

LibreSSL

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- ▶ it has strange compile options (in OpenSSL both `NO_OLD_ASN1` and `NO_ASN1_OLD` compile options are present but their meaning is slightly different)

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```
#include "des_locl.h"

/* HAS BUGS! DON'T USE - this is only present for use in des.c */
void DES_3cbc_encrypt(DES_cblock *input, DES_cblock *output, long length,
                      DES_key_schedule ks1, DES_key_schedule ks2, DES_cblock *iv1,
                      DES_cblock *iv2, int enc)
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=====
RCS file: /var/cvs/src/lib/libssl/src/apps/Attic/s_socket.c,v
retrieving revision 1.31
retrieving revision 1.32
diff -u -p -r1.31 -r1.32
--- apps/s_socket.c      19 Apr 2014 13:13:01 -0000    1.31
+++ apps/s_socket.c      19 Apr 2014 16:38:04 -0000    1.32
@@ -77,7 +77,6 @@
 #ifndef OPENSSL_NO_SOCKET

-static struct hostent *GetHostByName(char *name);
 static int ssl_sock_init(void);
 static int init_server(int *sock, int port, int type);
 static int init_server_long(int *sock, int port, char *ip, int type);
@@ -296,7 +295,7 @@ redoit:
         return (0);
     }

-    h2 = GetHostByName(*host);
+    h2 = gethostbyname(*host);
     if (h2 == NULL) {
         BIO_printf(bio_err, "gethostbyname failure\n");
     }
 }

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- ▶ OpenSSL can pass environment variables to \$ENV:: in config files

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- ▶ support for as many combinations of operating systems and compilers out there

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- ▶ put as few `#ifdefs` as possible in the code

LibreSSL API, ftp client

```
-         if (inet_pton(AF_INET, host, &addrbuf) != 1 &&
-             inet_pton(AF_INET6, host, &addrbuf) != 1) {
-             if (SSL_set_tlsext_host_name(ssl, host) == 0) {
-                 ERR_print_errors_fp(ttyout);
-                 goto cleanup_url_get;
-             }
-         }
-     }
-     if (SSL_connect(ssl) <= 0) {
-         ERR_print_errors_fp(ttyout);
+     if (tls_connect_socket(tls, s, sslhost) != 0) {
+         fprintf(ttyout, "SSL failure: %s\n", tls_error(tls));
+         goto cleanup_url_get;
    }
-     if (ssl_verify) {
-         X509 *cert;
-
-         cert = SSL_get_peer_certificate(ssl);
-         if (cert == NULL) {
-             fprintf(ttyout, "%s: no server certificate\n",
-                 getprogname());
-             goto cleanup_url_get;
-         }
-
-         if (ssl_check_hostname(cert, host) != 0) {
-             X509_free(cert);
-             fprintf(ttyout, "%s: host '%s' not present in"
-                 " server certificate\n",
-                 getprogname(), host);
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