDED_NULL_IN_STRING	The provided string has an embedded null.
-400	GNUTLS_E.SELF_TEST_ERROR	Error while performing self checks.
-401	GNUTLS_E.NO_SELF_TEST	There is no self test for this algorithm.
-402	GNUTLS_E.LIB_IN_ERROR_STATE	An error has been detected in the library and cannot continue operations.
-403	GNUTLS_E.PK_GENERATION_ERROR	Error in public key generation.
-404	GNUTLS_E.IDNA_ERROR	There was an issue converting to or from UTF8.
-406	GNUTLS_E.SESSION_USER_ID_CHANGED	Peer's certificate or username has changed during a rehandshake.
-407	GNUTLS_E.HANDSHAKE_DURING_FALSE_START	Attempted handshake during false start.
-408	GNUTLS_E.UNAVAILABLE_DURING_HANDSHAKE	Cannot perform this action while handshake is in progress.



-409	GNUTLS_E_PK_INVALID_PUBKEY	The public key is invalid.
-410	GNUTLS_E_PK_INVALID_PRIVKEY	The private key is invalid.
-411	GNUTLS_E_NOT_YET_ACTIVATED	The certificate is not yet activated.
-412	GNUTLS_E_INVALID_UTF8_STRING	The given string contains invalid UTF-8 characters.
-413	GNUTLS_E_NO_EMBEDDED_DATA	There are no embedded data in the structure.
-414	GNUTLS_E_INVALID_UTF8_EMAIL	The given email string contains non-ASCII characters before '@'.
-415	GNUTLS_E_INVALID_PASSWORD_STRING	The given password contains invalid characters.
-416	GNUTLS_E_CERTIFICATE_TIME_ERROR	Error in the time fields of certificate.
-417	GNUTLS_E_RECORD_OVERFLOW	A TLS record packet with invalid length was received.
-418	GNUTLS_E_ASN1_TIME_ERROR	The DER time encoding is invalid.
-419	GNUTLS_E_INCOMPATIBLE_SIG_WITH_KEY	The signature is incompatible with the public key.
-420	GNUTLS_E_PK_INVALID_PUBKEY_PARAMS	The public key parameters are invalid.
-421	GNUTLS_E_PK_NO_VALIDATION_PARAMS	There are no validation parameters present.
-422	GNUTLS_E_OCSP_MISMATCH_WITH_CERTS	The OCSP response provided doesn't match the available certificates
-423	GNUTLS_E_NO_COMMON_KEY_SHARE	No common key share with peer.
-424	GNUTLS_E_REAUTH_REQUEST	Re-authentication was requested by the peer.
-425	GNUTLS_E_TOO_MANY_MATCHES	More than a single object matches the criteria.
-426	GNUTLS_E_CRL_VERIFICATION_ERROR	Error in the CRL verification.
-427	GNUTLS_E_MISSING_EXTENSION	An required TLS extension was received.
-428	GNUTLS_E_DB_ENTRY_EXISTS	The Database entry already exists.
-429	GNUTLS_E_EARLY_DATA_REJECTED	The early data were rejected.
-430	GNUTLS_E_X509_DUPLICATE_EXTENSION	Duplicate extension in X.509 certificate.

Table D.1.: The error codes table



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