TLS (SSL)

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Stability: 2 - Stable
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Source Code: lib/tls.js

The node:tls module provides an implementation of the Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocols that is built on top of OpenSSL. The module can be accessed using:

```
const tls = require('node:tls'); copy
```

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Determining if crypto support is unavailable
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It is possible for Node.js to be built without including support for the <code>node:crypto</code> module. In such cases, attempting to <code>import from tls or calling require('node:tls') will result in an error being thrown.</code>

When using CommonJS, the error thrown can be caught using try/catch:

```
let tls;
try {
  tls = require('node:tls');
} catch (err) {
  console.error('tls support is disabled!');
} copy
```

When using the lexical ESM import keyword, the error can only be caught if a handler for process.on('uncaughtException') is registered *before* any attempt to load the module is made (using, for instance, a preload module).

When using ESM, if there is a chance that the code may be run on a build of Node.js where crypto support is not enabled, consider using the <u>import()</u> function instead of the lexical <u>import</u> keyword:

```
let tls;
try {
   tls = await import('node:tls');
} catch (err) {
   console.error('tls support is disabled!');
} copy
```

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TLS/SSL concepts
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TLS/SSL is a set of protocols that rely on a public key infrastructure (PKI) to enable secure communication between a client and a server. For most common cases, each server must have a private key.

Private keys can be generated in multiple ways. The example below illustrates use of the OpenSSL command-line interface to generate a 2048-bit RSA private key:

```
openssl genrsa -out ryans-key.pem 2048 copy
```

With TLS/SSL, all servers (and some clients) must have a *certificate*. Certificates are *public keys* that correspond to a private key, and that are digitally signed either by a Certificate Authority or by the owner of the private key (such certificates are referred to as "self-signed"). The first step to obtaining a certificate is to create a *Certificate Signing Request* (CSR) file.

The OpenSSL command-line interface can be used to generate a CSR for a private key:

```
openssl req -new -sha256 -key ryans-key.pem -out ryans-csr.pem copy
```

Once the CSR file is generated, it can either be sent to a Certificate Authority for signing or used to generate a self-signed certificate.

Creating a self-signed certificate using the OpenSSL command-line interface is illustrated in the example below:

```
openssl x509 -req -in ryans-csr.pem -signkey ryans-key.pem -out ryans-cert.pem copy
```

Once the certificate is generated, it can be used to generate a .pfx or .p12 file:

```
openssl pkcs12 -export -in ryans-cert.pem -inkey ryans-key.pem \
-certfile ca-cert.pem -out ryans.pfx copy
```

#### Where:

- in : is the signed certificate
- inkey: is the associated private key
- certfile: is a concatenation of all Certificate Authority (CA) certs into a single file, e.g. cat ca1-cert.pem ca2-cert.pem > ca-cert.pem

## Perfect forward secrecy

The term <u>forward secrecy</u> or <u>perfect forward secrecy</u> describes a feature of key-agreement (i.e., key-exchange) methods. That is, the server and client keys are used to negotiate new temporary keys that are used specifically and only for the current communication session. Practically, this means that even if the server's private key is compromised, communication can only be decrypted by eavesdroppers if the attacker manages to obtain the key-pair specifically generated for the session.

Perfect forward secrecy is achieved by randomly generating a key pair for key-agreement on every TLS/SSL handshake (in contrast to using the same key for all sessions). Methods implementing this technique are called "ephemeral".

Currently two methods are commonly used to achieve perfect forward secrecy (note the character "E" appended to the traditional abbreviations):

- ECDHE: An ephemeral version of the Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman key-agreement protocol.
- DHE: An ephemeral version of the Diffie-Hellman key-agreement protocol.

Perfect forward secrecy using ECDHE is enabled by default. The ecdhCurve option can be used when creating a TLS server to customize the list of supported ECDH curves to use. See <u>tls.createServer()</u> for more info.

DHE is disabled by default but can be enabled alongside ECDHE by setting the dhparam option to 'auto'. Custom DHE parameters are also supported but discouraged in favor of automatically selected, well-known parameters.

Perfect forward secrecy was optional up to TLSv1.2. As of TLSv1.3, (EC)DHE is always used (with the exception of PSK-only connections).

#### **ALPN and SNI**

ALPN (Application-Layer Protocol Negotiation Extension) and SNI (Server Name Indication) are TLS handshake extensions:

- ALPN: Allows the use of one TLS server for multiple protocols (HTTP, HTTP/2)
- SNI: Allows the use of one TLS server for multiple hostnames with different certificates.

### Pre-shared keys

TLS-PSK support is available as an alternative to normal certificate-based authentication. It uses a pre-shared key instead of certificates to authenticate a TLS connection, providing mutual authentication. TLS-PSK and public key infrastructure are not mutually exclusive. Clients and servers can accommodate both, choosing either of them during the normal cipher negotiation step.

TLS-PSK is only a good choice where means exist to securely share a key with every connecting machine, so it does not replace the public key infrastructure (PKI) for the majority of TLS uses. The TLS-PSK implementation in OpenSSL has seen many security flaws in recent years, mostly because it is used only by a minority of applications. Please consider all alternative solutions before switching to PSK ciphers. Upon generating PSK it is of critical importance to use sufficient entropy as discussed in RFC 4086. Deriving a shared secret from a password or other low-entropy sources is not secure.

PSK ciphers are disabled by default, and using TLS-PSK thus requires explicitly specifying a cipher suite with the ciphers option. The list of available ciphers can be retrieved via openss1 ciphers -v 'PSK'. All TLS 1.3 ciphers are eligible for PSK and can be retrieved via openss1 ciphers -v -s -tls1\_3 -psk.

According to the <u>RFC 4279</u>, PSK identities up to 128 bytes in length and PSKs up to 64 bytes in length must be supported. As of OpenSSL 1.1.0 maximum identity size is 128 bytes, and maximum PSK length is 256 bytes.

The current implementation doesn't support asynchronous PSK callbacks due to the limitations of the underlying OpenSSL API.

### Client-initiated renegotiation attack mitigation

The TLS protocol allows clients to renegotiate certain aspects of the TLS session. Unfortunately, session renegotiation requires a disproportionate amount of server-side resources, making it a potential vector for denial-of-service attacks.

To mitigate the risk, renegotiation is limited to three times every ten minutes. An 'error' event is emitted on the <a href="tls.TLSSocket">tls.TLSSocket</a> instance when this threshold is exceeded. The limits are configurable:

- tls.CLIENT\_RENEG\_LIMIT < number> Specifies the number of renegotiation requests. Default: 3.
- tls.CLIENT\_RENEG\_WINDOW <number> Specifies the time renegotiation window in seconds. **Default:** 600 (10 minutes).

The default renegotiation limits should not be modified without a full understanding of the implications and risks.

TLSv1.3 does not support renegotiation.

### Session resumption

Establishing a TLS session can be relatively slow. The process can be sped up by saving and later reusing the session state. There are several mechanisms to do so, discussed here from oldest to newest (and preferred).

### Session identifiers

Servers generate a unique ID for new connections and send it to the client. Clients and servers save the session state. When reconnecting, clients send the ID of their saved session state and if the server also has the state for that ID, it can agree to use it. Otherwise, the server will create a new session. See <u>RFC 2246</u> for more information, page 23 and 30.

Resumption using session identifiers is supported by most web browsers when making HTTPS requests.

For Node.js, clients wait for the <u>'session'</u> event to get the session data, and provide the data to the <u>session</u> option of a subsequent <u>tls.connect()</u> to reuse the session. Servers must implement handlers for the <u>'newSession'</u> and <u>'resumeSession'</u> events to save and restore the session data using the session ID as the lookup key to reuse sessions. To reuse sessions across load balancers or cluster workers, servers must use a shared session cache (such as Redis) in their session handlers.

### Session tickets

The servers encrypt the entire session state and send it to the client as a "ticket". When reconnecting, the state is sent to the server in the initial connection. This mechanism avoids the need for a server-side session cache. If the server doesn't use the ticket, for any reason (failure to decrypt it, it's too old, etc.), it will create a new session and send a new ticket. See <u>RFC 5077</u> for more information.

Resumption using session tickets is becoming commonly supported by many web browsers when making HTTPS requests.

For Node.js, clients use the same APIs for resumption with session identifiers as for resumption with session tickets. For debugging, if <a href="mailto:tls.TLSSocket.getTLSTicket()">tls.TLSSocket.getTLSTicket()</a> returns a value, the session data contains a ticket, otherwise it contains client-side session state.

