

# Secure Socket Layer

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# 1 SSL User's Guide

The Secure Socket Layer (SSL) application provides secure communication over sockets.

### 1.1 Introduction

### 1.1.1 Purpose

Transport Layer Security (TLS) and its predecessor, the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), are cryptographic protocols designed to provide communications security over a computer network. The protocols use X.509 certificates and hence public key (asymmetric) cryptography to authenticate the counterpart with whom they communicate, and to exchange a symmetric key for payload encryption. The protocol provides data/message confidentiality (encryption), integrity (through message authentication code checks) and host verification (through certificate path validation). DTLS (Datagram Transport Layer Security) that is based on TLS but datagram oriented instead of stream oriented.

### 1.1.2 Prerequisites

It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the Erlang programming language, the concepts of OTP, and has a basic understanding of SSL/TLS/DTLS.

# 1.2 TLS/DTLS and TLS Predecessor, SSL

The Erlang SSL application implements the SSL/TLS/DTLS protocol for the currently supported versions, see the *ssl(3)* manual page.

By default SSL/TLS is run over the TCP/IP protocol even though you can plug in any other reliable transport protocol with the same Application Programming Interface (API) as the <code>gen\_tcp</code> module in Kernel. DTLS is by default run over UDP/IP, which means that application data has no delivery guarentees. Other transports, such as SCTP, may be supported in future releases.

If a client and a server wants to use an upgrade mechanism, such as defined by RFC 2817, to upgrade a regular TCP/IP connection to an TLS connection, this is supported by the Erlang SSL application API. This can be useful for, for example, supporting HTTP and HTTPS on the same port and implementing virtual hosting. Note this is a TLS feature only.

# 1.2.1 Security Overview

To achieve authentication and privacy, the client and server perform a TLS/DTLS handshake procedure before transmitting or receiving any data. During the handshake, they agree on a protocol version and cryptographic algorithms, generate shared secrets using public key cryptographies, and optionally authenticate each other with digital certificates.

# 1.2.2 Data Privacy and Integrity

A **symmetric key** algorithm has one key only. The key is used for both encryption and decryption. These algorithms are fast, compared to public key algorithms (using two keys, one public and one private) and are therefore typically used for encrypting bulk data.

The keys for the symmetric encryption are generated uniquely for each connection and are based on a secret negotiated in the TLS/DTLS handshake.

The TLS/DTLS handshake protocol and data transfer is run on top of the TLS/DTLS Record Protocol, which uses a keyed-hash Message Authenticity Code (MAC), or a Hash-based MAC (HMAC), to protect the message data integrity. From the TLS RFC: "A Message Authentication Code is a one-way hash computed from a message and some secret data. It is difficult to forge without knowing the secret data. Its purpose is to detect if the message has been altered."

### 1.2.3 Digital Certificates

A certificate is similar to a driver's license, or a passport. The holder of the certificate is called the **subject**. The certificate is signed with the private key of the issuer of the certificate. A chain of trust is built by having the issuer in its turn being certified by another certificate, and so on, until you reach the so called root certificate, which is self-signed, that is, issued by itself.

Certificates are issued by Certification Authorities (CAs) only. A handful of top CAs in the world issue root certificates. You can examine several of these certificates by clicking through the menus of your web browser.

### 1.2.4 Peer Authentication

Authentication of the peer is done by public key path validation as defined in RFC 3280. This means basically the following:

- Each certificate in the certificate chain is issued by the previous one.
- The certificates attributes are valid.
- The root certificate is a trusted certificate that is present in the trusted certificate database kept by the peer.

The server always sends a certificate chain as part of the TLS handshake, but the client only sends one if requested by the server. If the client does not have an appropriate certificate, it can send an "empty" certificate to the server.

The client can choose to accept some path evaluation errors, for example, a web browser can ask the user whether to accept an unknown CA root certificate. The server, if it requests a certificate, does however not accept any path validation errors. It is configurable if the server is to accept or reject an "empty" certificate as response to a certificate request.

### 1.2.5 TLS Sessions

From the TLS RFC: "A TLS session is an association between a client and a server. Sessions are created by the handshake protocol. Sessions define a set of cryptographic security parameters, which can be shared among multiple connections. Sessions are used to avoid the expensive negotiation of new security parameters for each connection."

Session data is by default kept by the SSL application in a memory storage, hence session data is lost at application restart or takeover. Users can define their own callback module to handle session data storage if persistent data storage is required. Session data is also invalidated after 24 hours from it was saved, for security reasons. The amount of time the session data is to be saved can be configured.

By default the TLS/DTLS clients try to reuse an available session and by default the TLS/DTLS servers agree to reuse sessions when clients ask for it.

# 1.3 Using SSL application API

To see relevant version information for ssl, call ssl:versions/0.

To see all supported cipher suites, call <code>ssl:cipher\_suites(all)</code> . The available cipher suites for a connection depend on your certificate. Specific cipher suites that you want your connection to use can also be specified. Default is to use the strongest available.

## 1.3.1 Setting up Connections

This section shows a small example of how to set up client/server connections using the Erlang shell. The returned value of the sslsocket is abbreviated with [...] as it can be fairly large and is opaque.

### Minimal Example

#### Note:

The minimal setup is not the most secure setup of SSL/TLS/DTLS.

To set up client/server connections:

**Step 1:** Start the server side:

```
1 server> ssl:start().
ok
```

**Step 2:** Create an TLS listen socket: (To run DTLS add the option {protocol, dtls})

```
2 server> {ok, ListenSocket} =
ssl:listen(9999, [{certfile, "cert.pem"}, {keyfile, "key.pem"},{reuseaddr, true}]).
{ok,{sslsocket, [...]}}
```

**Step 3:** Do a transport accept on the TLS listen socket:

```
3 server> {ok, TLSTransportSocket} = ssl:transport_accept(ListenSocket).
{ok,{sslsocket, [...]}}
```

**Step 4:** Start the client side:

```
1 client> ssl:start().
ok
```

To run DTLS add the option {protocol, dtls} to third argument.

```
2 client> {ok, Socket} = ssl:connect("localhost", 9999, [], infinity).
{ok,{sslsocket, [...]}}
```

**Step 5:** Do the TLS handshake:

```
4 server> {ok, Socket} = ssl:handshake(TLSTransportSocket).
ok
```

**Step 6:** Send a message over TLS:

```
5 server> ssl:send(Socket, "foo").
ok
```

Step 7: Flush the shell message queue to see that the message was sent on the server side:

```
3 client> flush().
Shell got {ssl,{sslsocket,[...]},"foo"}
ok
```

### Upgrade Example - TLS only

### Note:

To upgrade a TCP/IP connection to an SSL connection, the client and server must agree to do so. The agreement can be accomplished by using a protocol, for example, the one used by HTTP specified in RFC 2817.

To upgrade to an SSL connection:

**Step 1:** Start the server side:

```
1 server> ssl:start().
ok
```

**Step 2:** Create a normal TCP listen socket:

```
2 server> {ok, ListenSocket} = gen_tcp:listen(9999, [{reuseaddr, true}]).
{ok, #Port<0.475>}
```

Step 3: Accept client connection:

```
3 server> {ok, Socket} = gen_tcp:accept(ListenSocket).
{ok, #Port<0.476>}
```

**Step 4:** Start the client side:

```
1 client> ssl:start().
ok
2 client> {ok, Socket} = gen_tcp:connect("localhost", 9999, [], infinity).
```

**Step 5:** Ensure active is set to false before trying to upgrade a connection to an SSL connection, otherwise SSL handshake messages can be delivered to the wrong process:

```
4 server> inet:setopts(Socket, [{active, false}]).
ok
```

**Step 6:** Do the TLS handshake:

```
5 server> {ok, TLSSocket} = ssl:handshake(Socket, [{cacertfile, "cacerts.pem"},
{certfile, "cert.pem"}, {keyfile, "key.pem"}]).
{ok,{sslsocket,[...]}}
```

**Step 7:** Upgrade to an TLS connection. The client and server must agree upon the upgrade. The server must call ssl:handshake/2 before the client calls ssl:connect/3.

```
3 client>{ok, TLSSocket} = ssl:connect(Socket, [{cacertfile, "cacerts.pem"},
{certfile, "cert.pem"}, {keyfile, "key.pem"}], infinity).
{ok,{sslsocket,[...]}}
```

**Step 8:** Send a message over TLS:

```
4 client> ssl:send(TLSSocket, "foo").
ok
```

Step 9: Set active true on the TLS socket:

```
4 server> ssl:setopts(TLSSocket, [{active, true}]).
ok
```

**Step 10:** Flush the shell message queue to see that the message was sent on the client side:

```
5 server> flush().
Shell got {ssl,{sslsocket,[...]},"foo"}
ok
```

### 1.3.2 Customizing cipher suits

Fetch default cipher suite list for an TLS/DTLS version. Change default to all to get all possible cipher suites.

```
1> Default = ssl:cipher_suites(default, 'tlsv1.2').
   [#{cipher => aes_256_gcm,key_exchange => ecdhe_ecdsa,
   mac => aead,prf => sha384}, ....]
```

In OTP 20 it is desirable to remove all cipher suites that uses rsa kexchange (removed from default in 21)

Pick just a few suites

Make some particular suites the most preferred, or least preferred by changing prepend to append.

```
4>ssl:prepend_cipher_suites(Suites, Default).
[#{cipher => aes_128_cbc,key_exchange => ecdh_ecdsa,
    mac => sha256,prf => sha256},
#{cipher => aes_128_cbc,key_exchange => ecdh_ecdsa,mac => sha,
    prf => default_prf},
#{cipher => aes_256_cbc,key_exchange => ecdhe_ecdsa,
    mac => sha384,prf => sha384}, ...]
```

# 1.3.3 Using an Engine Stored Key

Erlang ssl application is able to use private keys provided by OpenSSL engines using the following mechanism:

```
1> ssl:start().
ok
```

Load a crypto engine, should be done once per engine used. For example dynamically load the engine called MyEngine:

Create a map with the engine information and the algorithm used by the engine:

```
3> PrivKey =
  #{algorithm => rsa,
  engine => EngineRef,
  key_id => "id of the private key in Engine"}.
```

Use the map in the ssl key option:

See also crypto documentation

# 1.4 Using TLS for Erlang Distribution

This section describes how the Erlang distribution can use TLS to get extra verification and security.

