

Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) library for the GNU system for version $3.3,\,24$ March 2013

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1 Introduction

This document describes the Libtasn1 library that provides Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1, as specified by the X.680 ITU-T recommendation) parsing and structures management, and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER, as per X.690) encoding and decoding functions.

The main features of this library are:

- On-line ASN.1 structure management that doesn't require any C code file generation.
- Off-line ASN.1 structure management with C code file generation containing an array.
- Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) encoding support.
- No limits for INTEGER and ENUMERATED values.
- It's Free Software. Anybody can use, modify, and redistribute the library under the terms of the GNU Lesser General Public License version 2.1 or later. The command line tools, self-tests and build infrastructure are licensed under the GNU General Public License version 3.0 or later.
- Thread-safety. No global variables are used and multiple library handles and session handles may be used in parallel.
- Portability. The code should work on all Unix like operating systems, and Windows. The library itself should be portable to any C89 system, not even POSIX is required.

2 ASN.1 structure handling

2.1 ASN.1 syntax

The parser is case sensitive. The comments begin with -- and end either with another --, or at the end of the respective line, whichever comes first. The C-style /*, */ comments are not supported.

For an example of the syntax, check the 'pkix.asn' file distributed with the library.

ASN.1 definitions must follow the syntax below:

```
definitions_name {<object definition>}

DEFINITIONS <EXPLICIT or IMPLICIT> TAGS ::=

BEGIN

<type and constants definitions>

END
```

The ::= token must be separate from other elements, so the following declaration is invalid:

```
-- INCORRECT
Version ::=INTEGER
```

The correct form is:

Version ::= INTEGER

Here is the list of types that the parser can manage:

- INTEGER;
- ENUMERATED;
- BOOLEAN;
- OBJECT IDENTIFIER;
- NULL;
- BIT STRING;
- OCTET STRING;
- UTCTime;
- GeneralizedTime;
- GeneralString;
- NumericString;
- IA5String;
- TeletexString;
- PrintableString;
- UniversalString;
- BMPString;

- UTF8String;
- VisibleString;
- SEQUENCE;
- SEQUENCE OF;
- SET;
- SET OF;
- CHOICE;
- ANY;
- ANY DEFINED BY.

This version doesn't handle the REAL type. It doesn't support the AUTOMATIC TAGS option, and the EXPORT and IMPORT sections, either.

The SIZE constraints are allowed, but no check is done on them.

2.2 Naming

Consider this definition:

```
Example { 1 2 3 4 }

DEFINITIONS EXPLICIT TAGS ::=

BEGIN

Group ::= SEQUENCE {
   id    OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    value   Value
}

Value ::= SEQUENCE {
   value1 INTEGER,
   value2 BOOLEAN
}
```

The notation to access the 'Group' type of the 'Example' definition above is 'Example.Group' (as a NUL-terminated string.) Such strings are used in the functions described below.

Others examples:

- field 'id' of the 'Group' type: 'Example.Group.id';
- field 'value1' of the 'value' field of the 'Group' type: 'Example.Group.value.value1'.

Elements of structured types unnamed by the respective definition receive the names ?1, ?2, and so on.

The ?LAST name indicates the last element of a SET OF or SEQUENCE OF.

2.3 Simple parsing

For simple types like OCTET STRING the simple parsing functions listed below may be used instead.

- [asn1_decode_simple_der], page 19
- [asn1_encode_simple_der], page 14

2.4 Library Notes

The header file of this library is 'libtasn1.h'.

The main type used in it is asn1_node, and it's used to store the ASN.1 definitions and structures (instances).

The NULL constant can be used for the variable initialization. For example:

```
asn1_node definitions = NULL;
```

Some functions require an errorDescription argument of type char *, pointing to a pre-allocated buffer of at least ASN1_MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE bytes size (e.g., as in 'char description[ASN1_MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE];').

 ${\tt ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE}$ is the maximum number of characters allowed for an ASN.1 identifier.

2.5 Future developments

- Add functions for a C code file generation containing equivalent data structures (not a single array like now).
- The REAL type.

3 Utilities

3.1 Invoking asn1Parser

asn1Parser reads a single file with ASN.1 definitions and generates a file with an array to use with libtasn1 functions.

Usage: asn1Parser [options] file

Options:

```
-h: shows the help message.
-v: shows version information and exit.
-c: checks the syntax only.
-o file: output file.
-n name: array name.
```

3.2 Invoking asn1Coding

asn1Coding generates a DER encoding from a file with ASN.1 definitions and another one with assignments.