With TLSv1.3, be aware that multiple tickets may be sent by the server, resulting in multiple 'session' events, see <u>'session'</u> for more information.

Single process servers need no specific implementation to use session tickets. To use session tickets across server restarts or load balancers, servers must all have the same ticket keys. There are three 16-byte keys internally, but the tls API exposes them as a single 48-byte buffer for convenience.

It's possible to get the ticket keys by calling server.getTicketKeys() on one server instance and then distribute them, but it is more reasonable to securely generate 48 bytes of secure random data and set them with the ticketKeys option of tls.createServer(). The keys should be regularly regenerated and server's keys can be reset with server.setTicketKeys().

Session ticket keys are cryptographic keys, and they *must be stored securely*. With TLS 1.2 and below, if they are compromised all sessions that used tickets encrypted with them can be decrypted. They should not be stored on disk, and they should be regenerated regularly.

If clients advertise support for tickets, the server will send them. The server can disable tickets by supplying require('node:constants').SSL\_OP\_NO\_TICKET in secureOptions.

Both session identifiers and session tickets timeout, causing the server to create new sessions. The timeout can be configured with the sessionTimeout option of tls.createServer().

For all the mechanisms, when resumption fails, servers will create new sessions. Since failing to resume the session does not cause TLS/HTTPS connection failures, it is easy to not notice unnecessarily poor TLS performance. The OpenSSL CLI can be used to verify that servers are resuming sessions. Use the -reconnect option to openssl s client, for example:

```
openssl s_client -connect localhost:443 -reconnect copy
```

Read through the debug output. The first connection should say "New", for example:

```
New, TLSv1.2, Cipher is ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 copy
```

Subsequent connections should say "Reused", for example:

```
Reused, TLSv1.2, Cipher is ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 copy
```

# Modifying the default TLS cipher suite

Node.js is built with a default suite of enabled and disabled TLS ciphers. This default cipher list can be configured when building Node.js to allow distributions to provide their own default list.

The following command can be used to show the default cipher suite:

```
node -p crypto.constants.defaultCoreCipherList | tr ':' '\n'
TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA384
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256
DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384
DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384
```

```
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256
DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256
HIGH
!aNULL
!eNULL
!EXPORT
!DES
!RC4
!MD5
!PSK
!SRP
```

This default can be replaced entirely using the <u>--tls-cipher-list</u> command-line switch (directly, or via the <u>NODE\_OPTIONS</u> environment variable). For instance, the following makes ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:!RC4 the default TLS cipher suite:

```
node --tls-cipher-list='ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:!RC4' server.js

export NODE_OPTIONS=--tls-cipher-list='ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:!RC4'
node server.js copy
```

To verify, use the following command to show the set cipher list, note the difference between defaultCoreCipherList and defaultCipherList:

```
node --tls-cipher-list='ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:!RC4' -p crypto.constants.defaultCipherList | tr ':'
'\n'
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
!RC4 copy
```

i.e. the defaultCoreCipherList list is set at compilation time and the defaultCipherList is set at runtime.

To modify the default cipher suites from within the runtime, modify the tls.DEFAULT\_CIPHERS variable, this must be performed before listening on any sockets, it will not affect sockets already opened. For example:

```
// Remove Obsolete CBC Ciphers and RSA Key Exchange based Ciphers as they don't provide Forward Secrecy
tls.DEFAULT_CIPHERS +=
   ':!ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:!ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256:!ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA:!ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384' +
   ':!ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA:!ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256:!ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA:!ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384'
+
   ':!kRSA'; copy
```

The default can also be replaced on a per client or server basis using the ciphers option from tls.createSecureContext(), which is also available in tls.createServer(), tls.connect(), and when creating new tls.TLSSockets.

The ciphers list can contain a mixture of TLSv1.3 cipher suite names, the ones that start with 'TLS\_', and specifications for TLSv1.2 and below cipher suites. The TLSv1.2 ciphers support a legacy specification format, consult the OpenSSL cipher list format documentation for details, but those specifications do *not* apply to TLSv1.3 ciphers. The TLSv1.3 suites can only be enabled by including their full name in the cipher list. They cannot, for example, be enabled or disabled by using the legacy TLSv1.2 'EECDH' or '!EECDH' specification.

Despite the relative order of TLSv1.3 and TLSv1.2 cipher suites, the TLSv1.3 protocol is significantly more secure than TLSv1.2, and will always be chosen over TLSv1.2 if the handshake indicates it is supported, and if any TLSv1.3 cipher suites are enabled.

The default cipher suite included within Node.js has been carefully selected to reflect current security best practices and risk mitigation. Changing the default cipher suite can have a significant impact on the security of an application. The --tls-ci-pher-list switch and ciphers option should by used only if absolutely necessary.

The default cipher suite prefers GCM ciphers for <u>Chrome's 'modern cryptography'</u> setting and also prefers ECDHE and DHE ciphers for perfect forward secrecy, while offering *some* backward compatibility.

Old clients that rely on insecure and deprecated RC4 or DES-based ciphers (like Internet Explorer 6) cannot complete the handshaking process with the default configuration. If these clients *must* be supported, the <u>TLS recommendations</u> may offer a compatible cipher suite. For more details on the format, see the OpenSSL cipher list format documentation.

There are only five TLSv1.3 cipher suites:

- 'TLS\_AES\_256\_GCM\_SHA384'
- 'TLS CHACHA20 POLY1305 SHA256'
- 'TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256'
- 'TLS AES 128 CCM SHA256'
- 'TLS\_AES\_128\_CCM\_8\_SHA256'

The first three are enabled by default. The two CCM -based suites are supported by TLSv1.3 because they may be more performant on constrained systems, but they are not enabled by default since they offer less security.

# X509 certificate error codes

- 'UNABLE\_TO\_GET\_ISSUER\_CERT': Unable to get issuer certificate.
- 'UNABLE\_TO\_GET\_CRL' : Unable to get certificate CRL.
- 'UNABLE\_TO\_DECRYPT\_CERT\_SIGNATURE': Unable to decrypt certificate's signature.
- 'UNABLE\_TO\_DECRYPT\_CRL\_SIGNATURE': Unable to decrypt CRL's signature.
- 'UNABLE\_TO\_DECODE\_ISSUER\_PUBLIC\_KEY' : Unable to decode issuer public key.
- 'CERT\_SIGNATURE\_FAILURE': Certificate signature failure.
- 'CRL\_SIGNATURE\_FAILURE': CRL signature failure.
- 'CERT\_NOT\_YET\_VALID' : Certificate is not yet valid.
- 'CERT\_HAS\_EXPIRED': Certificate has expired.
- 'CRL\_NOT\_YET\_VALID' : CRL is not yet valid.
- 'CRL\_HAS\_EXPIRED' : CRL has expired.
- 'ERROR\_IN\_CERT\_NOT\_BEFORE\_FIELD': Format error in certificate's notBefore field.

- 'ERROR\_IN\_CERT\_NOT\_AFTER\_FIELD' : Format error in certificate's notAfter field.
- 'ERROR IN CRL LAST UPDATE FIELD': Format error in CRL's lastUpdate field.
- 'ERROR\_IN\_CRL\_NEXT\_UPDATE\_FIELD': Format error in CRL's nextUpdate field.
- 'OUT\_OF\_MEM' : Out of memory.
- 'DEPTH\_ZERO\_SELF\_SIGNED\_CERT' : Self signed certificate.
- 'SELF\_SIGNED\_CERT\_IN\_CHAIN' : Self signed certificate in certificate chain.
- 'UNABLE\_TO\_GET\_ISSUER\_CERT\_LOCALLY': Unable to get local issuer certificate.
- 'UNABLE TO VERIFY LEAF SIGNATURE': Unable to verify the first certificate.
- 'CERT\_CHAIN\_TOO\_LONG': Certificate chain too long.
- 'CERT\_REVOKED' : Certificate revoked.
- 'INVALID CA': Invalid CA certificate.
- 'PATH LENGTH EXCEEDED': Path length constraint exceeded.
- 'INVALID\_PURPOSE' : Unsupported certificate purpose.
- 'CERT UNTRUSTED': Certificate not trusted.
- 'CERT\_REJECTED': Certificate rejected.
- 'HOSTNAME\_MISMATCH': Hostname mismatch.