The Erlang distribution can in theory use almost any connection-based protocol as bearer. However, a module that implements the protocol-specific parts of the connection setup is needed. The default distribution module is inet\_tcp\_dist in the Kernel application. When starting an Erlang node distributed, net\_kernel uses this module to set up listen ports and connections.

In the SSL application, an extra distribution module, inet\_tls\_dist, can be used as an alternative. All distribution connections will use TLS and all participating Erlang nodes in a distributed system must use this distribution module.

The security level depends on the parameters provided to the TLS connection setup. Erlang node cookies are however always used, as they can be used to differentiate between two different Erlang networks.

To set up Erlang distribution over TLS:

- Step 1: Build boot scripts including the SSL application.
- **Step 2:** Specify the distribution module for net\_kernel.
- **Step 3:** Specify the security options and other SSL options.
- Step 4: Set up the environment to always use TLS.

The following sections describe these steps.

# 1.4.1 Building Boot Scripts Including the SSL Application

Boot scripts are built using the systools utility in the SASL application. For more information on systools, see the SASL documentation. This is only an example of what can be done.

The simplest boot script possible includes only the Kernel and STDLIB applications. Such a script is located in the bin directory of the Erlang distribution. The source for the script is found under the Erlang installation top directory under releases/<OTP version>/start\_clean.rel.

Do the following:

- Copy that script to another location (and preferably another name).
- Add the applications Crypto, Public Key, and SSL with their current version numbers after the STDLIB application.

The following shows an example .rel file with TLS added:

```
{release, {"OTP APN 181 01","R15A"}, {erts, "5.9"},
[{kernel, "2.15"},
{stdlib, "1.18"},
{crypto, "2.0.3"},
{public_key, "0.12"},
{asn1, "4.0"},
{ssl, "5.0"}
]}.
```

The version numbers differ in your system. Whenever one of the applications included in the script is upgraded, change the script.

Do the following:

Build the boot script.

Assuming the .rel file is stored in a file start\_ssl.rel in the current directory, a boot script can be built as follows:

```
1> systools:make_script("start_ssl",[]).
```

There is now a start\_ssl.boot file in the current directory.

Do the following:

• Test the boot script. To do this, start Erlang with the -boot command-line parameter specifying this boot script (with its full path, but without the .boot suffix). In UNIX it can look as follows:

```
$ erl -boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl
Erlang (BEAM) emulator version 5.0

Eshell V5.0 (abort with ^G)
1> whereis(ssl_manager).
<0.41.0>
```

The whereis function-call verifies that the SSL application is started.

As an alternative to building a bootscript, you can explicitly add the path to the SSL ebin directory on the command line. This is done with command-line option -pa. This works as the SSL application does not need to be started for the distribution to come up, as a clone of the SSL application is hooked into the Kernel application. So, as long as the SSL application code can be reached, the distribution starts. The -pa method is only recommended for testing purposes.

#### Note:

The clone of the SSL application must enable the use of the SSL code in such an early bootstage as needed to set up the distribution. However, this makes it impossible to soft upgrade the SSL application.

# 1.4.2 Specifying Distribution Module for net\_kernel

The distribution module for SSL/TLS is named  $inet_tls_dist$  and is specified on the command line with option -  $proto_dist$ . The argument to - $proto_dist$  is to be the module name without suffix \_dist. So, this distribution module is specified with - $proto_dist$  inet\_tls on the command line.

Extending the command line gives the following:

```
$ erl -boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl -proto_dist inet_tls
```

For the distribution to be started, give the emulator a name as well:

```
$ erl -boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl -proto_dist inet_tls -sname ssl_test
Erlang (BEAM) emulator version 5.0 [source]

Eshell V5.0 (abort with ^G)
(ssl_test@myhost)1>
```

However, a node started in this way refuses to talk to other nodes, as no TLS parameters are supplied (see the next section).

### 1.4.3 Specifying SSL/TLS Options

The SSL/TLS distribution options can be written into a file that is consulted when the node is started. This file name is then specified with the command line argument -ssl\_dist\_optfile.

Any available SSL/TLS option can be specified in an options file, but note that options that take a fun() has to use the syntax fun Mod:Func/Arity since a function body cannot be compiled when consulting a file.

Do not tamper with the socket options list, binary, active, packet, nodelay and deliver since they are used by the distribution protocol handler itself. Other raw socket options such as packet\_size may interfere severely, so beware!

For SSL/TLS to work, at least a public key and a certificate must be specified for the server side. In the following example, the PEM file "/home/me/ssl/erlserver.pem" contains both the server certificate and its private key.

Create a file named for example "/home/me/ssl/ssl\_test@myhost.conf":

```
[{server,
  [{certfile, "/home/me/ssl/erlserver.pem"},
  {secure_renegotiate, true}]},
{client,
  [{secure_renegotiate, true}]}].
```

And then start the node like this (line breaks in the command are for readability, and shall not be there when typed):

```
$ erl -boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl -proto_dist inet_tls
  -ssl_dist_optfile "/home/me/ssl/ssl_test@myhost.conf"
  -sname ssl_test
```

The options in the {server, Opts} tuple are used when calling ssl:ssl\_accept/3, and the options in the {client, Opts} tuple are used when calling ssl:connect/4.

For the client, the option {server\_name\_indication, atom\_to\_list(TargetNode)} is added when connecting. This makes it possible to use the client option {verify, verify\_peer}, and the client will verify that the certificate matches the node name you are connecting to. This only works if the the server certificate is issued to the name atom\_to\_list(TargetNode).

For the server it is also possible to use the option {verify, verify\_peer} and the server will only accept client connections with certificates that are trusted by a root certificate that the server knows. A client that presents an untrusted certificate will be rejected. This option is preferably combined with {fail\_if\_no\_peer\_cert, true} or a client will still be accepted if it does not present any certificate.

A node started in this way is fully functional, using TLS as the distribution protocol.

# 1.4.4 Specifying SSL/TLS Options (Legacy)

As in the previous section the PEM file "/home/me/ssl/erlserver.pem" contains both the server certificate and its private key.

On the erl command line you can specify options that the SSL/TLS distribution adds when creating a socket.

The simplest SSL/TLS options in the following list can be specified by adding the prefix server\_ or client\_ to the option name:

- certfile
- keyfile
- password
- cacertfile
- verify
- verify\_fun(write as {Module, Function, InitialUserState})
- crl\_check
- crl\_cache (write as Erlang term)
- reuse sessions
- secure\_renegotiate
- depth
- hibernate\_after
- ciphers (use old string format)

Note that verify\_fun needs to be written in a different form than the corresponding SSL/TLS option, since funs are not accepted on the command line.

The server can also take the options dhfile and fail\_if\_no\_peer\_cert (also prefixed).

client\_-prefixed options are used when the distribution initiates a connection to another node. server\_-prefixed options are used when accepting a connection from a remote node.

Raw socket options, such as packet and size must not be specified on the command line.

The command-line argument for specifying the SSL/TLS options is named <code>-ssl\_dist\_opt</code> and is to be followed by pairs of SSL options and their values. Argument <code>-ssl\_dist\_opt</code> can be repeated any number of times.

An example command line doing the same as the example in the previous section can now look as follows (line breaks in the command are for readability, and shall not be there when typed):

```
$ erl -boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl -proto_dist inet_tls
  -ssl_dist_opt server_certfile "/home/me/ssl/erlserver.pem"
  -ssl_dist_opt server_secure_renegotiate true client_secure_renegotiate true
  -sname ssl_test
Erlang (BEAM) emulator version 5.0 [source]

Eshell V5.0 (abort with ^G)
(ssl_test@myhost)1>
```

# 1.4.5 Setting up Environment to Always Use SSL/TLS (Legacy)

A convenient way to specify arguments to Erlang is to use environment variable ERL\_FLAGS. All the flags needed to use the SSL/TLS distribution can be specified in that variable and are then interpreted as command-line arguments for all subsequent invocations of Erlang.

In a Unix (Bourne) shell, it can look as follows (line breaks are for readability, they are not to be there when typed):

```
$ ERL_FLAGS="-boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl -proto_dist inet_tls
 -ssl_dist_opt server_certfile /home/me/ssl/erlserver.pem
 -ssl_dist_opt server_secure_renegotiate true client_secure_renegotiate true"
$ export ERL FLAGS
$ erl -sname ssl_test
Erlang (BEAM) emulator version 5.0 [source]
Eshell V5.0 (abort with ^G)
(ssl test@myhost)1> init:get arguments().
[{root,["/usr/local/erlang"]},
 {progname,["erl "]},
 {sname,["ssl_test"]},
{boot,["/home/me/ssl/start_ssl"]},
{proto_dist,["inet_tls"]},
 {ssl_dist_opt,["server_certfile","/home/me/ssl/erlserver.pem"]},
{home,["/home/me"]}]
```

The init:get\_arguments() call verifies that the correct arguments are supplied to the emulator.

### 1.4.6 Using SSL/TLS distribution over IPv6

It is possible to use SSL/TLS distribution over IPv6 instead of IPv4. To do this, pass the option -proto\_dist inet6\_tls instead of -proto\_dist inet\_tls when starting Erlang, either on the command line or in the ERL\_FLAGS environment variable.