The file with assignments must have this syntax:

InstanceName Asn1Definition

```
nameString value
nameString value
...
```

To specify the field of a CHOICE to be used, specify its name as a value to the CHOICE element itself. Use '' to denote the root element itself. (as in the example below.)

The output file is a binary file with the DER encoding.

```
Usage: asn1Coding [options] file1 file2
file1 : file with ASN1 definitions.
file2 : file with assignments.

Options:
-h : shows the help message.
-v : shows version information and exit.
-c : checks the syntax only.
-o file : output file.
For example, consider an ASN.1 definitions file as follows:
PKIX1 { }

DEFINITIONS IMPLICIT TAGS ::=

BEGIN

Dss-Sig-Value ::= SEQUENCE {
```

```
r INTEGER,
s INTEGER
}

END
And a assignments file as follows:
dp PKIX1.Dss-Sig-Value
r 42
s 47
```

Running the command below will generate a 'assign.out' file, containing the DER encoding of PKIX1.Dss-Sig-Value.

```
$ asn1Coding pkix.asn assign.asn1
```

If the root element is of the CHOICE type, the assignment file may be like (using the types defined in 'pkix.asn'):

```
elt PKIX1Implicit88.GeneralName
```

```
'' dNSName dNSName example.org
```

3.3 Invoking asn1Decoding

asn1Decoding generates an ASN.1 structure from a file with ASN.1 definitions and a binary file with a DER encoding.

```
Usage: asn1Decoding [options] file1 file2 type file1: file with ASN1 definitions. file2: binary file with a DER encoding. type: ASN1 definition name.
Options:
-h: shows the help message.
-v: shows version information and exit.
-o file: output file.
```

For example, after generating the 'assign.out' file from the example section of the asn1Coding command above, the following invocation will decode the DER data.

```
$ asn1Decoding pkix.asn assign.out PKIX1.Dss-Sig-Value
```

4 Function reference

4.1 ASN.1 schema functions

asn1_parser2tree

file: specify the path and the name of file that contains ASN.1 declarations.

definitions: return the pointer to the structure created from "file" ASN.1 declarations.

error_desc: return the error description or an empty string if success.

Function used to start the parse algorithm. Creates the structures needed to manage the definitions included in file file.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if the file has a correct syntax and every identifier is known, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_EMPTY if definitions not NULL, ASN1_FILE_NOT_FOUND if an error occured while opening file, ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR if the syntax is not correct, ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND if in the file there is an identifier that is not defined, ASN1_NAME_TOO_LONG if in the file there is an identifier whith more than ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE characters.

asn1_parser2array

inputFileName: specify the path and the name of file that contains ASN.1 declarations.

outputFileName: specify the path and the name of file that will contain the C vector definition.

vectorName: specify the name of the C vector.

error_desc: return the error description or an empty string if success.

Function that generates a C structure from an ASN1 file. Creates a file containing a C vector to use to manage the definitions included in inputFileName file. If inputFileName is "/aa/bb/xx.yy" and outputFileName is NULL, the file created is "/aa/bb/xx_asn1_tab.c". If vectorName is NULL the vector name will be "xx_asn1_tab".

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if the file has a correct syntax and every identifier is known, ASN1_FILE_NOT_FOUND if an error occurred while opening inputFileName, ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR if the syntax is not correct, ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND if in the file there is an identifier that is not defined, ASN1_NAME_TOO_LONG if in the file there is an identifier whith more than ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE characters.

4.2 ASN.1 field functions

asn1_array2tree

int asn1_array2tree (const asn1_static_node * array, asn1_node * [Function] definitions, char * errorDescription)

array: specify the array that contains ASN.1 declarations

definitions: return the pointer to the structure created by *ARRAY ASN.1 declarations

errorDescription: return the error description.

Creates the structures needed to manage the ASN.1 definitions. array is a vector created by asn1_parser2array().

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if structure was created correctly, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_EMPTY if *definitions not NULL, ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND if in the file there is an identifier that is not defined (see errorDescription for more information), ASN1_ARRAY_ERROR if the array pointed by array is wrong.

$asn1_delete_structure$

int asn1_delete_structure (asn1_node * structure)

[Function]

structure: pointer to the structure that you want to delete.