Class: tls.CryptoStream

Added in: v0.3.4Deprecated since: v0.11.3

<u>Stability: 0</u> - Deprecated: Use <u>tls.TLSSocket</u> instead.

The tls.CryptoStream class represents a stream of encrypted data. This class is deprecated and should no longer be used.

cryptoStream.bytesWritten

The cryptoStream.bytesWritten property returns the total number of bytes Added in: v0.3.4Deprecated since: v0.11.3 written to the underlying socket *including* the bytes required for the implementation of the TLS protocol.

Class: tls.SecurePair

Added in: v0.3.2Deprecated since: v0.11.3

Stability: 0 - Deprecated: Use tls.TLSSocket instead.

Returned by tls.createSecurePair().

Event: 'secure'

The 'secure' event is emitted by the SecurePair object once a secure con- Added in: v0.3.2Deprecated since: v0.11.3 nection has been established.

As with checking for the server <u>'secureConnection'</u> event, pair.cleartext.authorized should be inspected to confirm whether the certificate used is properly authorized.

Class: tls.Server

• Extends: <net.Server> Added in: v0.3.2

Accepts encrypted connections using TLS or SSL.

Event: 'connection'

socket <stream.Duplex>

Added in: v0.3.2

This event is emitted when a new TCP stream is established, before the TLS handshake begins. socket is typically an object of type <a href="net.Socket">net.Socket</a> but will not receive events unlike the socket created from the <a href="net.Server">net.Server</a> 'connection' event. Usually users will not want to access this event.

This event can also be explicitly emitted by users to inject connections into the TLS server. In that case, any <u>Duplex</u> stream can be passed.

Event: 'keylog'

line <Buffer> Line of ASCII text, in NSS SSLKEYLOGFILE format.

Added in: v12.3.0, v10.20.0

• tlsSocket <tls.TLSSocket> The tls.TLSSocket instance on which it was generated.

The keylog event is emitted when key material is generated or received by a connection to this server (typically before handshake has completed, but not necessarily). This keying material can be stored for debugging, as it allows captured TLS traffic to be decrypted. It may be emitted multiple times for each socket.

A typical use case is to append received lines to a common text file, which is later used by software (such as Wireshark) to decrypt the traffic:

```
const logFile = fs.createWriteStream('/tmp/ssl-keys.log', { flags: 'a' });
// ...
server.on('keylog', (line, tlsSocket) => {
  if (tlsSocket.remoteAddress !== '...')
    return; // Only log keys for a particular IP
  logFile.write(line);
}); copy
```

Event: 'newSession'

The 'newSession' event is emitted upon creation of a new TLS session. This may be used to store sessions in 

History external storage. The data should be provided to the <u>'resumeSession'</u> callback.

The listener callback is passed three arguments when called:

- sessionId <Buffer> The TLS session identifier
- sessionData <Buffer> The TLS session data
- callback <a href="Function"> Function</a> A callback function taking no arguments that must be invoked in order for data to be sent or received over the secure connection.

Listening for this event will have an effect only on connections established after the addition of the event listener.

### Event: 'OCSPRequest'

The 'OCSPRequest' event is emitted when the client sends a certificate status request. The listener Added in: v0.11.13 callback is passed three arguments when called:

- certificate < <u>Buffer></u> The server certificate
- issuer <<u>Buffer></u> The issuer's certificate
- callback <a href="Function"> <a href="Function"> Function</a> A callback function that must be invoked to provide the results of the OCSP request.

The server's current certificate can be parsed to obtain the OCSP URL and certificate ID; after obtaining an OCSP response, callback(null, resp) is then invoked, where resp is a Buffer instance containing the OCSP response. Both certificate and issuer are Buffer DER-representations of the primary and issuer's certificates. These can be used to obtain the OCSP certificate ID and OCSP endpoint URL.

Alternatively, callback(null, null) may be called, indicating that there was no OCSP response.

Calling callback(err) will result in a socket.destroy(err) call.

The typical flow of an OCSP request is as follows:

- 1. Client connects to the server and sends an 'OCSPRequest' (via the status info extension in ClientHello).
- 2. Server receives the request and emits the 'OCSPRequest' event, calling the listener if registered.
- 3. Server extracts the OCSP URL from either the certificate or issuer and performs an OCSP request to the CA.
- 4. Server receives 'OCSPResponse' from the CA and sends it back to the client via the callback argument
- 5. Client validates the response and either destroys the socket or performs a handshake.

The issuer can be null if the certificate is either self-signed or the issuer is not in the root certificates list. (An issuer may be provided via the calloption when establishing the TLS connection.)

Listening for this event will have an effect only on connections established after the addition of the event listener.

An npm module like asn1.js may be used to parse the certificates.

```
Event: 'resumeSession'
```

The 'resumeSession' event is emitted when the client requests to resume a previous TLS session. The Added in: v0.9.2 listener callback is passed two arguments when called:

- sessionId <<u>Buffer></u> The TLS session identifier
- callback <<u>Function></u> A callback function to be called when the prior session has been recovered: callback([err[, sessionData]])
  - o err <<u>Error></u>
    o sessionData <Buffer>

The event listener should perform a lookup in external storage for the sessionData saved by the 'newSession' event handler using the given sessionId. If found, call callback(null, sessionData) to resume the session. If not found, the session cannot be resumed. callback() must be called without sessionData so that the handshake can continue and a new session can be created. It is possible to call callback(err) to terminate the incoming connection and destroy the socket.

Listening for this event will have an effect only on connections established after the addition of the event listener.

The following illustrates resuming a TLS session:

```
const tlsSessionStore = {};
server.on('newSession', (id, data, cb) => {
  tlsSessionStore[id.toString('hex')] = data;
  cb();
});
server.on('resumeSession', (id, cb) => {
  cb(null, tlsSessionStore[id.toString('hex')] || null);
}); copy
```

```
Event: 'secureConnection'
```

The 'secureConnection' event is emitted after the handshaking process for a new connection has suc- Added in: v0.3.2 cessfully completed. The listener callback is passed a single argument when called:

• tlsSocket <tls.TLSSocket> The established TLS socket.

The tlsSocket.authorized property is a boolean indicating whether the client has been verified by one of the supplied Certificate Authorities for the server. If tlsSocket.authorized is false, then socket.authorizationError is set to describe how authorization failed. Depending on the settings of the TLS server, unauthorized connections may still be accepted.

The tlsSocket.alpnProtocol property is a string that contains the selected ALPN protocol. When ALPN has no selected protocol because the client or the server did not send an ALPN extension, tlsSocket.alpnProtocol equals false.

The tlsSocket.servername property is a string containing the server name requested via SNI.

Event: 'tlsClientError'

The 'tlsClientError' event is emitted when an error occurs before a secure connection is established. Added in: v6.0.0 The listener callback is passed two arguments when called:

- exception <<u>Error></u> The Error object describing the error
- tlsSocket <tls.TLSSocket> The tls.TLSSocket instance from which the error originated.

server.addContext(hostname, context)

hostname <string> A SNI host name or wildcard (e.g. '\*')

Added in: v0.5.3

context < Object> | <tls.SecureContext> An object containing any of the possible properties
from the <a href="mailto:tls.createSecureContext">tls.createSecureContext()</a> options arguments (e.g. key , cert , ca , etc), or a TLS context object created
with <a href="mailto:tls.createSecureContext">tls.createSecureContext()</a> itself.

The server.addContext() method adds a secure context that will be used if the client request's SNI name matches the supplied hostname (or wildcard).

When there are multiple matching contexts, the most recently added one is used.

server.address()

• Returns: <<u>Object></u> Added in: v0.6.0

Returns the bound address, the address family name, and port of the server as reported by the operating system. See net.Server.address() for more information.

server.close([callback])

- callback <a href="Line"> callback <a href="Line"> Function</a> A listener callback that will be registered to listen for the server instance's Added in: v0.3.2 'close' event.
- Returns: <tls.Server>

The server.close() method stops the server from accepting new connections.

This function operates asynchronously. The 'close' event will be emitted when the server has no more open connections.

server.getTicketKeys()

• Returns: <Buffer> A 48-byte buffer containing the session ticket keys.

Added in: v3.0.0

Returns the session ticket keys.

See Session Resumption for more information.

server.listen()

Starts the server listening for encrypted connections. This method is identical to <a href="server.listen()">server.listen()</a> from <a href="method">net.Server</a>.

server.setSecureContext(options)

• options <<u>Object></u> An object containing any of the possible properties from the Added in: v11.0.0 tls.createSecureContext() options arguments (e.g. key, cert, ca, etc).