An example command line with this option would look like this:

```
$ erl -boot /home/me/ssl/start_ssl -proto_dist inet6_tls
-ssl_dist_optfile "/home/me/ssl/ssl_test@myhost.conf"
-sname ssl_test
```

A node started in this way will only be able to communicate with other nodes using SSL/TLS distribution over IPv6.

# 1.5 Standards Compliance

### 1.5.1 Purpose

This section describes the current state of standards compliance of the ssl application.

# 1.5.2 Common (pre TLS 1.3)

- For security reasons RSA key exchange cipher suites are no longer supported by default, but can be configured.
   (OTP 21)
- For security reasons DES cipher suites are no longer supported by default, but can be configured. (OTP 20)
- For security reasons 3DES cipher suites are no longer supported by default, but can be configured. (OTP 21)
- Renegotiation Indication Extension RFC 5746 is supported
- Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman cipher suites are supported, but not Diffie Hellman Certificates cipher suites.
- Elliptic Curve cipher suites are supported if the Crypto application supports it and named curves are used.
- Export cipher suites are not supported as the U.S. lifted its export restrictions in early 2000.
- IDEA cipher suites are not supported as they have become deprecated by the TLS 1.2 specification so it is not motivated to implement them.
- Compression is not supported.

### 1.5.3 Common

- CRL validation is supported.
- Policy certificate extensions are not supported.
- 'Server Name Indication' extension (**RFC 6066**) is supported.
- Application Layer Protocol Negotiation (ALPN) and its successor Next Protocol Negotiation (NPN) are supported.
- It is possible to use Pre-Shared Key (PSK) and Secure Remote Password (SRP) cipher suites, but they are not enabled by default.

### 1.5.4 SSL 2.0

For security reasons SSL-2.0 is not supported. Interoperability with SSL-2.0 enabled clients dropped. (OTP 21)

### 1.5.5 SSL 3.0

For security reasons SSL-3.0 is no longer supported by default, but can be configured. (OTP 19)

### 1.5.6 TLS 1.0

For security reasons TLS-1.0 is no longer supported by default, but can be configured. (OTP 22)

### 1.5.7 TLS 1.1

For security reasons TLS-1.1 is no longer supported by default, but can be configured. (OTP 22)

### 1.5.8 TLS 1.2

Supported

### 1.5.9 DTLS 1.0

For security reasons DTLS-1.0 (based on TLS 1.1) is no longer supported by default, but can be configured. (OTP 22)

### 1.5.10 DTLS 1.2

Supported (based on TLS 1.2)

### 1.5.11 DTLS 1.3

Not yet supported

### 1.5.12 TLS 1.3

OTP-22 introduces basic support for TLS 1.3 on the server side. Basic functionality covers a simple TLS 1.3 handshake with support of the mandatory extensions (supported\_groups, signature\_algorithms, key\_share, supported\_versions and signature\_algorithms\_cert). The server supports a selective set of cryptographic algorithms:

- Key Exchange: ECDHE
- Groups: all standard groups supported for the Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- Ciphers: TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256, TLS\_AES\_256\_GCM\_SHA384, TLS\_CHACHA20\_POLY1305\_SHA256 and TLS\_AES\_128\_CCM\_SHA256
- Signature Algorithms: RSA and RSA PSS
- Certificates: currently only certificates with RSA keys are supported

#### Other notable features:

- The server supports the HelloRetryRequest mechanism
- PSK and session resumption not supported
- Early data and 0-RTT not supported
- Key and Initialization Vector Update not supported

For more detailed information see the Standards Compliance below.

### Warning:

Note that the client side is not yet functional. It is planned to be released later in OTP-22.

The following table describes the current state of standards compliance for TLS 1.3.

 $(\pmb{C} = Compliant, \, \pmb{NC} = Non-Compliant, \, \pmb{PC} = Partially-Compliant, \, \pmb{NA} = Not \; Applicable)$ 

Section	Feature	State	Since
1.3. Updates Affecting TLS 1.2		С	22
	Version downgrade protection mechanism	С	22
	RSASSA-PSS signature schemes	PC	22
	supported_versions (ClientHello) extension	С	22
	signature_algorithms_cert extension	С	22
2. Protocol Overview		PC	22
	(EC)DHE	С	22
	PSK-only	NC	
	PSK with (EC)DHE	NC	
2.1. Incorrect DHE share	HelloRetryRequest	С	22
2.2. Resumption and Pre-Shared Key (PSK)		NC	
2.3. 0-RTT Data		NC	
4.1.1. Cryptographic Negotiation		PC	22

	supported_groups extension	С
	signature_algorithms extension	С
	pre_shared_key extension	NC
4.1.2. Client Hello	Client	NC
	server_name (RFC6066)	NC
	max_fragment_length (RFC6066)	NC
	status_request (RFC6066)	NC
	supported_groups (RFC7919)	NC
	signature_algorithms (RFC8446)	NC
	use_srtp (RFC5764)	NC
	heartbeat (RFC6520)	NC
	application_layer_protocol_ (RFC7301)	negotiation
	signed_certificate_timestam (RFC6962)	P <sub>NC</sub>
	client_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC
	server_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC
	padding (RFC7685)	NC
	key_share (RFC8446)	NC
	pre_shared_key (RFC8446)	NC
	psk_key_exchange_modes (RFC8446)	NC
	early_data (RFC8446)	NC
	cookie (RFC8446)	NC

supported_versions (RFC8446)	NC	
certificate_authorities (RFC8446)	NC	
oid_filters (RFC8446)	NC	
post_handshake_auth (RFC8446)	NC	
signature_algorithms_cert (RFC8446)	NC	
Server	PC	22
server_name (RFC6066)	NC	
max_fragment_length (RFC6066)	NC	
status_request (RFC6066)	NC	
supported_groups (RFC7919)	С	22
signature_algorithms (RFC8446)	С	22
use_srtp (RFC5764)	NC	
heartbeat (RFC6520)	NC	
application_layer_protocol_ (RFC7301)	negotiation NC	
signed_certificate_timestam (RFC6962)	P <sub>NC</sub>	
client_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC	
server_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC	
padding (RFC7685)	NC	
key_share (RFC8446)	С	22
pre_shared_key (RFC8446)	NC	

	psk_key_exchange_modes (RFC8446)	NC	
	early_data (RFC8446)	NC	
	cookie (RFC8446)	NC	
	supported_versions (RFC8446)	С	22
	certificate_authorities (RFC8446)	NC	
	oid_filters (RFC8446)	NC	
	post_handshake_auth (RFC8446)	NC	
	signature_algorithms_cert (RFC8446)	С	22
4.1.3. Server Hello	Client	NC	
	Version downgrade protection	NC	
	key_share (RFC8446)	NC	
	pre_shared_key (RFC8446)	NC	
	supported_versions (RFC8446)	NC	
	Server	PC	22
	Version downgrade protection	С	22
	key_share (RFC8446)	С	22
	pre_shared_key (RFC8446)	NC	
	supported_versions (RFC8446)	С	22
4.1.4. Hello Retry Request	Server	PC	22
	key_share (RFC8446)	С	22
	cookie (RFC8446)	NC	

	supported_versions (RFC8446)	С	22
4.2.1. Supported Versions	Client	NC	
	Server	С	22
4.2.2. Cookie	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.3. Signature Algorithms	Client	NC	
	rsa_pkcs1_sha256	NC	
	rsa_pkcs1_sha384	NC	
	rsa_pkcs1_sha512	NC	
	ecdsa_secp256r1_sha256	NC	
	ecdsa_secp384r1_sha384	NC	
	ecdsa_secp521r1_sha512	NC	
	rsa_pss_rsae_sha256	NC	
	rsa_pss_rsae_sha384	NC	
	rsa_pss_rsae_sha512	NC	
	ed25519	NC	
	ed448	NC	
	rsa_pss_pss_sha256	NC	
	rsa_pss_pss_sha384	NC	
	rsa_pss_pss_sha512	NC	
	rsa_pkcs1_sha1	NC	
	ecdsa_sha1	NC	
	Server	PC	22
	rsa_pkcs1_sha256	С	22
	rsa_pkcs1_sha384	С	22

	rsa_pkcs1_sha512	C	22
	ecdsa_secp256r1_sha256	NC	
	ecdsa_secp384r1_sha384	NC	
	ecdsa_secp521r1_sha512	NC	
	rsa_pss_rsae_sha256	С	22
	rsa_pss_rsae_sha384	С	22
	rsa_pss_rsae_sha512	С	22
	ed25519	NC	
	ed448	NC	
	rsa_pss_pss_sha256	NC	
	rsa_pss_pss_sha384	NC	
	rsa_pss_pss_sha512	NC	
	rsa_pkcs1_sha1	С	22
	ecdsa_sha1	С	22
4.2.4. Certificate Authorities	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.5. OID Filters	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.6. Post-Handshake Client Authentication	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.7. Supported Groups	Client	NC	
	secp256r1	NC	
	secp384r1	NC	
	secp521r1	NC	
	x25519	NC	
	x448	NC	

	ffdhe2048	NC	
	ffdhe3072	NC	
	ffdhe4096	NC	
	ffdhe6144	NC	
	ffdhe8192	NC	
	Server	С	22
	secp256r1	С	22
	secp384r1	С	22
	secp521r1	С	22
	x25519	С	22
	x448	С	22
	ffdhe2048	С	22
	ffdhe3072	С	22
	ffdhe4096	С	22
	ffdhe6144	С	22
	ffdhe8192	С	22
4.2.8. Key Share	Client	NC	
	Server	С	22
4.2.9. Pre-Shared Key Exchange Modes	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.10. Early Data Indication	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.11. Pre-Shared Key Extension	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.11.1. Ticket Age	Client	NC	