Deletes the structure *structure. At the end, *structure is set to NULL.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if successful, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if *structure was NULL.

asn1_delete_element

structure: pointer to the structure that contains the element you want to delete.

element_name: element's name you want to delete.

Deletes the element named *element_name inside *structure.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if successful, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if the element_name was not found.

asn1_create_element

definitions: pointer to the structure returned by "parser_asn1" function

source_name: the name of the type of the new structure (must be inside p_structure). element: pointer to the structure created.

Creates a structure of type source_name. Example using "pkix.asn":

rc = asn1_create_element(cert_def, "PKIX1.Certificate", certptr);

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if creation OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if source_name is not known.

asn1_print_structure

out: pointer to the output file (e.g. stdout).

structure: pointer to the structure that you want to visit.

name: an element of the structure

mode: specify how much of the structure to print, can be ASN1_PRINT_NAME, ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE, ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE_VALUE, or ASN1_PRINT_ALL.

Prints on the out file descriptor the structure's tree starting from the name element inside the structure structure.

asn1_number_of_elements

element: pointer to the root of an ASN1 structure.

name: the name of a sub-structure of ROOT.

num: pointer to an integer where the result will be stored

Counts the number of elements of a sub-structure called NAME with names equal to "?1","?2", ...

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if successful, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if name is not known, ASN1_GENERIC_ERROR if pointer num is NULL.

asn1_find_structure_from_oid

definitions: ASN1 definitions

oidValue: value of the OID to search (e.g. "1.2.3.4").

Search the structure that is defined just after an OID definition.

Returns: NULL when oidValue not found, otherwise the pointer to a constant string that contains the element name defined just after the OID.

asn1_copy_node

int asn1_copy_node (asn1_node dst, const char * dst_name, asn1_node src, const char * src_name) [Function]

dst: Destination asn1_node node.

dst_name: Field name in destination node.

src: Source asn1_node node.

src_name: Field name in source node.

Create a deep copy of a asn1_node variable.

Returns: Return ASN1_SUCCESS on success.

asn1_write_value

int asn1_write_value (asn1_node node_root, const char * name, const void * ivalue, int len) [Function]

node_root: pointer to a structure

name: the name of the element inside the structure that you want to set.

ivalue: vector used to specify the value to set. If len is >0, VALUE must be a two's complement form integer. if len=0 *VALUE must be a null terminated string with an integer value.

len: number of bytes of *value to use to set the value: value[0]..value[len-1] or 0 if value is a null terminated string

Set the value of one element inside a structure.

If an element is OPTIONAL and you want to delete it, you must use the value=NULL and len=0. Using "pkix.asn":

result=asn1_write_value(cert, "tbsCertificate.issuerUniqueID", NULL, 0);

Description for each type: INTEGER: VALUE must contain a two's complement form integer.

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm value}[0] = 0 \\ {\rm xFF} \ , \ {\rm len} = 1 \ -> \ integer = -1. \quad value}[0] = 0 \\ {\rm xFF} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = -1. \quad value}[0] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[0] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \ integer = 1. \quad value}[1] = 0 \\ {\rm x00} \ , \ {\rm len} = 2 \ -> \$

ENUMERATED: As INTEGER (but only with not negative numbers).

BOOLEAN: VALUE must be the null terminated string "TRUE" or "FALSE" and LEN !=0.

OBJECT IDENTIFIER: VALUE must be a null terminated string with each number separated by a dot (e.g. "1.2.3.543.1"). LEN != 0.

value="1 2 840 10040 4 3", len=1 -> OID=dsa-with-sha.

UTCTime: VALUE must be a null terminated string in one of these formats: "YYMMDDhhmmssZ", "YYMMDDhhmmssZ", "YYMMDDhhmmss+hh'mm'", "YYMMDDhhmmss-hh'mm'", or "YYMMDDhhmm-hh'mm'". LEN != 0.

value="9801011200Z" , len=1 -> time=Jannuary 1st, 1998 at 12h 00m Greenwich Mean Time

GeneralizedTime: VALUE must be in one of this format: "YYYYMMDDhhmmss.sZ", "YYYYMMDDhhmmss.sz", "YYYYMMDDhhmmss.s+hh'mm'", "YYYYMMDDhhmmss.s-hh'mm'", or "YYYYMMDDhhmm-hh'mm'" where ss.s indicates the seconds with any precision like "10.1" or "01.02". LEN !=0

value="2001010112001.12-0700" , len=1 -> time=Jannuary 1st, 2001 at 12h 00m 01.12s Pacific Daylight Time