The server.setSecureContext() method replaces the secure context of an existing server. Existing connections to the server are not interrupted.

server.setTicketKeys(keys)

• keys <<u>Buffer></u> | <<u>TypedArray></u> | <<u>DataView></u> A 48-byte buffer containing the session ticket Added in: v3.0.0 keys.

Sets the session ticket keys.

Changes to the ticket keys are effective only for future server connections. Existing or currently pending server connections will use the previous keys.

See Session Resumption for more information.

Class: tls.TLSSocket

• Extends: <net.Socket> Added in: v0.11.4

Performs transparent encryption of written data and all required TLS negotiation.

Instances of tls.TLSSocket implement the duplex <u>Stream</u> interface.

Methods that return TLS connection metadata (e.g. <u>tls.TLSSocket.getPeerCertificate()</u>) will only return data while the connection is open.

new tls.TLSSocket(socket[, options])

- socket <net.Socket> | <stream.Duplex> On the server side, any Duplex stream. On the client side, any instance of <a href="net.Socket">net.Socket</a> (for generic Duplex stream support on the client side, <a href="tel:tls.connect()">tls.connect()</a> must be used).
- options <Object>
  - enableTrace : See <a href="tls.createServer">tls.createServer</a>()
  - isServer: The SSL/TLS protocol is asymmetrical, TLSSockets must know if they are to behave as a server or a client. If true the TLS socket will be instantiated as a server. **Default:** false.

- o server <net.Server> A net.Server instance.
- requestCert: Whether to authenticate the remote peer by requesting a certificate. Clients always request a server certificate. Servers (isServer is true) may set requestCert to true to request a client certificate.
- o rejectUnauthorized : See tls.createServer()
- O ALPNProtocols : See tls.createServer()
- O SNICallback : See tls.createServer()
- session <<u>Buffer</u> A Buffer instance containing a TLS session.
- o requestOCSP <br/>
  <br/>
  <br/>
  | Specifies that the OCSP status request extension will be added to the client hello and an 'OCSPResponse' event will be emitted on the socket before establishing a secure communication
- secureContext: TLS context object created with <u>tls.createSecureContext()</u>. If a secureContext is not provided,
   one will be created by passing the entire options object to tls.createSecureContext().
- ...: <u>tls.createSecureContext()</u> options that are used if the secureContext option is missing. Otherwise, they are ignored.

Construct a new tls.TLSSocket object from an existing TCP socket.

```
Event: 'keylog'
```

• line <Buffer> Line of ASCII text, in NSS SSLKEYLOGFILE format.

Added in: v12.3.0, v10.20.0

The keylog event is emitted on a tls.TLSSocket when key material is generated or received by the socket. This keying material can be stored for debugging, as it allows captured TLS traffic to be decrypted. It may be emitted multiple times, before or after the handshake completes.

A typical use case is to append received lines to a common text file, which is later used by software (such as Wireshark) to decrypt the traffic:

```
const logFile = fs.createWriteStream('/tmp/ssl-keys.log', { flags: 'a' });
// ...
tlsSocket.on('keylog', (line) => logFile.write(line)); copy
```

```
Event: 'OCSPResponse'
```

The 'OCSPResponse' event is emitted if the requestOCSP option was set when the tls.TLSSocket Added in: v0.11.13 was created and an OCSP response has been received. The listener callback is passed a single argument when called:

response <Buffer> The server's OCSP response

Typically, the response is a digitally signed object from the server's CA that contains information about server's certificate revocation status.

```
Event: 'secureConnect'
```

The 'secureConnect' event is emitted after the handshaking process for a new connection has successfully completed. The listener callback will be called regardless of whether or not the server's certifi-

cate has been authorized. It is the client's responsibility to check the tlsSocket.authorized property to determine if the server certificate was signed by one of the specified CAs. If tlsSocket.authorized === false, then the error can be found by examining the tlsSocket.authorizationError property. If ALPN was used, the tlsSocket.alpnProtocol property can be checked to determine the negotiated protocol.

The 'secureConnect' event is not emitted when a <tls.TLSSocket> is created using the new tls.TLSSocket() constructor.

```
Event: 'session'
```

• session <Buffer> Added in: v11.10.0

The 'session' event is emitted on a client tls.TLSSocket when a new session or TLS ticket is available. This may or may not be before the handshake is complete, depending on the TLS protocol version that was negotiated. The event is not emitted on the server, or if a new session was not created, for example, when the connection was resumed. For some TLS protocol versions the event may be emitted multiple times, in which case all the sessions can be used for resumption.

On the client, the session can be provided to the session option of tls.connect() to resume the connection.

See <u>Session Resumption</u> for more information.

For TLSv1.2 and below, tls.TLSSocket.getSession() can be called once the handshake is complete. For TLSv1.3, only ticket-based resumption is allowed by the protocol, multiple tickets are sent, and the tickets aren't sent until after the handshake completes. So it is necessary to wait for the 'session' event to get a resumable session. Applications should use the 'session' event instead of getSession() to ensure they will work for all TLS versions. Applications that only expect to get or use one session should listen for this event only once:

```
tlsSocket.once('session', (session) => {
    // The session can be used immediately or later.
    tls.connect({
        session: session,
        // Other connect options...
    });
}); copy
```

```
tlsSocket.address()
```

Returns: <u><Object></u>
 History

Returns the bound address, the address family name, and port of the underlying socket as reported by the operating system: { port: 12346, family: 'IPv4', address: '127.0.0.1' }.

tlsSocket.authorizationError

Returns the reason why the peer's certificate was not been verified. This property is set only when Added in: v0.11.4 tlsSocket.authorized === false.

tlsSocket.authorized

<boolean>Added in: v0.11.4

This property is true if the peer certificate was signed by one of the CAs specified when creating the tls.TLSSocket instance, otherwise false.

tlsSocket.disableRenegotiation()

Disables TLS renegotiation for this TLSSocket instance. Once called, attempts to renegotiate will trigger Added in: v8.4.0 an 'error' event on the TLSSocket .

tlsSocket.enableTrace()

When enabled, TLS packet trace information is written to stderr. This can be used to debug TLS con-Added in: v12.2.0 nection problems.

The format of the output is identical to the output of openss1 s\_client -trace or openss1 s\_server -trace. While it is produced by OpenSSL's SSL\_trace() function, the format is undocumented, can change without notice, and should not be relied on.

tlsSocket.encrypted

Always returns true. This may be used to distinguish TLS sockets from regular net. Socket instances. Added in: v0.11.4

Added in: v13.10.0, v12.17.0

tlsSocket.exportKeyingMaterial(length, label[, context])

- length <<u>number></u> number of bytes to retrieve from keying material
- label <string> an application specific label, typically this will be a value from the IANA Exporter Label Registry.
- context <a href="Suffer"><a href="Suff"><a href="Suffer"><a href="Suff"><a href="Su
- Returns: <Buffer> requested bytes of the keying material

Keying material is used for validations to prevent different kind of attacks in network protocols, for example in the specifications of IEEE 802.1X.

```
const keyingMaterial = tlsSocket.exportKeyingMaterial(
    128,
    'client finished');

/*
    Example return value of keyingMaterial:
    <Buffer 76 26 af 99 c5 56 8e 42 09 91 ef 9f 93 cb ad 6c 7b 65 f8 53 f1 d8 d9
        12 5a 33 b8 b5 25 df 7b 37 9f e0 e2 4f b8 67 83 a3 2f cd 5d 41 42 4c 91
        74 ef 2c ... 78 more bytes>
    */ copy
```

See the OpenSSL <u>SSL\_export\_keying\_material</u> documentation for more information.

```
tlsSocket.getCertificate()
```

• Returns: <<u>Object></u> Added in: v11.2.0

Returns an object representing the local certificate. The returned object has some properties corresponding to the fields of the certificate.

See <a href="mailto:tlsSocket.getPeerCertificate()">tls.TLSSocket.getPeerCertificate()</a> for an example of the certificate structure.

If there is no local certificate, an empty object will be returned. If the socket has been destroyed, null will be returned.

```
tlsSocket.getCipher()
```

• Returns: <u><Object></u> ► History

- o name <string> OpenSSL name for the cipher suite.
- o standardName <string> IETF name for the cipher suite.

Returns an object containing information on the negotiated cipher suite.