	Server	NC	
4.2.11.2. PSK Binder	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.2.11.3. Processing Order	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.3.1. Encrypted Extensions	Client	NC	
	server_name (RFC6066)	NC	
	max_fragment_length (RFC6066)	NC	
	supported_groups (RFC7919)	NC	
	use_srtp (RFC5764)	NC	
	heartbeat (RFC6520)	NC	
	application_layer_protocol_(RFC7301)	negotiation	
	client_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC	
	server_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC	
	early_data (RFC8446)	NC	
	supported_versions (RFC8446)	NC	
	Server	PC	22
	server_name (RFC6066)	NC	
	max_fragment_length (RFC6066)	NC	
	supported_groups (RFC7919)	NC	
	use_srtp (RFC5764)	NC	
	heartbeat (RFC6520)	NC	

	application_layer_protocol_ (RFC7301)	negotiation	
	client_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC	
	server_certificate_type (RFC7250)	NC	
	early_data (RFC8446)	NC	
	supported_versions (RFC8446)	NC	
4.3.2. Certificate Request	Client	NC	
	status_request (RFC6066)	NC	
	signature_algorithms (RFC8446)	NC	
	signed_certificate_timestam (RFC6962)	P NC	
	certificate_authorities (RFC8446)	NC	
	oid_filters (RFC8446)	NC	
	signature_algorithms_cert (RFC8446)	NC	
	Server	PC	22
	status_request (RFC6066)	NC	
	signature_algorithms (RFC8446)	NC	
	signed_certificate_timestam (RFC6962)	P <sub>NC</sub>	
	certificate_authorities (RFC8446)	NC	
	oid_filters (RFC8446)	NC	
	signature_algorithms_cert (RFC8446)	NC	
4.4.1. The Transcript Hash		С	22

4.4.2. Certificate	Client	NC	
	status_request (RFC6066)	NC	
	signed_certificate_timestam (RFC6962)	PNC	
	Server	PC	22
	status_request (RFC6066)	NC	
	signed_certificate_timestam (RFC6962)	P <sub>NC</sub>	
4.4.2.1. OCSP Status and SCT Extensions	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.4.2.2. Server Certificate Selection	Client	NC	
	certificate type MUST be X.509v3	NC	
	certificate's public key is compatible	NC	
	The certificate MUST allow the key to be used for signing	NC	
	server_name and certificate_authorities are used	NC	
	Server	PC	
	certificate type MUST be X.509v3	С	22
	certificate's public key is compatible	С	22
	The certificate MUST allow the key to be used for signing	С	22
	server_name and certificate_authorities are used	NC	

4.4.2.3. Client Certificate Selection		NC	
4.4.2.4. Receiving a Certificate Message	Client	NC	
	Server	С	22
4.4.3. Certificate Verify	Client	NC	
	Server	С	22
4.4.4. Finished	Client	NC	
	Server	С	22
4.5. End of Early Data	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.6.1. New Session Ticket Message	Client	NC	
	early_data (RFC8446)	NC	
	Server	NC	
	early_data (RFC8446)	NC	
4.6.2. Post-Handshake Authentication	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
4.6.3. Key and Initialization Vector Update	Client	NC	
	Server	NC	
5.1. Record Layer		С	22
	MUST NOT be interleaved with other record types	C	22
	MUST NOT span key changes	С	22
	MUST NOT send zero- length fragments	С	22
	Alert messages MUST NOT be fragmented	С	22

5.2. Record Payload Protection		С	22
5.3. Per-Record Nonce		С	22
5.4. Record Padding		PC	22
	MAY choose to pad	NC	
	MUST NOT send Handshake and Alert records that have a zero-length TLSInnerPlaintext.content	NC	
	The padding sent is automatically verified	С	22
5.5. Limits on Key Usage		NC	
6.1. Closure Alerts		NC	
	close_notify	NC	
	user_cancelled	NC	
6.2. Error Alerts		PC	22
7.1. Key Schedule		С	22
7.2. Updating Traffic Secrets		С	22
7.3. Traffic Key Calculation		С	22
7.5. Exporters		NC	
8. 0-RTT and Anti- Replay		NC	
8.1. Single-Use Tickets		NC	
8.2. Client Hello Recording		NC	
8.3. Freshness Checks		NC	
9.1. Mandatory-to- Implement Cipher Suites		PC	22
	MUST implement the TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA	<b>C</b> 256	22

	SHOULD implement the TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA	<b>S</b> 384	22
	SHOULD implement the TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1	C 305_SHA256	22
	Digital signatures	PC	22
	MUST support rsa_pkcs1_sha256 (for certificates)	С	22
	MUST support rsa_pss_rsae_sha256 (for CertificateVerify and certificates)	С	22
	MUST support ecdsa_secp256r1_sha256	NC	
	Key Exchange	С	22
	MUST support key exchange with secp256r1	С	22
	SHOULD support key exchange with X25519	С	22
9.2. Mandatory-to- Implement Extensions		PC	22
	Supported Versions	С	22
	Cookie	NC	
	Signature Algorithms	С	22
	Signature Algorithms Certificate	С	22
	Negotiated Groups	С	22
	Key Share	C	22
	Server Name Indication	NC	
	MUST send and use these extensions	С	22
	"supported_versions" is REQUIRED for ClientHello, ServerHello and HelloRetryRequest	PC	22

	"signature_algorithms" is REQUIRED for certificate authentication	С	22
	"supported_groups" is REQUIRED for ClientHello messages using (EC)DHE key exchange	С	22
	"key_share" is REQUIRED for (EC)DHE key exchange	С	22
	"pre_shared_key" is REQUIRED for PSK key agreement	NC	
	"psk_key_exchange_modes' is REQUIRED for PSK key agreement	NC	
	TLS 1.3 ClientHello	NC	
	If not containing a "pre_shared_key" extension, it MUST contain both a "signature_algorithms" extension and a "supported_groups" extension.	NC	
	If containing a "supported_groups" extension, it MUST also contain a "key_share" extension, and vice versa. An empty KeyShare.client_shares vector is permitted.	NC	
	TLS 1.3 ServerHello	PC	22
	MUST support the use of the "server_name" extension	NC	
9.3. Protocol Invariants		NC	
	MUST correctly handle extensible fields	NC	

	A client sending a ClientHello MUST support all parameters advertised in it.	NC	
	A middlebox which terminates a TLS connection MUST behave as a compliant TLS server	NA	
	A middlebox which forwards ClientHello parameters it does not understand MUST NOT process any messages beyond that ClientHello.	NA	
<b>B.4. Cipher Suites</b>		PC	22
	TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA	<b>25</b> 6	22
	TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA	<b>38</b> 4	22
	TLS_CHACHA20_POLY13	<b>©</b> 5_SHA256	22
	TLS_AES_128_CCM_SHA	<b>26</b> 6	22
	TLS_AES_128_CCM_8_SF	I <b>N£</b> 56	
C.1. Random Number Generation and Seeding		C	22
C.2. Certificates and Authentication		C	22
C.3. Implementation Pitfalls		PC	22
C.4. Client Tracking Prevention		NC	
C.5. Unauthenticated Operation		C	22
D.1. Negotiating with an Older Server		NC	
D.2. Negotiating with an Older Client		С	22
D.3. 0-RTT Backward Compatibility		NC	

D.4. Middlebox Compatibility Mode	PC	22
D.5. Security Restrictions Related to Backward Compatibility	С	22

Table 5.1: Standards Compliance

# 2 Reference Manual

### ssl

Application

The ssl application is an implementation of the SSL, TLS and DTLS protocols in Erlang.

For current statement of standards compliance see the *User's Guide*.

### **DEPENDENCIES**

The SSL application uses the public\_key, asn1 and Crypto application to handle public keys and encryption, hence these applications must be loaded for the SSL application to work. In an embedded environment this means they must be started with application:start/[1,2] before the SSL application is started.

### CONFIGURATION

The application environment configuration parameters in this section are defined for the SSL application. For more information about configuration parameters, see the *application(3)* manual page in Kernel.

The environment parameters can be set on the command line, for example:

```
erl -ssl protocol_version "['tlsv1.2', 'tlsv1.1']"
protocol_version = ssl:ssl_tls_protocol()<optional>
```

Protocol supported by started clients and servers. If this option is not set, it defaults to all TLS protocols currently supported by the SSL application. This option can be overridden by the version option to ssl:connect/[2,3] and ssl:listen/2.

```
dtls_protocol_version = ssl:dtls_protocol()<optional>
```

Protocol supported by started clients and servers. If this option is not set, it defaults to all DTLS protocols currently supported by the SSL application. This option can be overridden by the version option to ssl:connect/[2,3] and ssl:listen/2.

```
session_lifetime = integer() <optional>
```

Maximum lifetime of the session data in seconds. Defaults to 24 hours which is the maximum recommended lifetime by **RFC 5246**. However sessions may be invalidated earlier due to the maximum limitation of the session cache table.

```
session cb = atom() <optional>
```

Name of the session cache callback module that implements the ssl\_session\_cache\_api behavior. Defaults to ssl\_session\_cache.

```
session_cb_init_args = proplist:proplist() <optional>
```

List of extra user-defined arguments to the init function in the session cache callback module. Defaults to [].

```
session_cache_client_max = integer() <optional>
```

Limits the growth of the clients session cache, that is how many sessions towards servers that are cached to be used by new client connections. If the maximum number of sessions is reached, the current cache entries will be invalidated regardless of their remaining lifetime. Defaults to 1000. Recommended ssl-8.2.1 or later for this option to work as intended.

```
session_cache_server_max = integer() <optional>
```

Limits the growth of the servers session cache, that is how many client sessions are cached by the server. If the maximum number of sessions is reached, the current cache entries will be invalidated regardless of their remaining lifetime. Defaults to 1000. Recommended ssl-8.2.1 or later for this option to work as intended.

```
ssl_pem_cache_clean = integer() <optional>
```

Number of milliseconds between PEM cache validations. Defaults to 2 minutes.

```
ssl:clear_pem_cache/0
bypass_pem_cache = boolean() <optional>
```

Introduced in ssl-8.0.2. Disables the PEM-cache. Can be used as a workaround for the PEM-cache bottleneck before ssl-8.1.1. Defaults to false.

```
alert timeout = integer() <optional>
```

Number of milliseconds between sending of a fatal alert and closing the connection. Waiting a little while improves the peers chances to properly receiving the alert so it may shutdown gracefully. Defaults to 5000 milliseconds.

```
internal_active_n = integer() <optional>
```

For TLS connections this value is used to handle the internal socket. As the implementation was changed from an active once to an active N behavior (N = 100), for performance reasons, this option exist for possible tweaking or restoring of the old behavior (internal\_active\_n = 1) in unforeseen scenarios. The option will not affect erlang distribution over TLS that will always run in active N mode. Added in ssl-9.1 (OTP-21.2).