OCTET STRING: VALUE contains the octet string and LEN is the number of octets.

value=" $\frac{s}{ash}x01$ \backslashx02\backslashx03", len=3 -> three bytes octet string

GeneralString: VALUE contains the general string and LEN is the number of octets. value=" $\$ backslash \$x01\$ backslash \$x02\$ backslash \$x03" , len=3 -> three bytes general string

BIT STRING: VALUE contains the bit string organized by bytes and LEN is the number of bits.

value=" $\$ \backslash $\$ xCF" , len=6 -> bit string="110011" (six bits)

CHOICE: if NAME indicates a choice type, VALUE must specify one of the alternatives with a null terminated string. LEN != 0. Using "pkix.asn"\:

result=asn1_write_value(cert, "certificate1.tbsCertificate.subject", "rdnSequence", 1);

ANY: VALUE indicates the der encoding of a structure. LEN != 0.

SEQUENCE OF: VALUE must be the null terminated string "NEW" and LEN != 0. With this instruction another element is appended in the sequence. The name of this element will be "?1" if it's the first one, "?2" for the second and so on.

Using "pkix.asn"\:

result=asn1_write_value(cert, "certificate1.tbsCertificate.subject.rdnSequence", "NEW", 1);

SET OF: the same as SEQUENCE OF. Using "pkix.asn":

result=asn1_write_value(cert, "tbsCertificate.subject.rdnSequence.?LAST", "NEW", 1);

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if the value was set, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if name is not a valid element, and ASN1_VALUE_NOT_VALID if ivalue has a wrong format.

asn1_read_value

root: pointer to a structure.

name: the name of the element inside a structure that you want to read.

ivalue: vector that will contain the element's content, must be a pointer to memory cells already allocated.

len: number of bytes of *value: value[0]..value[len-1]. Initially holds the size of value.

Returns the value of one element inside a structure.

If an element is OPTIONAL and the function "read_value" returns ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND, it means that this element wasn't present in the der encoding that created the structure. The first element of a SEQUENCE_OF or SET_OF is named "?1". The second one "?2" and so on.

INTEGER: VALUE will contain a two's complement form integer.

 $integer=-1 \rightarrow value[0]=0xFF$, len=1. $integer=1 \rightarrow value[0]=0x01$, len=1.

ENUMERATED: As INTEGER (but only with not negative numbers).

BOOLEAN: VALUE will be the null terminated string "TRUE" or "FALSE" and LEN=5 or LEN=6.

OBJECT IDENTIFIER: VALUE will be a null terminated string with each number separated by a dot (i.e. "1.2.3.543.1").

LEN = strlen(VALUE)+1

UTCTime: VALUE will be a null terminated string in one of these formats: "YYM-MDDhhmmss+hh'mm'" or "YYMMDDhhmmss-hh'mm'". LEN=strlen(VALUE)+1.

GeneralizedTime: VALUE will be a null terminated string in the same format used to set the value.

OCTET STRING: VALUE will contain the octet string and LEN will be the number of octets.

GeneralString: VALUE will contain the generalstring and LEN will be the number of octets.

BIT STRING: VALUE will contain the bit string organized by bytes and LEN will be the number of bits.

CHOICE: If NAME indicates a choice type, VALUE will specify the alternative selected.

ANY: If NAME indicates an any type, VALUE will indicate the DER encoding of the structure actually used.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if value is returned, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if name is not a valid element, ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND if there isn't any value for the element selected, and ASN1_MEM_ERROR if The value vector isn't big enough to store the result, and in this case len will contain the number of bytes needed.

asn1_read_value_type

int asn1_read_value_type (asn1_node root, const char * name, void * [Function] ivalue, int * len, unsigned int * etype)

root: pointer to a structure.

name: the name of the element inside a structure that you want to read.

ivalue: vector that will contain the element's content, must be a pointer to memory cells already allocated.

len: number of bytes of *value: value[0]..value[len-1]. Initially holds the size of value.

etype: The type of the value read (ASN1_ETYPE)

Returns the value of one element inside a structure.

If an element is OPTIONAL and the function "read_value" returns ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND, it means that this element wasn't present in the der encoding that created the structure. The first element of a SEQUENCE_OF or SET_OF is named "?1". The second one "?2" and so on.