For example, a TLSv1.2 protocol with AES256-SHA cipher:

```
{
    "name": "AES256-SHA",
    "standardName": "TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA",
    "version": "SSLv3"
} copy
```

See <u>SSL\_CIPHER\_get\_name</u> for more information.

tlsSocket.getEphemeralKeyInfo()

• Returns: <<u>Object></u> Added in: v5.0.0

Returns an object representing the type, name, and size of parameter of an ephemeral key exchange in <u>perfect forward secrecy</u> on a client connection. It returns an empty object when the key exchange is not ephemeral. As this is only supported on a client socket; null is returned if called on a server socket. The supported types are 'DH' and 'ECDH'. The name property is available only when type is 'ECDH'.

For example: { type: 'ECDH', name: 'prime256v1', size: 256 }.

tlsSocket.getFinished()

• Returns: <<u>Buffer></u> | <<u>undefined></u> The latest Finished message that has been sent to the socket as part of a SSL/TLS handshake, or undefined if no Finished message has been sent yet.

As the Finished messages are message digests of the complete handshake (with a total of 192 bits for TLS 1.0 and more for SSL 3.0), they can be used for external authentication procedures when the authentication provided by SSL/TLS is not desired or is not enough.

Corresponds to the SSL\_get\_finished routine in OpenSSL and may be used to implement the tls-unique channel binding from RFC 5929.

tlsSocket.getPeerCertificate([detailed])

- detailed <boolean> Include the full certificate chain if true, otherwise include just the peer's Added in: v0.11.4 certificate.
- Returns: <Object> A certificate object.

Returns an object representing the peer's certificate. If the peer does not provide a certificate, an empty object will be returned. If the socket has been destroyed, null will be returned.

If the full certificate chain was requested, each certificate will include an issuerCertificate property containing an object representing its issuer's certificate.

### Certificate object

A certificate object has properties corresponding to the fields of the certificate.

▶ History

- ca <boolean> true if a Certificate Authority (CA), false otherwise.
- raw <<u>Buffer></u> The DER encoded X.509 certificate data.
- subject <Object> The certificate subject, described in terms of Country ( C ), StateOrProvince ( ST ), Locality ( L ), Organization ( O ), OrganizationalUnit ( OU ), and CommonName ( CN ). The CommonName is typically a DNS name with TLS certificates. Example: {C: 'UK', ST: 'BC', L: 'Metro', O: 'Node Fans', OU: 'Docs', CN: 'example.com'}.
- issuer <Object> The certificate issuer, described in the same terms as the subject.

- valid\_from <string> The date-time the certificate is valid from.
- valid\_to <string> The date-time the certificate is valid to.
- serialNumber <string> The certificate serial number, as a hex string. Example: 'B9B0D332A1AA5635'.
- fingerprint <string> The SHA-1 digest of the DER encoded certificate. It is returned as a : separated hexadecimal string. Example: '2A:7A:C2:DD:...'.
- fingerprint256 <a href="string"><a hre
- fingerprint512 <string> The SHA-512 digest of the DER encoded certificate. It is returned as a : separated hexadecimal string. Example: '2A:7A:C2:DD:...'.
- ext\_key\_usage <<u>Array></u> (Optional) The extended key usage, a set of OIDs.
- subjectaltname <string> (Optional) A string containing concatenated names for the subject, an alternative to the subject names.
- infoAccess <a href="Array"> <a href="Array"> <a href="Array"> (Optional)</a> An array describing the AuthorityInfoAccess, used with OCSP.
- issuerCertificate <<u>Object></u> (Optional) The issuer certificate object. For self-signed certificates, this may be a circular reference.

The certificate may contain information about the public key, depending on the key type.

For RSA keys, the following properties may be defined:

- bits <number> The RSA bit size. Example: 1024 .
- exponent <string> The RSA exponent, as a string in hexadecimal number notation. Example: '0x010001'.
- modulus <string> The RSA modulus, as a hexadecimal string. Example: 'B56CE45CB7...'.
- pubkey <Buffer> The public key.

For EC keys, the following properties may be defined:

- pubkey <<u>Buffer></u> The public key.
- bits <number> The key size in bits. Example: 256.
- asn1Curve <string> (Optional) The ASN.1 name of the OID of the elliptic curve. Well-known curves are identified by an OID. While it is unusual, it is possible that the curve is identified by its mathematical properties, in which case it will not have an OID. Example: 'prime256v1'.
- nistCurve <string> (Optional) The NIST name for the elliptic curve, if it has one (not all well-known curves have been assigned names by NIST). Example: 'P-256'.

## Example certificate:

```
{ subject:
    { OU: [ 'Domain Control Validated', 'PositiveSSL Wildcard' ],
        CN: '*.nodejs.org' },
    issuer:
    { C: 'GB',
        ST: 'Greater Manchester',
        L: 'Salford',
```

```
O: 'COMODO CA Limited',
     CN: 'COMODO RSA Domain Validation Secure Server CA' },
  subjectaltname: 'DNS:*.nodejs.org, DNS:nodejs.org',
  infoAccess:
  { 'CA Issuers - URI':
      [ 'http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSADomainValidationSecureServerCA.crt' ],
     'OCSP - URI': [ 'http://ocsp.comodoca.com' ] },
                                                                                                    modulus:
B56CE45CB740B09A13F64AC543B712FF9EE8E4C284B542A1708A27E82A8D151CA178153E12E6DDA15BF70FFD96CB8A88618641BDFC
CA03527E665B70D779C8A349A6F88FD4EF6557180BD4C98192872BCFE3AF56E863C09DDD8BC1EC58DF9D94F914F0369102B2870BECF
A1348A0838C9C49BD1C20124B442477572347047506B1FCD658A80D0C44BCC16BC5C5496CFE6E4A8428EF654CD3D8972BF6E5BFAD59
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DF39605B63CB639038ED0F4C987689866743A68769CC55847E4A06D6E2E3F1',
  exponent: '0x10001',
  pubkey: <Buffer ... >,
  valid_from: 'Aug 14 00:00:00 2017 GMT',
  valid_to: 'Nov 20 23:59:59 2019 GMT',
  fingerprint: '01:02:59:D9:C3:D2:0D:08:F7:82:4E:44:A4:B4:53:C5:E2:3A:87:4D',
                                                                                              fingerprint256:
'69:AE:1A:6A:D4:3D:C6:C1:1B:EA:C6:23:DE:BA:2A:14:62:62:93:5C:7A:EA:06:41:9B:0B:BC:87:CE:48:4E:02',
                                                                                              fingerprint512:
'19:2B:3E:C3:B3:5B:32:E8:AE:BB:78:97:27:E4:BA:6C:39:C9:92:79:4F:31:46:39:E2:70:E5:5F:89:42:17:C9:E8:64:CA:F
F:BB:72:56:73:6E:28:8A:92:7E:A3:2A:15:8B:C2:E0:45:CA:C3:BC:EA:40:52:EC:CA:A2:68:CB:32',
  ext_key_usage: [ '1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.1', '1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2' ],
  serialNumber: '66593D57F20CBC573E433381B5FEC280',
  raw: <Buffer ... > } copy
```

#### tlsSocket.getPeerFinished()

Returns: <<u>Buffer></u> | <<u>undefined></u> The latest Finished message that is expected or has actually been received from the socket as part of a SSL/TLS handshake, or undefined if there is no Finished message so far.

Added in: v9.9.0

As the Finished messages are message digests of the complete handshake (with a total of 192 bits for TLS 1.0 and more for SSL 3.0), they can be used for external authentication procedures when the authentication provided by SSL/TLS is not desired or is not enough.

Corresponds to the SSL\_get\_peer\_finished routine in OpenSSL and may be used to implement the tls-unique channel binding from RFC 5929.

```
tlsSocket.getPeerX509Certificate()
```

• Returns: <X509Certificate>

Added in: v15.9.0

If there is no peer certificate, or the socket has been destroyed, undefined will be returned.

### tlsSocket.getProtocol()

• Returns: <string> | <null>

Added in: v5.7.0

Returns a string containing the negotiated SSL/TLS protocol version of the current connection. The value 'unknown' will be returned for connected sockets that have not completed the handshaking process. The value null will be returned for server sockets or disconnected client sockets.

Protocol versions are:

- 'SSLv3'
- 'TLSv1'
- 'TLSv1.1'
- 'TLSv1.2'
- 'TLSv1.3'

See the OpenSSL <u>SSL\_get\_version</u> documentation for more information.