### ERROR LOGGER AND EVENT HANDLERS

The SSL application uses the default *OTP error logger* to log unexpected errors and TLS/DTLS alerts. The logging of TLS/DTLS alerts may be turned off with the log\_alert option.

### **SEE ALSO**

application(3)

### ssl

Erlang module

This module contains interface functions for the SSL/TLS/DTLS protocol. For detailed information about the supported standards see *ssl*(6).

### **Data Types**

```
Types used in SSL/TLS/DTLS
Socket() = gen_tcp:socket()
sslsocket() = any()
An opaque reference to the TLS/DTLS connection, may be used for equality matching.
tls option() = tls_client_option() | tls_server_option()
tls client option() =
    client_option() |
    common_option()
    socket_option()
    transport_option()
tls server option() =
    server_option() |
    common option()
    socket_option() |
    transport_option()
socket option() =
    gen_tcp:connect_option() |
    gen_tcp:listen_option() |
    gen_udp:option()
The default socket options are [{mode,list},{packet, 0},{header, 0},{active, true}].
For valid options, see the inet(3), gen\_tcp(3) and gen\_udp(3) manual pages in Kernel. Note that stream oriented options
such as packet are only relevant for SSL/TLS and not DTLS
active msgs() =
     {Ssl, sslsocket(), Data :: binary() | list()} |
     {SSl closed, sslsocket()} |
     {ssl error, sslsocket(), Reason :: any()} |
     {SSl passive, sslsocket()}
When a TLS/DTLS socket is in active mode (the default), data from the socket is delivered to the owner of the socket
```

When a TLS/DTLS socket is in active mode (the default), data from the socket is delivered to the owner of the socket in the form of messages as described above.

The ssl\_passive message is sent only when the socket is in {active, N} mode and the counter dropped to 0. It indicates that the socket has transitioned to passive ({active, false}) mode.

```
transport_option() =
    {cb_info,
        {CallbackModule :: atom(),
        DataTag :: atom(),
        ClosedTag :: atom(),
        ErrTag :: atom()}} |
```

```
{cb_info,
    {CallbackModule :: atom(),
    DataTag :: atom(),
    ClosedTag :: atom(),
    ErrTag :: atom(),
    PassiveTag :: atom()}}
```

Defaults to {gen\_tcp, tcp, tcp\_closed, tcp\_error, tcp\_passive} for TLS (for backward compatibility a four tuple will be converted to a five tuple with the last element "second\_element"\_passive) and {gen\_udp, udp, udp\_closed, udp\_error} for DTLS (might also be changed to five tuple in the future). Can be used to customize the transport layer. The tag values should be the values used by the underlying transport in its active mode messages. For TLS the callback module must implement a reliable transport protocol, behave as gen\_tcp, and have functions corresponding to inet:setopts/2, inet:getopts/2, inet:peername/1, inet:sockname/1, and inet:port/1. The callback gen\_tcp is treated specially and calls inet directly. For DTLS this feature must be considered exprimental.

```
host() = hostname() | ip_address()
hostname() = string()
ip address() = inet:ip_address()
protocol version() = tls_version() | dtls_version()
tls_version() = 'tlsv1.2' | 'tlsv1.3' | tls_legacy_version()
dtls version() = 'dtlsv1.2' | dtls_legacy_version()
tls legacy version() = tlsv1 | 'tlsv1.1' | sslv3
dtls_legacy_version() = dtlsv1
prf random() = client random | server random
verify type() = verify none | verify peer
ciphers() = [erl_cipher_suite()] | string()
erl cipher suite() =
    #{key exchange := kex algo(),
      cipher := cipher(),
      mac := hash() \mid aead,
      prf := hash() | default prf}
cipher() =
    aes 128 cbc | aes 256 cbc | aes 128 gcm | aes 256 gcm |
    aes_128_ccm | aes_256_ccm | aes_128_ccm_8 | aes_256_ccm_8 |
    chacha20 poly1305 |
    legacy_cipher()
legacy_cipher() = rc4_128 | des_cbc | '3des_ede cbc'
cipher filters() =
    [{key exchange | cipher | mac | prf, algo_filter()}]
hash() = sha | sha2() | legacy_hash()
sha2() = sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
legacy hash() = md5
old cipher suite() =
    {kex_algo(), cipher(), hash()} |
    {kex_algo(), cipher(), hash() | aead, hash()}
signature_algs() = [{hash(), sign_algo()}]
sign algo() = rsa | dsa | ecdsa
sign scheme() =
```

```
rsa_pkcs1_sha256 | rsa_pkcs1_sha384 | rsa_pkcs1_sha512 |
    ecdsa secp256r1_sha256 | ecdsa_secp384r1_sha384 |
    ecdsa secp521r1 sha512 | rsa pss rsae sha256 |
    rsa_pss_rsae_sha384 | rsa_pss_rsae_sha512 |
    rsa_pss_pss_sha256 | rsa_pss_pss_sha384 | rsa_pss_pss_sha512 |
    rsa_pkcs1_sha1 | ecdsa_sha1
kex algo() =
    rsa | dhe rsa | dhe dss | ecdhe ecdsa | ecdh ecdsa |
    ecdh rsa | srp rsa | srp dss | psk | dhe psk | rsa psk |
    dh anon | ecdh anon | srp anon | any
    fun((kex_algo() | cipher() | hash() | aead | default_prf) ->
            true | false)
named curve() =
    sect571r1 | sect571k1 | secp521r1 | brainpoolP512r1 |
    sect409k1 | sect409r1 | brainpoolP384r1 | secp384r1 |
    sect283k1 | sect283r1 | brainpoolP256r1 | secp256k1 |
    secp256r1 | sect239k1 | sect233k1 | sect233r1 | secp224k1 |
    secp224r1 | sect193r1 | sect193r2 | secp192k1 | secp192r1
    sect163k1 | sect163r1 | sect163r2 | secp160k1 | secp160r1 |
    secp160r2
psk identity() = string()
srp identity() = {Username :: string(), Password :: string()}
srp_param_type() =
    srp 1024 | srp 1536 | srp 2048 | srp 3072 | srp 4096 |
    srp 6144 | srp 8192
app level protocol() = binary()
protocol extensions() =
    #{renegotiation_info => binary(),
      signature_algs => signature_algs(),
      alpn => app_level_protocol(),
      srp => binary(),
      next_protocol => app_level_protocol(),
      ec point formats \Rightarrow [0..2],
      elliptic curves => [public_key:oid()],
      Sni => hostname()}
error_alert() =
    {tls alert, {tls_alert(), Description :: string()}}
tls alert() =
    close_notify | unexpected_message | bad_record mac |
    record_overflow | handshake_failure | bad_certificate |
    unsupported_certificate | certificate_revoked |
    certificate expired | certificate unknown |
    illegal_parameter | unknown_ca | access_denied |
    decode_error | decrypt_error | export_restriction |
    protocol_version | insufficient_security | internal_error |
    inappropriate_fallback | user_canceled | no_renegotiation |
    unsupported_extension | certificate_unobtainable |
    unrecognized_name | bad_certificate_status_response |
    bad certificate hash value | unknown psk identity |
```

```
no application protocol
reason() = any()
TLS/DTLS OPTION DESCRIPTIONS - COMMON for SERVER and CLIENT
common option() =
    {protocol, protocol()} |
    {handshake, handshake completion()} |
    {cert, cert()} |
    {certfile, cert_pem()} |
    {key, key()} |
    {keyfile, key_pem()} |
    {password, key_password()} |
    {ciphers, cipher_suites()} |
    {eccs, [named_curve()]} |
    {signature algs cert, signature_schemes()} |
    {secure renegotiate, secure renegotiation()}
    {depth, allowed cert chain length()} |
    {verify_fun, custom_verify()} |
    {crl check, crl_check()} |
    {crl cache, crl_cache_opts()} |
    {max handshake size, handshake size()} |
    {partial chain, root_fun()} |
    {versions, protocol_versions()} |
    {user lookup fun, custom_user_lookup()} |
    {log_level, logging_level()} |
    {log alert, log_alert()} |
    {hibernate after, hibernate_after()} |
    {padding check, padding check()} |
    {beast mitigation, beast mitigation()} |
    {SSl imp, ssl_imp()}
protocol() = tls | dtls
Choose TLS or DTLS protocol for the transport layer security. Defaults to tls. For DTLS other transports than UDP
are not yet supported.
handshake completion() = hello | full
Defaults to full. If hello is specified the handshake will pause after the hello message and give the user a
possibility make decisions based on hello extensions before continuing or aborting the handshake by calling
handshake_continue/3 or handshake_cancel/1
cert() = public key:der encoded()
The DER-encoded users certificate. If this option is supplied, it overrides option certfile.
cert pem() = file:filename()
Path to a file containing the user certificate on PEM format.
key() =
    {'RSAPrivateKey' | 'DSAPrivateKey' | 'ECPrivateKey' |
      'PrivateKeyInfo',
     public_key:der_encoded()} |
    #{algorithm := rsa | dss | ecdsa,
      engine := crypto:engine_ref(),
       key id := crypto:key_id(),
```

```
password => crypto:password()}
```