INTEGER: VALUE will contain a two's complement form integer.

 $integer=-1 \rightarrow value[0]=0xFF$, len=1. $integer=1 \rightarrow value[0]=0x01$, len=1.

ENUMERATED: As INTEGER (but only with not negative numbers).

BOOLEAN: VALUE will be the null terminated string "TRUE" or "FALSE" and LEN=5 or LEN=6.

OBJECT IDENTIFIER: VALUE will be a null terminated string with each number separated by a dot (i.e. "1.2.3.543.1").

LEN = strlen(VALUE)+1

UTCTime: VALUE will be a null terminated string in one of these formats: "YYM-MDDhhmmss+hh'mm'" or "YYMMDDhhmmss-hh'mm'". LEN=strlen(VALUE)+1.

GeneralizedTime: VALUE will be a null terminated string in the same format used to set the value.

OCTET STRING: VALUE will contain the octet string and LEN will be the number of octets

GeneralString: VALUE will contain the generalstring and LEN will be the number of octets.

BIT STRING: VALUE will contain the bit string organized by bytes and LEN will be the number of bits.

CHOICE: If NAME indicates a choice type, VALUE will specify the alternative selected.

ANY: If NAME indicates an any type, VALUE will indicate the DER encoding of the structure actually used.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if value is returned, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if name is not a valid element, ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND if there isn't any value for the element selected, and ASN1_MEM_ERROR if The value vector isn't big enough to store the result, and in this case len will contain the number of bytes needed.

asn1_read_tag

root: pointer to a structure

name: the name of the element inside a structure.

tagValue: variable that will contain the TAG value.

classValue: variable that will specify the TAG type.

Returns the TAG and the CLASS of one element inside a structure.

CLASS can have one of these constants: ASN1_CLASS_APPLICATION, ASN1_CLASS_UNIVERSAL, ASN1_CLASS_PRIVATE or ASN1_CLASS_CONTEXT_SPECIFIC.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if successful, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if name is not a valid element.

asn1_read_node_value

int asn1_read_node_value (asn1_node node, asn1_data_node_st * [Function] data)

node: pointer to a node.

data: a point to a asn1_data_node_st

Returns the value a data node inside a asn1_node structure. The data returned should be handled as constant values.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if the node exists.

4.3 DER functions

asn1_length_der

len: value to convert.

der: buffer to hold the returned encoding (may be NULL).

der_len: number of meaningful bytes of ANS (der[0]..der[der_len-1]).

Creates the DER encoding of the provided length value. The der buffer must have enough room for the output. The maximum length this function will encode is ASN1_MAX_LENGTH_SIZE.

To know the size of the DER encoding use a NULL value for der.

asn1_octet_der

str: the input data.

 $str_len: STR length (str[0]..str[*str_len-1]).$

der: encoded string returned.

der_len: number of meaningful bytes of DER (der[0]..der[der_len-1]).

Creates a length-value DER encoding for the input data. The DER encoding of the input data will be placed in the der variable.

Note that the OCTET STRING tag is not included in the output.

This function does not return any value because it is expected that der_len will contain enough bytes to store the string plus the DER encoding. The DER encoding size can be obtained using asn1_length_der().

asn1_encode_simple_der

```
int asn1_encode_simple_der (unsigned int etype, const unsigned [Function] char * str, unsigned int str_len, unsigned char * tl, unsigned int * tl_len) etype: The type of the string to be encoded (ASN1_ETYPE_)
```

str: the string data.

str_len: the string length

tl: the encoded tag and length

tl_len: the bytes of the tl field

Creates the DER encoding for various simple ASN.1 types like strings etc. It stores the tag and length in t1, which should have space for at least ASN1_MAX_TL_SIZE bytes. Initially t1_len should contain the size of t1.

The complete DER encoding should consist of the value in tl appended with the provided str.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if successful or an error value.

asn1_bit_der

str: BIT string.

bit_len: number of meaningful bits in STR.

der: string returned.

der_len: number of meaningful bytes of DER (der[0]..der[ans_len-1]).

Creates a length-value DER encoding for the input data as it would have been for a BIT STRING. The DER encoded data will be copied in der.

Note that the BIT STRING tag is not included in the output.