### tlsSocket.getSession()

<Buffer> Added in: v0.11.4

Returns the TLS session data or undefined if no session was negotiated. On the client, the data can be provided to the session option of <a href="mailto:tls.connect(">tls.connect()</a> to resume the connection. On the server, it may be useful for debugging.

See Session Resumption for more information.

Note: getSession() works only for TLSv1.2 and below. For TLSv1.3, applications must use the <u>'session'</u> event (it also works for TLSv1.2 and below).

## tlsSocket.getSharedSigalgs()

• Returns: <a href="Added"><a href="Added"><a href="Added">Added</a> in: v12.11.0 der of decreasing preference.</a>

See <u>SSL\_get\_shared\_sigalgs</u> for more information.

# tlsSocket.getTLSTicket()

<Buffer> Added in: v0.11.4

For a client, returns the TLS session ticket if one is available, or undefined . For a server, always returns undefined .

It may be useful for debugging.

See <u>Session Resumption</u> for more information.

tlsSocket.getX509Certificate()

• Returns: <X509Certificate> Added in: v15.9.0

Returns the local certificate as an <X509Certificate> object.

If there is no local certificate, or the socket has been destroyed, undefined will be returned.

tlsSocket.isSessionReused()

• Returns: <boolean> true if the session was reused, false otherwise.

Added in: v0.5.6

See <u>Session Resumption</u> for more information.

tlsSocket.localAddress

• <string> Added in: v0.11.4

Returns the string representation of the local IP address.

tlsSocket.localPort

• <integer> Added in: v0.11.4

Returns the numeric representation of the local port.

tlsSocket.remoteAddress

• <string> Added in: v0.11.4

Returns the string representation of the remote IP address. For example, '74.125.127.100' or '2001:4860:a005::68'.

tlsSocket.remoteFamily

• <string> Added in: v0.11.4

Returns the string representation of the remote IP family. 'IPv4' or 'IPv6'.

tlsSocket.remotePort

<integer>
 <integer>

Returns the numeric representation of the remote port. For example, 443.

tlsSocket.renegotiate(options, callback)

- rejectUnauthorized <boolean> If not false, the server certificate is verified against the list of supplied CAs. An 'error' event is emitted if verification fails; err.code contains the OpenSSL error code.
   Default: true.
- o requestCert
- callback <a href="mailto:secure"><a href="mailto:sec
- Returns: <boolean> true if renegotiation was initiated, false otherwise.

The tlsSocket.renegotiate() method initiates a TLS renegotiation process. Upon completion, the callback function will be passed a single argument that is either an Error (if the request failed) or null.

This method can be used to request a peer's certificate after the secure connection has been established.

When running as the server, the socket will be destroyed with an error after handshakeTimeout timeout.

For TLSv1.3, renegotiation cannot be initiated, it is not supported by the protocol.

### tlsSocket.setMaxSendFragment(size)

- size <number> The maximum TLS fragment size. The maximum value is 16384. Default: Added in: v0.11.11
- Returns: <boolean>

The tlsSocket.setMaxSendFragment() method sets the maximum TLS fragment size. Returns true if setting the limit succeeded; false otherwise.

Smaller fragment sizes decrease the buffering latency on the client: larger fragments are buffered by the TLS layer until the entire fragment is received and its integrity is verified; large fragments can span multiple roundtrips and their processing can be delayed due to packet loss or reordering. However, smaller fragments add extra TLS framing bytes and CPU overhead, which may decrease overall server throughput.

### tls.checkServerIdentity(hostname, cert)

• hostname <string> The host name or IP address to verify the certificate against.

- cert < Object > A certificate object representing the peer's certificate.
- Returns: <Error> | <undefined>

Verifies the certificate cert is issued to hostname.

Returns <a href="Returns"><a h

This function is intended to be used in combination with the checkServerIdentity option that can be passed to <a href="mailto:tls.connect()">tls.connect()</a> and as such operates on a <a href="mailto:certificate object">certificate object</a>. For other purposes, consider using <a href="mailto:x509.checkHost()">x509.checkHost()</a> instead.

▶ History

This function can be overwritten by providing an alternative function as the options.checkServerIdentity option that is passed to tls.connect(). The overwriting function can call tls.checkServerIdentity() of course, to augment the checks done with additional verification.

This function is only called if the certificate passed all other checks, such as being issued by trusted CA (options.ca).

Earlier versions of Node.js incorrectly accepted certificates for a given hostname if a matching uniformResourceIdentifier subject alternative name was present (see <u>CVE-2021-44531</u>). Applications that wish to accept uniformResourceIdentifier subject alternative names can use a custom options.checkServerIdentity function that implements the desired behavior.

## tls.connect(options[, callback])

• options <Object> ▶ History

- o enableTrace : See tls.createServer()
- host <string> Host the client should connect to. **Default:** 'localhost'.
- port <<u>number></u> Port the client should connect to.
- o path <string> Creates Unix socket connection to path. If this option is specified, host and port are ignored.
- o socket <a href="mailto:socket"><a href="mailto:socket"><a href="mailto:socket">socket</a> Establish secure connection on a given socket rather than creating a new socket. Typically, this is an instance of <a href="mailto:net-Socket">net-Socket</a>, but any Duplex stream is allowed. If this option is specified, path, host, and port are ignored, except for certificate validation. Usually, a socket is already connected when passed to tls.connect(), but it can be connected later. Connection/disconnection/destruction of socket is the user's responsibility; calling tls.connect() will not cause net.connect() to be called.
- o allowHalfOpen <br/> <boolean> If set to false, then the socket will automatically end the writable side when the readable side ends. If the socket option is set, this option has no effect. See the allowHalfOpen option of net.Socket for details. Default: false.
- o pskCallback <Function>
  - hint: <string> optional message sent from the server to help client decide which identity to use during negotiation. Always null if TLS 1.3 is used.
  - Returns: <Object> An object in the form { psk: <Buffer|TypedArray|DataView>, identity: <string> }
    or null to stop the negotiation process. psk must be compatible with the selected cipher's digest. identity must use UTF-8 encoding.

When negotiating TLS-PSK (pre-shared keys), this function is called with optional identity hint provided by the server or null in case of TLS 1.3 where hint was removed. It will be necessary to provide a custom tls.checkServerIdentity() for the connection as the default one will try to check host name/IP of the server against the certificate but that's not applicable for PSK because there won't be a certificate present. More information can be found in the RFC 4279.

- o ALPNProtocols: <string[]> | <Buffer[]> | <TypedArray[]> | <DataView[]> | <Buffer> | <TypedArray> | <DataView> An array of strings, Buffer s, TypedArray s, or DataView s, or a single Buffer , TypedArray , or DataView containing the supported ALPN protocols. Buffer s should have the format [len][name][len] [name]... e.g. '\x08http/1.1\x08http/1.0' , where the len byte is the length of the next protocol name. Passing an array is usually much simpler, e.g. ['http/1.1', 'http/1.0'] . Protocols earlier in the list have higher preference than those later.
- o servername: <string> Server name for the SNI (Server Name Indication) TLS extension. It is the name of the host being connected to, and must be a host name, and not an IP address. It can be used by a multi-homed server to choose the correct certificate to present to the client, see the SNICallback option to tls.createServer().
- o checkServerIdentity(servername, cert) <a href="Function">Function</a> A callback function to be used (instead of the builtin tls.checkServerIdentity() function) when checking the server's host name (or the provided servername when explicitly set) against the certificate. This should return an <a href="Error">Error</a> if verification fails. The method should return undefined if the servername and cert are verified.
- o session <<u>Buffer</u> A Buffer instance, containing TLS session.
- o minDHSize <number> Minimum size of the DH parameter in bits to accept a TLS connection. When a server offers a DH parameter with a size less than minDHSize, the TLS connection is destroyed and an error is thrown.
  Default: 1024.
- highWaterMark: <a href="mailto:square"><number></a> Consistent with the readable stream highWaterMark parameter. Default: 16 \*
- o secureContext: TLS context object created with <a href="mailto:tls.createSecureContext">tls.createSecureContext</a>(). If a secureContext is not provided, one will be created by passing the entire options object to tls.createSecureContext().
- o onread <Object> If the socket option is missing, incoming data is stored in a single buffer and passed to the supplied callback when data arrives on the socket, otherwise the option is ignored. See the onread option of net. Socket for details.
- ...: <u>tls.createSecureContext()</u> options that are used if the secureContext option is missing, otherwise they are ignored.
- ...: Any <u>socket.connect()</u> option not already listed.
- callback <<u>Function></u>
- Returns: <tls.TLSSocket>

The callback function, if specified, will be added as a listener for the 'secureConnect' event.

tls.connect() returns a <u>tls.TLSSocket</u> object.