The DER-encoded user's private key or a map referring to a crypto engine and its key reference that optionally can be password protected, see also *crypto:engine\_load/4* and *Crypto's Users Guide*. If this option is supplied, it overrides option keyfile.

```
key pem() = file:filename()
```

Path to the file containing the user's private PEM-encoded key. As PEM-files can contain several entries, this option defaults to the same file as given by option certfile.

```
key password() = string()
```

String containing the user's password. Only used if the private keyfile is password-protected.

```
cipher suites() = ciphers()
```

Supported cipher suites. The function cipher\_suites/2 can be used to find all ciphers that are supported by default. cipher\_suites(all, 'tlsv1.2') can be called to find all available cipher suites. Pre-Shared Key (RFC 4279 and RFC 5487), Secure Remote Password (RFC 5054), RC4, 3DES, DES cipher suites, and anonymous cipher suites only work if explicitly enabled by this option; they are supported/enabled by the peer also. Anonymous cipher suites are supported for testing purposes only and are not be used when security matters.

```
signature schemes() = [sign_scheme()]
```

In addition to the signature\_algorithms extension from TLS 1.2, TLS 1.3 (RFC 5246 Section 4.2.3) adds the signature\_algorithms\_cert extension which enables having special requirements on the signatures used in the certificates that differs from the requirements on digital signatures as a whole. If this is not required this extension is not needed.

The client will send a signature\_algorithms\_cert extension (ClientHello), if TLS version 1.3 or later is used, and the signature\_algs\_cert option is explicitly specified. By default, only the signature\_algs extension is sent.

The signature schemes shall be ordered according to the client's preference (favorite choice first).

```
secure renegotiation() = boolean()
```

Specifies if to reject renegotiation attempt that does not live up to **RFC 5746**. By default secure\_renegotiate is set to true, that is, secure renegotiation is enforced. If set to false secure renegotiation will still be used if possible, but it falls back to insecure renegotiation if the peer does not support **RFC 5746**.

```
allowed cert chain length() = integer()
```

Maximum number of non-self-issued intermediate certificates that can follow the peer certificate in a valid certification path. So, if depth is 0 the PEER must be signed by the trusted ROOT-CA directly; if 1 the path can be PEER, CA, ROOT-CA; if 2 the path can be PEER, CA, ROOT-CA, and so on. The default value is 1.

```
custom_verify() =
    {Verifyfun :: function(), InitialUserState :: any()}
```

The verification fun is to be defined as follows:

The verification fun is called during the X509-path validation when an error or an extension unknown to the SSL application is encountered. It is also called when a certificate is considered valid by the path validation to allow access to each certificate in the path to the user application. It differentiates between the peer certificate and the CA certificates by using valid\_peer or valid as second argument to the verification fun. See the *public\_key User's Guide* for definition of #'OTPCertificate'{} and #'Extension'{}.

- If the verify callback fun returns {fail, Reason}, the verification process is immediately stopped, an alert is sent to the peer, and the TLS/DTLS handshake terminates.
- If the verify callback fun returns {valid, UserState}, the verification process continues.
- If the verify callback fun always returns {valid, UserState}, the TLS/DTLS handshake does not terminate regarding verification failures and the connection is established.
- If called with an extension unknown to the user application, return value {unknown, UserState} is to be used.

Note that if the fun returns unknown for an extension marked as critical, validation will fail.

Default option verify\_fun in verify\_peer mode:

```
{fun(_,{bad_cert, _} = Reason, _) ->
    {fail, Reason};
    (_,{extension, _}, UserState) ->
    {unknown, UserState};
    (_, valid, UserState) ->
    {valid, UserState};
    (_, valid_peer, UserState) ->
        {valid_peer, UserState}
end, []}
```

 $Default\ option\ verify\_fun\ in\ mode\ verify\_none:$ 

The possible path validation errors are given on form {bad\_cert, Reason} where Reason is:

```
unknown_ca
```

No trusted CA was found in the trusted store. The trusted CA is normally a so called ROOT CA, which is a self-signed certificate. Trust can be claimed for an intermediate CA (trusted anchor does not have to be self-signed according to X-509) by using option partial\_chain.

```
selfsigned_peer
```

The chain consisted only of one self-signed certificate.

```
PKIX X-509-path validation error
```

For possible reasons, see *public\_key:pkix\_path\_validation/3* 

```
crl check() = boolean() | peer | best effort
```

Perform CRL (Certificate Revocation List) verification (*public\_key:pkix\_crls\_validate/3*) on all the certificates during the path validation (*public\_key:pkix\_path\_validation/3*) of the certificate chain. Defaults to false.

```
peer
```

check is only performed on the peer certificate.

```
best effort
```

if certificate revocation status cannot be determined it will be accepted as valid.

The CA certificates specified for the connection will be used to construct the certificate chain validating the CRLs.

The CRLs will be fetched from a local or external cache. See *ssl\_crl\_cache\_api(3)*.

```
crl_cache_opts() = [any()]
```

Specify how to perform lookup and caching of certificate revocation lists. Module defaults to *ssl\_crl\_cache* with DbHandle being internal and an empty argument list.

There are two implementations available:

```
ssl_crl_cache
```

This module maintains a cache of CRLs. CRLs can be added to the cache using the function  $ssl\_crl\_cache:insert/1$ , and optionally automatically fetched through HTTP if the following argument is specified:

```
{http, timeout()}
```

Enables fetching of CRLs specified as http URIs in X509 certificate extensions. Requires the OTP inets application.

```
ssl_crl_hash_dir
```

This module makes use of a directory where CRLs are stored in files named by the hash of the issuer name.

The file names consist of eight hexadecimal digits followed by .rN, where N is an integer, e.g. 1a2b3c4d.r0. For the first version of the CRL, N starts at zero, and for each new version, N is incremented by one. The OpenSSL utility c rehash creates symlinks according to this pattern.

For a given hash value, this module finds all consecutive .r\* files starting from zero, and those files taken together make up the revocation list. CRL files whose nextUpdate fields are in the past, or that are issued by a different CA that happens to have the same name hash, are excluded.

The following argument is required:

```
{dir, string()}
```

Specifies the directory in which the CRLs can be found.

```
root fun() = function()
```

```
fun(Chain::[public_key:der_encoded()]) ->
  {trusted_ca, DerCert::public_key:der_encoded()} | unknown_ca}
```

Claim an intermediate CA in the chain as trusted. TLS then performs *public\_key:pkix\_path\_validation/3* with the selected CA as trusted anchor and the rest of the chain.

```
protocol versions() = [protocol_version()]
```

TLS protocol versions supported by started clients and servers. This option overrides the application environment option protocol\_version and dtls\_protocol\_version. If the environment option is not set, it defaults to all versions, except SSL-3.0, supported by the SSL application. See also *ssl*(6).

```
custom_user_lookup() =
    {Lookupfun :: function(), UserState :: any()}
```

The lookup fun is to defined as follows:

For Pre-Shared Key (PSK) cipher suites, the lookup fun is called by the client and server to determine the shared secret. When called by the client, PSKIdentity is set to the hint presented by the server or to undefined. When called by the server, PSKIdentity is the identity presented by the client.

For Secure Remote Password (SRP), the fun is only used by the server to obtain parameters that it uses to generate its session keys. DerivedKey is to be derived according to RFC 2945 and RFC 5054: crypto:sha([Salt, crypto:sha([Username, <<\$:>>, Password])])

```
session id() = binary()
```

Identifies a TLS session.

```
log alert() = boolean()
```

If set to false, error reports are not displayed. Deprecated in OTP 22, use {log\_level, logging\_level()} instead.

```
logging level() = logger:level()
```

Specifies the log level for TLS/DTLS. At verbosity level notice and above error reports are displayed in TLS/DTLS. The level debug triggers verbose logging of TLS/DTLS protocol messages.

```
hibernate after() = timeout()
```

When an integer-value is specified, TLS/DTLS-connection goes into hibernation after the specified number of milliseconds of inactivity, thus reducing its memory footprint. When undefined is specified (this is the default), the process never goes into hibernation.

```
handshake_size() = integer()
```

Integer (24 bits unsigned). Used to limit the size of valid TLS handshake packets to avoid DoS attacks. Defaults to 256\*1024.

```
padding check() = boolean()
```

Affects TLS-1.0 connections only. If set to false, it disables the block cipher padding check to be able to interoperate with legacy software.

### Warning:

Using {padding\_check, boolean()} makes TLS vulnerable to the Poodle attack.

```
beast_mitigation() = one_n_minus_one | zero_n | disabled
```

Affects SSL-3.0 and TLS-1.0 connections only. Used to change the BEAST mitigation strategy to interoperate with legacy software. Defaults to one\_n\_minus\_one.

```
one n minus one - Perform 1/n-1 BEAST mitigation.
```

zero\_n - Perform 0/n BEAST mitigation.

disabled - Disable BEAST mitigation.

### Warning:

```
Using {beast_mitigation, disabled} makes SSL-3.0 or TLS-1.0 vulnerable to the BEAST attack.
```

```
sslimp() = new | old
```

Deprecated since OTP-17, has no affect.