This function does not return any value because it is expected that der_len will contain enough bytes to store the string plus the DER encoding. The DER encoding size can be obtained using asn1_length_der().

asn1_der_coding

int asn1_der_coding (asn1_node element, const char * name, void * [Function] ider, int * len, char * ErrorDescription)

element: pointer to an ASN1 element

name: the name of the structure you want to encode (it must be inside *POINTER).

ider: vector that will contain the DER encoding. DER must be a pointer to memory cells already allocated.

len: number of bytes of *ider: ider[0]..ider[len-1], Initially holds the size of der vector.

Creates the DER encoding for the NAME structure (inside *POINTER structure).

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if name is not a valid element, ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND if there is an element without a value, ASN1_MEM_ERROR if the ider vector isn't big enough and in this case len will contain the length needed.

asn1_get_length_der

der: DER data to decode.

der_len: Length of DER data to decode.

len: Output variable containing the length of the DER length field.

Extract a length field from DER data.

Returns: Return the decoded length value, or -1 on indefinite length, or -2 when the value was too big to fit in a int, or -4 when the decoded length value plus len would exceed der_len.

$asn1_get_tag_der$

int asn1_get_tag_der (const unsigned char * der, int der_len, unsigned char * cls, int * len, unsigned long * tag) [Function]

der: DER data to decode.

der_len: Length of DER data to decode.

cls: Output variable containing decoded class.

len: Output variable containing the length of the DER TAG data.

tag: Output variable containing the decoded tag.

Decode the class and TAG from DER code.

Returns: Returns ASN1_SUCCESS on success, or an error.

asn1_get_length_ber

ber: BER data to decode.

ber_len: Length of BER data to decode.

len: Output variable containing the length of the BER length field.

Extract a length field from BER data. The difference to asn1_get_length_der() is that this function will return a length even if the value has indefinite encoding.

Returns: Return the decoded length value, or negative value when the value was too big.

Since: 2.0

asn1_get_octet_der

int asn1_get_octet_der (const unsigned char * der, int der_len, int * ret_len, unsigned char * str, int str_size, int * str_len) [Function]

der: DER data to decode containing the OCTET SEQUENCE.

der_len: Length of DER data to decode.

ret_len: Output variable containing the length of the DER data.

str: Pre-allocated output buffer to put decoded OCTET SEQUENCE in.

str_size: Length of pre-allocated output buffer.

str_len: Output variable containing the length of the OCTET SEQUENCE.

Extract an OCTET SEQUENCE from DER data.

Returns: Returns ASN1_SUCCESS on success, or an error.

asn1_get_bit_der

int asn1_get_bit_der (const unsigned char * der, int der_len, int * ret_len, unsigned char * str, int str_size, int * bit_len) [Function]

der: DER data to decode containing the BIT SEQUENCE.

der_len: Length of DER data to decode.

ret_len: Output variable containing the length of the DER data.

str: Pre-allocated output buffer to put decoded BIT SEQUENCE in.

str_size: Length of pre-allocated output buffer.

bit_len: Output variable containing the size of the BIT SEQUENCE.

Extract a BIT SEQUENCE from DER data.

Returns: Return ASN1_SUCCESS on success, or an error.

asn1_der_decoding

int asn1_der_decoding (asn1_node * element, const void * ider, int len, char * errorDescription) [Function]

element: pointer to an ASN1 structure.

ider: vector that contains the DER encoding.

len: number of bytes of *ider: ider[0]..ider[len-1].

error Description: null-terminated string contains details when an error occurred.

Fill the structure *ELEMENT with values of a DER encoding string. The structure must just be created with function asn1_create_element(). If an error occurs during the decoding procedure, the *ELEMENT is deleted and set equal to NULL.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if ELEMENT is NULL, and ASN1_TAG_ERROR or ASN1_DER_ERROR if the der encoding doesn't match the structure name (*ELEMENT deleted).

asn1_der_decoding_element

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{int asn1_der_decoding_element (} asn1_node * \textit{structure}, const \ char & \\ & * \textit{elementName}, \ const \ void * \textit{ider}, \ int \ len, \ char * \textit{errorDescription}) \end{array}$

structure: pointer to an ASN1 structure elementName: name of the element to fill

ider: vector that contains the DER encoding of the whole structure.

len: number of bytes of *der: der[0]..der[len-1]

error Description: null-terminated string contains details when an error occurred.