Unlike the https API, tls.connect() does not enable the SNI (Server Name Indication) extension by default, which may cause some servers to return an incorrect certificate or reject the connection altogether. To enable SNI, set the servername option in addition to host.

The following illustrates a client for the echo server example from tls.createServer():

```
// Assumes an echo server that is listening on port 8000.
const tls = require('node:tls');
const fs = require('node:fs');
const options = {
  // Necessary only if the server requires client certificate authentication.
  key: fs.readFileSync('client-key.pem'),
  cert: fs.readFileSync('client-cert.pem'),
  // Necessary only if the server uses a self-signed certificate.
  ca: [ fs.readFileSync('server-cert.pem') ],
  // Necessary only if the server's cert isn't for "localhost".
  checkServerIdentity: () => { return null; },
};
const socket = tls.connect(8000, options, () => {
  console.log('client connected',
              socket.authorized ? 'authorized' : 'unauthorized');
  process.stdin.pipe(socket);
  process.stdin.resume();
});
socket.setEncoding('utf8');
socket.on('data', (data) => {
  console.log(data);
});
socket.on('end', () => {
  console.log('server ends connection');
}); copy
```

```
tls.connect(path[, options][, callback])
```

- path <string> Default value for options.path.
- options <Object> See tls.connect().
- callback <<u>Function></u> See <u>tls.connect()</u>.
- Returns: <tls.TLSSocket>

Same as tls.connect() except that path can be provided as an argument instead of an option.

A path option, if specified, will take precedence over the path argument.

```
tls.connect(port[, host][, options][, callback])
```

- port <number> Default value for options.port.
- host <string> Default value for options.host.
- options <Object> See tls.connect().

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- callback <<u>Function></u> See tls.connect().
- Returns: <tls.TLSSocket>

Same as <a href="mailto:to:nnect()">tls.connect()</a> except that port and host can be provided as arguments instead of options.

A port or host option, if specified, will take precedence over any port or host argument.

### tls.createSecureContext([options])

- options <<u>Object></u> History
  - o ca <string> | <string[]> | <Buffer> | <Buffer[]> Optionally override the trusted CA certificates.

    Default is to trust the well-known CAs curated by Mozilla. Mozilla's CAs are completely replaced when CAs are explicitly specified using this option. The value can be a string or Buffer, or an Array of strings and/or Buffer s. Any string or Buffer can contain multiple PEM CAs concatenated together. The peer's certificate must be chainable to a CA trusted by the server for the connection to be authenticated. When using certificates that are not chainable to a well-known CA, the certificate's CA must be explicitly specified as a trusted or the connection will fail to authenticate. If the peer uses a certificate that doesn't match or chain to one of the default CAs, use the caloption to provide a CA certificate that the peer's certificate can match or chain to. For self-signed certificates, the certificate is its own CA, and must be provided. For PEM encoded certificates, supported types are "TRUSTED CERTIFICATE", "X509 CERTIFICATE", and "CERTIFICATE". See also tls.rootCertificates.
  - o cert <a href="string"> <a hr
  - o sigalgs <string> Colon-separated list of supported signature algorithms. The list can contain digest algorithms (SHA256, MD5 etc.), public key algorithms (RSA-PSS, ECDSA etc.), combination of both (e.g 'RSA+SHA384') or TLS v1.3 scheme names (e.g. rsa\_pss\_pss\_sha512). See OpenSSL man pages for more info.
  - o ciphers <a href="mailto:string"><a href="mailto:cipher-suite"><a href="mailto:cipher-suite"><a href="mailto:cipher-suite"><a href="mailto:cipher-suite">cipher suite</a>. Cipher suite</a>. Permitted ciphers can be obtained via <a href="mailto:tls.getCiphers">tls.getCiphers</a>(). Cipher names must be uppercased in order for OpenSSL to accept them.
  - o clientCertEngine <string> Name of an OpenSSL engine which can provide the client certificate.
  - o crl <string> | <string[]> | <Buffer> | <Buffer[]> PEM formatted CRLs (Certificate Revocation Lists).
  - o dhparam <a href="string"><string</a> | <a href="string"><Buffer</a> 'auto' or custom Diffie-Hellman parameters, required for non-ECDHE perfect forward secrecy. If omitted or invalid, the parameters are silently discarded and DHE ciphers will not be available. <a href="ECDHE">ECDHE</a>-based perfect forward secrecy will still be available.
  - ecdhCurve <string> A string describing a named curve or a colon separated list of curve NIDs or names, for example P-521:P-384:P-256, to use for ECDH key agreement. Set to auto to select the curve automatically. Use <a href="mailto:crypto.getCurves()">crypto.getCurves()</a> to obtain a list of available curve names. On recent releases, openss1 ecparam -list\_curves will also display the name and description of each available elliptic curve. Default: <a href="mailto:tls.DEFAULT\_ECDH\_CURVE">tls.DEFAULT\_ECDH\_CURVE</a>.

- o honorCipherOrder <a href="mailto:solder: server"><a href="mailto:solder: server"><a href="mailto:solder: server"><a href="mailto:solder: server: ser
- o key <a href="string"> <a hre
- o privateKeyEngine <a href="mailto:string"><a href="ma
- o privateKeyIdentifier <a href="mailto:string"><a href
- o maxVersion <a href="maximum"><u><string></u></a> Optionally set the maximum TLS version to allow. One of 'TLSv1.3', 'TLSv1.2', 'TLSv1.1', or 'TLSv1'. Cannot be specified along with the secureProtocol option; use one or the other. <a href="maximum">Default: tls.DEFAULT MAX VERSION</a>.
- o minVersion <a href="minimum"><a href="minimum"
- o passphrase <a href="mailto:string"><a href="mailto:s
- o pfx <string> | <string[]> | <Buffer> | <Buffer[]> | <Object[]> PFX or PKCS12 encoded private key and certificate chain. pfx is an alternative to providing key and cert individually. PFX is usually encrypted, if it is, passphrase will be used to decrypt it. Multiple PFX can be provided either as an array of unencrypted PFX buffers, or an array of objects in the form {buf: <string|buffer>[, passphrase: <string>]}. The object form can only occur in an array. object.passphrase is optional. Encrypted PFX will be decrypted with object.passphrase if provided, or options.passphrase if it is not.
- o secureOptions <a href="mailto:snowledge-10"><a href="mailto:number"><a href=
- o secureProtocol <a href="string"><a hre
- o sessionIdContext <a href="mailto:sessionIdContext"><a href="mailto:sessi
- ticketKeys: <a href="Mailto: See Session Resumption"><u>See Session Resumption</u></a> for more information.
- o sessionTimeout <a href="number"><number</a>> The number of seconds after which a TLS session created by the server will no longer be resumable. See <a href="Session Resumption">Session Resumption</a> for more information. **Default:** 300 .

<u>tls.createServer()</u> sets the default value of the honorCipherOrder option to true, other APIs that create secure contexts leave it unset.

<u>tls.createServer()</u> uses a 128 bit truncated SHA1 hash value generated from process.argv as the default value of the sessionIdContext option, other APIs that create secure contexts have no default value.

The tls.createSecureContext() method creates a SecureContext object. It is usable as an argument to several tls APIs, such as <a href="mailto:server.addContext">server.addContext</a>(), but has no public methods. The <a href="mailto:tls.Server">tls.Server</a> constructor and the <a href="mailto:tls.createServer">tls.createServer</a>() method do not support the secureContext option.

A key is required for ciphers that use certificates. Either key or pfx can be used to provide it.

If the ca option is not given, then Node.js will default to using Mozilla's publicly trusted list of CAs.

Custom DHE parameters are discouraged in favor of the new dhparam: 'auto' option. When set to 'auto', well-known DHE parameters of sufficient strength will be selected automatically. Otherwise, if necessary, openss1 dhparam can be used to create custom parameters. The key length must be greater than or equal to 1024 bits or else an error will be thrown. Although 1024 bits is permissible, use 2048 bits or larger for stronger security.

```
tls.createSecurePair([context][, isServer][, requestCert][, rejectUnauthorized][, options])
```

► History

Stability: 0 - Deprecated: Use tls.TLSSocket instead.