#### TLS/DTLS OPTION DESCRIPTIONS - CLIENT

```
client_option() =
    {verify, client_verify_type()} |
    {reuse_session, client_reuse_session()} |
    {reuse_sessions, client_reuse_sessions()} |
    {cacerts, client_cacerts()} |
```

```
{cacertfile, client_cafile()} |
    {alpn_advertised_protocols, client_alpn()} |
    {client_preferred_next_protocols,
      client_preferred_next_protocols()} |
    {psk_identity, client_psk_identity()} |
    {srp_identity, client_srp_identity()} |
    {server_name_indication, sni()} |
    {customize_hostname_check, customize_hostname_check()} |
    {signature_algs, client_signature_algs()} |
    {fallback, fallback()}

client verify type() = verify_type()
```

In mode verify\_none the default behavior is to allow all x509-path validation errors. See also option verify\_fun.

```
client reuse session() = session_id()
```

Reuses a specific session earlier saved with the option {reuse sessions, save} since OTP-21.3

```
client reuse sessions() = boolean() | save
```

When save is specified a new connection will be negotiated and saved for later reuse. The session ID can be fetched with *connection\_information/2* and used with the client option *reuse\_session* The boolean value true specifies that if possible, automatized session reuse will be performed. If a new session is created, and is unique in regard to previous stored sessions, it will be saved for possible later reuse. Since OTP-21.3

```
client cacerts() = [public key:der encoded()]
```

The DER-encoded trusted certificates. If this option is supplied it overrides option cacertfile.

```
client cafile() = file:filename()
```

Path to a file containing PEM-encoded CA certificates. The CA certificates are used during server authentication and when building the client certificate chain.

```
client_alpn() = [app_level_protocol()]
```

The list of protocols supported by the client to be sent to the server to be used for an Application-Layer Protocol Negotiation (ALPN). If the server supports ALPN then it will choose a protocol from this list; otherwise it will fail the connection with a "no application protocol" alert. A server that does not support ALPN will ignore this value.

The list of protocols must not contain an empty binary.

The negotiated protocol can be retrieved using the negotiated\_protocol/1 function.

```
client_preferred_next_protocols() =
    {Precedence :: server | client,
        ClientPrefs :: [app_level_protocol()]} |
    {Precedence :: server | client,
        ClientPrefs :: [app_level_protocol()],
        Default :: app_level_protocol()}
```

Indicates that the client is to try to perform Next Protocol Negotiation.

If precedence is server, the negotiated protocol is the first protocol to be shown on the server advertised list, which is also on the client preference list.

If precedence is client, the negotiated protocol is the first protocol to be shown on the client preference list, which is also on the server advertised list.

If the client does not support any of the server advertised protocols or the server does not advertise any protocols, the client falls back to the first protocol in its list or to the default protocol (if a default is supplied). If the server does not support Next Protocol Negotiation, the connection terminates if no default protocol is supplied.

```
client_psk_identity() = psk_identity()
```

Specifies the identity the client presents to the server. The matching secret is found by calling user\_lookup\_fun

```
client_srp_identity() = srp_identity()
```

Specifies the username and password to use to authenticate to the server.

```
sni() = hostname() | disable
```

Specify the hostname to be used in TLS Server Name Indication extension. If not specified it will default to the Host argument of *connect/[3,4]* unless it is of type inet:ipaddress().

The HostName will also be used in the hostname verification of the peer certificate using *public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/2*.

The special value disable prevents the Server Name Indication extension from being sent and disables the hostname verification check *public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/2* 

```
customize_hostname_check() = list()
```

Customizes the hostname verification of the peer certificate, as different protocols that use TLS such as HTTP or LDAP may want to do it differently, for possible options see *public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/3* 

```
fallback() = boolean()
```

Send special cipher suite TLS\_FALLBACK\_SCSV to avoid undesired TLS version downgrade. Defaults to false

## Warning:

Note this option is not needed in normal TLS usage and should not be used to implement new clients. But legacy clients that retries connections in the following manner

```
ssl:connect(Host, Port, [...{versions, ['tlsv2', 'tlsv1.1', 'tlsv1',
'sslv3']}])
ssl:connect(Host, Port, [...{versions, [tlsv1.1', 'tlsv1', 'sslv3']},
{fallback, true}])
ssl:connect(Host, Port, [...{versions, ['tlsv1', 'sslv3']}, {fallback,
true}])
ssl:connect(Host, Port, [...{versions, ['sslv3']}, {fallback, true}])
```

may use it to avoid undesired TLS version downgrade. Note that TLS\_FALLBACK\_SCSV must also be supported by the server for the prevention to work.

```
client signature algs() = signature_algs()
```

In addition to the algorithms negotiated by the cipher suite used for key exchange, payload encryption, message authentication and pseudo random calculation, the TLS signature algorithm extension **Section 7.4.1.4.1 in RFC 5246** may be used, from TLS 1.2, to negotiate which signature algorithm to use during the TLS handshake. If no lower TLS versions than 1.2 are supported, the client will send a TLS signature algorithm extension with the algorithms specified by this option. Defaults to

```
[
% SHA2
{sha512, ecdsa},
{sha512, rsa},
{sha384, ecdsa},
{sha384, rsa},
{sha256, ecdsa},
{sha226, rsa},
{sha224, ecdsa},
{sha224, rsa},
% SHA
{sha, ecdsa},
{sha, rsa},
{sha, rsa},
{sha, dsa},
]
```

The algorithms should be in the preferred order. Selected signature algorithm can restrict which hash functions that may be selected. Default support for {md5, rsa} removed in ssl-8.0

### TLS/DTLS OPTION DESCRIPTIONS - SERVER

```
server option() =
    {cacerts, server_cacerts()} |
    {cacertfile, server_cafile()} |
    {dh, dh_der()} |
    {dhfile, dh_file()} |
    {verify, server_verify_type()} |
    {fail_if_no_peer_cert, fail_if_no_peer_cert()} |
    {reuse_sessions, server_reuse_sessions()} |
    {reuse_session, server_reuse_session()} |
    {alpn preferred protocols, server_alpn()} |
    {next protocols advertised, server_next_protocol()} |
    {psk identity, server psk identity()} |
    {honor_cipher_order, boolean()} |
    {sni hosts, sni_hosts()} |
    {sni fun, sni_fun()} |
    {honor_cipher_order, honor_cipher_order()} |
    {honor_ecc_order, honor_ecc_order()} |
    {client renegotiation, client_renegotiation()} |
    {signature algs, server_signature_algs()}
server cacerts() = [public_key:der_encoded()]
```

The DER-encoded trusted certificates. If this option is supplied it overrides option cacertfile.

```
server cafile() = file:filename()
```

Path to a file containing PEM-encoded CA certificates. The CA certificates are used to build the server certificate chain and for client authentication. The CAs are also used in the list of acceptable client CAs passed to the client when a certificate is requested. Can be omitted if there is no need to verify the client and if there are no intermediate CAs for the server certificate.

```
dh der() = binary()
```

The DER-encoded Diffie-Hellman parameters. If specified, it overrides option dhfile.

```
dh_file() = file:filename()
```

Path to a file containing PEM-encoded Diffie Hellman parameters to be used by the server if a cipher suite using Diffie Hellman key exchange is negotiated. If not specified, default parameters are used.

```
server_verify_type() = verify_type()
```

A server only does x509-path validation in mode verify\_peer, as it then sends a certificate request to the client (this message is not sent if the verify option is verify\_none). You can then also want to specify option fail if no peer cert.

```
fail if no peer cert() = boolean()
```

Used together with {verify, verify\_peer} by an TLS/DTLS server. If set to true, the server fails if the client does not have a certificate to send, that is, sends an empty certificate. If set to false, it fails only if the client sends an invalid certificate (an empty certificate is considered valid). Defaults to false.

```
server_reuse_sessions() = boolean()
```

The boolean value true specifies that the server will agree to reuse sessions. Setting it to false will result in an empty session table, that is no sessions will be reused. See also option *reuse\_session* 

```
server_reuse_session() = function()
```

Enables the TLS/DTLS server to have a local policy for deciding if a session is to be reused or not. Meaningful only if reuse\_sessions is set to true. SuggestedSessionId is a binary(), PeerCert is a DER-encoded certificate, Compression is an enumeration integer, and CipherSuite is of type ciphersuite().

```
server alpn() = [app_level_protocol()]
```

Indicates the server will try to perform Application-Layer Protocol Negotiation (ALPN).

The list of protocols is in order of preference. The protocol negotiated will be the first in the list that matches one of the protocols advertised by the client. If no protocol matches, the server will fail the connection with a "no\_application\_protocol" alert.

The negotiated protocol can be retrieved using the negotiated protocol/1 function.

```
server next protocol() = [app_level_protocol()]
```

List of protocols to send to the client if the client indicates that it supports the Next Protocol extension. The client can select a protocol that is not on this list. The list of protocols must not contain an empty binary. If the server negotiates a Next Protocol, it can be accessed using the negotiated\_next\_protocol/1 method.

```
server psk identity() = psk_identity()
```

Specifies the server identity hint, which the server presents to the client.

```
honor cipher order() = boolean()
```

If set to true, use the server preference for cipher selection. If set to false (the default), use the client preference.

```
sni_hosts() =
   [{hostname(), [server_option() | common_option()]}]
```

If the server receives a SNI (Server Name Indication) from the client matching a host listed in the sni\_hosts option, the specific options for that host will override previously specified options. The option sni\_fun, and sni\_hosts are mutually exclusive.

```
sni_fun() = function()
```

If the server receives a SNI (Server Name Indication) from the client, the given function will be called to retrieve [server\_option()] for the indicated server. These options will be merged into predefined [server\_option()] list. The function should be defined as: fun(ServerName::string()) -> [server\_option()] and can be specified as a fun or as named fun module:function/1 The option sni\_fun, and sni\_hosts are mutually exclusive.

```
client_renegotiation() = boolean()
```

In protocols that support client-initiated renegotiation, the cost of resources of such an operation is higher for the server than the client. This can act as a vector for denial of service attacks. The SSL application already takes measures to

counter-act such attempts, but client-initiated renegotiation can be strictly disabled by setting this option to false. The default value is true. Note that disabling renegotiation can result in long-lived connections becoming unusable due to limits on the number of messages the underlying cipher suite can encipher.

```
honor cipher order() = boolean()
```

If true, use the server's preference for cipher selection. If false (the default), use the client's preference.

```
honor ecc order() = boolean()
```

If true, use the server's preference for ECC curve selection. If false (the default), use the client's preference.

```
server signature_algs() = signature_algs()
```

The algorithms specified by this option will be the ones accepted by the server in a signature algorithm negotiation, introduced in TLS-1.2. The algorithms will also be offered to the client if a client certificate is requested. For more details see the *corresponding client option*.

