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`SSL_CTX_SET_READ_AHEAD(3ossl) OpenSSL SSL_CTX_SET_READ_AHEAD(3ossl)`

NAME

SSL_CTX_set_read_ahead, SSL_CTX_get_read_ahead, SSL_set_read_ahead, SSL_get_read_ahead, SSL_CTX_get_default_read_ahead - manage whether to read as many input bytes as possible

SYNOPSIS

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

void SSL_set_read_ahead(SSL *s, int yes);

int SSL_get_read_ahead(const SSL *s);

SSL_CTX_set_read_ahead(SSL_CTX *ctx, int yes);

long SSL_CTX_get_read_ahead(SSL_CTX *ctx);

long SSL_CTX_get_default_read_ahead(SSL_CTX *ctx);
```

DESCRIPTION

SSL_CTX_set_read_ahead() and SSL_set_read_ahead() set whether we should read as many input bytes as possible (for nonblocking reads) or not.

For example if x bytes are currently required by OpenSSL, but y bytes are available from the underlying BIO (where y > x), then OpenSSL will read all y bytes into its buffer (providing that the buffer is large enough) if reading ahead is on, or x bytes otherwise. Setting the parameter yes to 0 turns reading ahead is off, other values turn it on.

SSL_CTX_set_default_read_ahead() is identical to SSL_CTX_set_read_ahead().

SSL_CTX_get_read_ahead() and SSL_get_read_ahead() indicate whether

reading ahead has been set or not. `SSL_CTX_get_default_read_ahead()` is identical to `SSL_CTX_get_read_ahead()`.

NOTES

These functions have no impact when used with DTLS. The return values for `SSL_CTX_get_read_ahead()` and `SSL_get_read_ahead()` are undefined for DTLS. Setting `read_ahead` can impact the behaviour of the `SSL_pending()` function (see `SSL_pending(3)`).

Since `SSL_read()` can return `SSL_ERROR_WANT_READ` for non-application data records, and `SSL_has_pending()` can't tell the difference between processed and unprocessed data, it's recommended that if read ahead is turned on that `SSL_MODE_AUTO_RETRY` is not turned off using `SSL_CTX_clear_mode()`. That will prevent getting `SSL_ERROR_WANT_READ` when there is still a complete record available that hasn't been processed.

If the application wants to continue to use the underlying transport (e.g. TCP connection) after the SSL connection is finished using `SSL_shutdown()` reading ahead should be turned off. Otherwise the SSL structure might read data that it shouldn't.

RETURN VALUES

`SSL_get_read_ahead()` and `SSL_CTX_get_read_ahead()` return 0 if reading ahead is off, and non zero otherwise.

SEE ALSO

`ssl(7)`, `SSL_pending(3)`

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