Fill the element named ELEMENTNAME with values of a DER encoding string. The structure must just be created with function asn1_create_element(). The DER vector must contain the encoding string of the whole STRUCTURE. If an error occurs during the decoding procedure, the *STRUCTURE is deleted and set equal to NULL.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if ELE-MENT is NULL or elementName == NULL, and ASN1_TAG_ERROR or ASN1_DER_ERROR if the der encoding doesn't match the structure structure (*ELEMENT deleted).

asn1_der_decoding_startEnd

int asn1_der_decoding_startEnd (asn1_node element, const void *
 ider, int len, const char * name_element, int * start, int * end)
element: pointer to an ASN1 element

ider: vector that contains the DER encoding.

len: number of bytes of *ider: ider[0]..ider[len-1]

name_element: an element of NAME structure.

start: the position of the first byte of NAME_ELEMENT decoding (ider[*start])

end: the position of the last byte of NAME_ELEMENT decoding (ider[*end])

Find the start and end point of an element in a DER encoding string. I mean that if you have a der encoding and you have already used the function asn1_der_decoding() to fill a structure, it may happen that you want to find the piece of string concerning an element of the structure.

One example is the sequence "tbsCertificate" inside an X509 certificate.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if ELE-MENT is asn1_node EMPTY or name_element is not a valid element, ASN1_TAG_ERROR or ASN1_DER_ERROR if the der encoding doesn't match the structure ELE-MENT.

asn1_expand_any_defined_by

int asn1_expand_any_defined_by (asn1_node definitions,

[Function]

asn1_node * element)

definitions: ASN1 definitions

element: pointer to an ASN1 structure

Expands every "ANY DEFINED BY" element of a structure created from a DER decoding process (asn1_der_decoding function). The element ANY must be defined by an OBJECT IDENTIFIER. The type used to expand the element ANY is the first one following the definition of the actual value of the OBJECT IDENTIFIER.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if Substitution OK, ASN1_ERROR_TYPE_ANY if some "ANY DEFINED BY" element couldn't be expanded due to a problem in OBJECT_ID -> TYPE association, or other error codes depending on DER decoding.

asn1_expand_octet_string

definitions: ASN1 definitions

element: pointer to an ASN1 structure

octetName: name of the OCTECT STRING field to expand.

objectName: name of the OBJECT IDENTIFIER field to use to define the type for expansion.

Expands an "OCTET STRING" element of a structure created from a DER decoding process (the asn1_der_decoding() function). The type used for expansion is the first one following the definition of the actual value of the OBJECT IDENTIFIER indicated by OBJECTNAME.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if substitution OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if objectName or octetName are not correct, ASN1_VALUE_NOT_VALID if it wasn't possible to find the type to use for expansion, or other errors depending on DER decoding.

$asn1_decode_simple_der$

int asn1_decode_simple_der (unsigned int etype, const unsigned int etype, const unsigned int * str_len) [Function]

char * der, unsigned int der_len, const unsigned char ** str, unsigned int * str_len)

etype: The type of the string to be encoded (ASN1_ETYPE_)

der: the encoded string

der_len: the bytes of the encoded string

str: a pointer to the data

 str_len : the length of the data

Decodes a simple DER encoded type (e.g. a string, which is not constructed). The output is a pointer inside the der.

Returns: ASN1_SUCCESS if successful or an error value.

4.4 Error handling functions

asn1_perror

void asn1_perror (int error)

[Function]

error: is an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

Prints a string to stderr with a description of an error. This function is like perror(). The only difference is that it accepts an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

Since: 1.6

asn1_strerror

const char * asn1_strerror (int error)

[Function]

error: is an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

Returns a string with a description of an error. This function is similar to strerror. The only difference is that it accepts an error (number) returned by a libtasn1 function.

Returns: Pointer to static zero-terminated string describing error code.

Since: 1.6

4.5 Auxilliary functions

asn1_find_node

asn1_node asn1_find_node (asn1_node pointer, const char * name) [Function] pointer: NODE_ASN element pointer.

name: null terminated string with the element's name to find.

Searches for an element called name starting from pointer. The name is composed by differents identifiers separated by dots. When *pointer has a name, the first identifier must be the name of *pointer, otherwise it must be the name of one child of *pointer.

Returns: the search result, or NULL if not found.

asn1_check_version

Check that the version of the library is at minimum the requested one and return the version string; return NULL if the condition is not satisfied. If a NULL is passed to this function, no check is done, but the version string is simply returned.

See ASN1_VERSION for a suitable req_version string.

Returns: Version string of run-time library, or NULL if the run-time library does not meet the required version number.

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