- context <<u>Object></u> A secure context object as returned by tls.createSecureContext()
- isServer <box| specify that this TLS connection should be opened as a server.
- rejectUnauthorized <boolean> If not false a server automatically reject clients with invalid certificates. Only applies when isServer is true.
- options
  - enableTrace : See <a href="mailto:tlear">tls.createServer()</a>
  - secureContext: A TLS context object from tls.createSecureContext()
  - o isServer: If true the TLS socket will be instantiated in server-mode. Default: false.
  - o server <net.Server> A net.Server instance
  - o requestCert : See tls.createServer()
  - rejectUnauthorized : See <a href="mailto:see-tls.createServer">tls.createServer</a>()
  - ALPNProtocols: See <a href="mailto:tle.createServer">tls.createServer()</a>
  - SNICallback : See <a href="mailto:tlear">tls.createServer()</a>
  - o session < Buffer > A Buffer instance containing a TLS session.
  - o requestOCSP <br/>
    <br/>
    <br/>
    | Specifies that the OCSP status request extension will be added to the client hello and an 'OCSPResponse' event will be emitted on the socket before establishing a secure communication.

Creates a new secure pair object with two streams, one of which reads and writes the encrypted data and the other of which reads and writes the cleartext data. Generally, the encrypted stream is piped to/from an incoming encrypted data stream and the cleartext one is used as a replacement for the initial encrypted stream.

tls.createSecurePair() returns a tls.SecurePair object with cleartext and encrypted stream properties.

Using cleartext has the same API as tls.TLSSocket.

The tls.createSecurePair() method is now deprecated in favor of tls.TLSSocket() . For example, the code:

```
pair = tls.createSecurePair(/* ... */);
pair.encrypted.pipe(socket);
socket.pipe(pair.encrypted); copy
```

can be replaced by:

```
secureSocket = tls.TLSSocket(socket, options); copy
```

where secureSocket has the same API as pair.cleartext.

```
tls.createServer([options][, secureConnectionListener])
```

● options <<u>Object></u> History

- O ALPNProtocols: <string[]> | <Buffer[]> | <TypedArray[]> | <DataView[]> | <Buffer> | <TypedArray> | <DataView> An array of strings, Buffer s, TypedArray s, or DataView s, or a single Buffer, TypedArray, or DataView containing the supported ALPN protocols. Buffer s should have the format [len] [name][len][name]... e.g. @x@5hello@x@5world, where the first byte is the length of the next protocol name. Passing an array is usually much simpler, e.g. ['hello', 'world']. (Protocols should be ordered by their priority.)
- o ALPNCallback: <a href="Months: Example 2.5"><a href="Months: Exa
- o clientCertEngine <string> Name of an OpenSSL engine which can provide the client certificate.
- o enableTrace <boolean> If true , <a href="mailto:t1s.TLSSocket.enableTrace">t1s.TLSSocket.enableTrace</a>() will be called on new connections. Tracing can be enabled after the secure connection is established, but this option must be used to trace the secure connection setup. Default: false .
- o handshakeTimeout <number> Abort the connection if the SSL/TLS handshake does not finish in the specified number of milliseconds. A 'tlsClientError' is emitted on the tls.Server object whenever a handshake times out. Default: 120000 (120 seconds).

- o requestCert <a href="mailto:soolean"><a href
- o sessionTimeout <a href="mailto:session"><a h
- o SNICallback(servername, callback) <a href="Yellow"><a h
- ticketKeys: <a href="Mailto: See Session Resumption"><u>Buffers</u></a> 48-bytes of cryptographically strong pseudorandom data. See <u>Session Resumption</u> for more information.
- o pskCallback <Function>
  - o socket: <tls.TLSSocket> the server tls.TLSSocket instance for this connection.
  - o identity: <string> identity parameter sent from the client.
  - o Returns: <a href="mailto:superstanding-null-width"><u>Superstanding-null-with-null-wit</u>

When negotiating TLS-PSK (pre-shared keys), this function is called with the identity provided by the client. If the return value is null the negotiation process will stop and an "unknown\_psk\_identity" alert message will be sent to the other party. If the server wishes to hide the fact that the PSK identity was not known, the callback must provide some random data as psk to make the connection fail with "decrypt\_error" before negotiation is finished. PSK ciphers are disabled by default, and using TLS-PSK thus requires explicitly specifying a cipher suite with the ciphers option. More information can be found in the RFC 4279.

- o pskIdentityHint <a href="string"><a hr
- ...: Any <u>tls.createSecureContext()</u> option can be provided. For servers, the identity options ( pfx , key / cert , or pskCallback ) are usually required.
- ...: Any <a href="net.createServer">net.createServer</a>() option can be provided.
- secureConnectionListener <Function>
- Returns: <tls.Server>

Creates a new <u>tls.Server</u>. The secureConnectionListener, if provided, is automatically set as a listener for the <u>'secureConnection'</u> event.

The ticketKeys options is automatically shared between node:cluster module workers.

The following illustrates a simple echo server:

```
const tls = require('node:tls');
const fs = require('node:fs');
const options = {
  key: fs.readFileSync('server-key.pem'),
  cert: fs.readFileSync('server-cert.pem'),
  // This is necessary only if using client certificate authentication.
  requestCert: true,
  // This is necessary only if the client uses a self-signed certificate.
  ca: [ fs.readFileSync('client-cert.pem') ],
};
const server = tls.createServer(options, (socket) => {
  console.log('server connected',
              socket.authorized ? 'authorized' : 'unauthorized');
  socket.write('welcome!\n');
  socket.setEncoding('utf8');
  socket.pipe(socket);
});
server.listen(8000, () => {
  console.log('server bound');
}); copy
```

The server can be tested by connecting to it using the example client from tls.connect().

```
tls.getCiphers()
```

• Returns: <string[]> Added in: v0.10.2

Returns an array with the names of the supported TLS ciphers. The names are lower-case for historical reasons, but must be uppercased to be used in the ciphers option of <a href="mailto:tls.createSecureContext">tls.createSecureContext</a>().

Not all supported ciphers are enabled by default. See Modifying the default TLS cipher suite.

Cipher names that start with 'tls\_' are for TLSv1.3, all the others are for TLSv1.2 and below.

```
console.log(tls.getCiphers()); // ['aes128-gcm-sha256', 'aes128-sha', ...] copy
```

```
tls.rootCertificates
```

• <string[]> Added in: v12.3.0

An immutable array of strings representing the root certificates (in PEM format) from the bundled Mozilla CA store as supplied by the current Node.js version.

The bundled CA store, as supplied by Node.js, is a snapshot of Mozilla CA store that is fixed at release time. It is identical on all supported platforms.

### tls.DEFAULT\_ECDH\_CURVE

The default curve name to use for ECDH key agreement in a tls server. The default value is 'auto'. See 
History tls.createSecureContext() for further information.

#### tls.DEFAULT MAX VERSION

• <string> The default value of the maxVersion option of tls.createSecureContext(). It can be Added in: v11.4.0 assigned any of the supported TLS protocol versions, 'TLSv1.3', 'TLSv1.2', 'TLSv1.1', or 'TLSv1'. Default: 'TLSv1.3', unless changed using CLI options. Using --tls-max-v1.2 sets the default to 'TLSv1.2'. Using --tls-max-v1.3 sets the default to 'TLSv1.3'. If multiple of the options are provided, the highest maximum is used.

## tls.DEFAULT\_MIN\_VERSION

• <string> The default value of the minVersion option of tls.createSecureContext(). It can be assigned any of the supported TLS protocol versions, 'TLSv1.3', 'TLSv1.2', 'TLSv1.1', or 'TLSv1'. Default: 'TLSv1.2', unless changed using CLI options. Using --tls-min-v1.0 sets the default to 'TLSv1'. Using --tls-min-v1.1 sets the default to 'TLSv1.1'. Using --tls-min-v1.3 sets the default to 'TLSv1.3'. If multiple of the options are provided, the lowest minimum is used.

# tls.DEFAULT\_CIPHERS

<string> The default value of the ciphers option of tls.createSecureContext(). It can be assigned any of the supported OpenSSL ciphers. Defaults to the content of crypto.constants.defaultCoreCipherList , unless changed using CLI options using --tls-default-ciphers .

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