# **Exports**

```
append_cipher_suites(Deferred, Suites) -> ciphers()
Types:
    Deferred = ciphers() | cipher_filters()
    Suites = ciphers()
```

Make Deferred suites become the least preferred suites, that is put them at the end of the cipher suite list Suites after removing them from Suites if present. Deferred may be a list of cipher suits or a list of filters in which case the filters are use on Suites to extract the Deferred cipher list.

Same as cipher\_suites/2 but lists RFC or OpenSSL string names instead of erl\_cipher\_suite()

```
eccs() -> NamedCurves
eccs(Version) -> NamedCurves
Types:
    Version = protocol_version()
    NamedCurves = [named_curve()]
```

Returns a list of supported ECCs. eccs() is equivalent to calling eccs(Protocol) with all supported protocols and then deduplicating the output.

```
clear pem cache() -> ok
```

PEM files, used by ssl API-functions, are cached. The cache is regularly checked to see if any cache entries should be invalidated, however this function provides a way to unconditionally clear the whole cache.

Upgrades a gen\_tcp, or equivalent, connected socket to an TLS socket, that is, performs the client-side TLS handshake.

#### Note:

If the option verify is set to verify\_peer the option server\_name\_indication shall also be specified, if it is not no Server Name Indication extension will be sent, and *public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/2* will be called with the IP-address of the connection as ReferenceID, which is proably not what you want.

If the option {handshake, hello} is used the handshake is paused after receiving the server hello message and the success response is {ok, SslSocket, Ext} instead of {ok, SslSocket}. Thereafter the handshake is continued or canceled by calling handshake\_continue/3 or handshake\_cancel/1.

If the option active is set to once, true or an integer value, the process owning the sslsocket will receive messages of type  $active\_msgs()$ 

```
{option_not_a_key_value_tuple, any()}
Types:
    Host = host()
    Port = inet:port_number()
    TLSOptions = [tls_client_option()]
    Timeout = timeout()
```

Opens an TLS/DTLS connection to Host, Port.

When the option verify is set to verify\_peer the check <code>public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/2</code> will be performed in addition to the usual x509-path validation checks. If the check fails the error {bad\_cert, hostname\_check\_failed} will be propagated to the path validation fun <code>verify\_fun</code>, where it is possible to do customized checks by using the full possibilities of the <code>public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/3</code> API. When the option <code>server\_name\_indication</code> is provided, its value (the DNS name) will be used as <code>ReferenceID</code> to <code>public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/2</code>. When no <code>server\_name\_indication</code> option is given, the <code>Host</code> argument will be used as <code>Server</code> Name Indication extension. The <code>Host</code> argument will also be used for the <code>public\_key:pkix\_verify\_hostname/2</code> check and if the <code>Host</code> argument is an <code>inet:ip\_address()</code> the <code>ReferenceID</code> used for the check will be {ip, <code>Host}</code> otherwise <code>dns\_id</code> will be assumed with a fallback to <code>ip</code> if that fails.

#### Note:

According to good practices certificates should not use IP-addresses as "server names". It would be very surprising if this happen outside a closed network.

If the option {handshake, hello} is used the handshake is paused after receiving the server hello message and the success response is {ok, SslSocket, Ext} instead of {ok, SslSocket}. Thereafter the handshake is continued or canceled by calling handshake\_continue/3 or handshake\_cancel/1.

If the option active is set to once, true or an integer value, the process owning the sslsocket will receive messages of type  $active\_msgs()$ 

```
close(SslSocket) -> ok | {error, Reason}
Types:
    SslSocket = sslsocket()
    Reason = any()
Closes an TLS/DTLS connection.

close(SslSocket, How) -> ok | {ok, port()} | {error, Reason}
Types:
    SslSocket = sslsocket()
    How = timeout() | {NewController :: pid(), timeout()}
    Reason = any()
```

Closes or downgrades an TLS connection. In the latter case the transport connection will be handed over to the NewController process after receiving the TLS close alert from the peer. The returned transport socket will have the following options set:  $[\{active, false\}, \{packet, 0\}, \{mode, binary\}]$ 

```
controlling_process(SslSocket, NewOwner) -> ok | {error, Reason}
Types:
```

```
SslSocket = sslsocket()
NewOwner = pid()
Reason = any()
```

Assigns a new controlling process to the SSL socket. A controlling process is the owner of an SSL socket, and receives all messages from the socket.

Returns the most relevant information about the connection, ssl options that are undefined will be filtered out. Note that values that affect the security of the connection will only be returned if explicitly requested by connection\_information/2.

#### Note:

The legacy Item = cipher\_suite is still supported and returns the cipher suite on its (undocumented) legacy format. It should be replaced by selected\_cipher\_suite.

Returns the requested information items about the connection, if they are defined.

Note that client\_random, server\_random and master\_secret are values that affect the security of connection. Meaningful atoms, not specified above, are the ssl option names.

#### Note:

If only undefined options are requested the resulting list can be empty.

```
filter_cipher_suites(Suites, Filters) -> Ciphers
Types:
```

```
Suites = ciphers()
Filters = cipher_filters()
Ciphers = ciphers()
```

Removes cipher suites if any of the filter functions returns false for any part of the cipher suite. This function also calls default filter functions to make sure the cipher suites are supported by crypto. If no filter function is supplied for some part the default behaviour is fun(Algorithm) -> true.

```
format error(Reason :: {error, Reason}) -> string()
Types:
   Reason = any()
Presents the error returned by an SSL function as a printable string.
getopts(SslSocket, OptionNames) ->
            {Ok, [gen_tcp:option()]} | {error, reason()}
Types:
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   OptionNames = [gen_tcp:option_name()]
Gets the values of the specified socket options.
getstat(SslSocket) -> {ok, OptionValues} | {error, inet:posix()}
getstat(SslSocket, Options) ->
            {ok, OptionValues} | {error, inet:posix()}
Types:
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Options = [inet:stat_option()]
   OptionValues = [{inet:stat_option(), integer()}]
Gets one or more statistic options for the underlying TCP socket.
See inet:getstat/2 for statistic options description.
handshake(HsSocket) ->
              {ok, SslSocket} |
               {ok, SslSocket, Ext} |
              {error, Reason}
handshake(HsSocket, Timeout) ->
              {ok, SslSocket} |
               {ok, SslSocket, Ext} |
              {error, Reason}
Types:
   HsSocket = sslsocket()
   Timeout = timeout()
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Ext = protocol_extensions()
   Reason = closed | timeout | error_alert()
Performs the SSL/TLS/DTLS server-side handshake.
```

Returns a new TLS/DTLS socket if the handshake is successful.

If the option active is set to once, true or an integer value, the process owning the sslsocket will receive messages of type  $active\_msgs()$ 

If Socket is a ordinary socket (): upgrades a gen\_tcp, or equivalent, socket to an SSL socket, that is, performs the SSL/TLS server-side handshake and returns a TLS socket.

## Warning:

The Socket shall be in passive mode ({active, false}) before calling this function or else the behavior of this function is undefined.

If Socket is an *sslsocket()*: provides extra SSL/TLS/DTLS options to those specified in *listen/2* and then performs the SSL/TLS/DTLS handshake. Returns a new TLS/DTLS socket if the handshake is successful.

If option {handshake, hello} is specified the handshake is paused after receiving the client hello message and the success response is {ok, SslSocket, Ext} instead of {ok, SslSocket}. Thereafter the handshake is continued or canceled by calling handshake\_continue/3 or handshake\_cancel/1.

If the option active is set to once, true or an integer value, the process owning the sslsocket will receive messages of type  $active\_msgs()$ 

```
HsSocket = sslsocket()
   Options = [tls_client_option() | tls_server_option()]
   Timeout = timeout()
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Reason = closed | timeout | error_alert()
Continue the SSL/TLS handshake possiby with new, additional or changed options.
listen(Port, Options) -> {ok, ListenSocket} | {error, reason()}
Types:
   Port = inet:port_number()
   Options = [tls_server_option()]
   ListenSocket = sslsocket()
Creates an SSL listen socket.
negotiated protocol(SslSocket) -> {ok, Protocol} | {error, Reason}
Types:
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Protocol = binary()
   Reason = protocol not negotiated
Returns the protocol negotiated through ALPN or NPN extensions.
peercert(SslSocket) -> {ok, Cert} | {error, reason()}
Types:
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Cert = binary()
The peer certificate is returned as a DER-encoded binary. The certificate can be decoded with
public_key:pkix_decode_cert/2
peername(SslSocket) -> {ok, {Address, Port}} | {error, reason()}
Types:
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Address = inet:ip_address()
   Port = inet:port_number()
Returns the address and port number of the peer.
prepend_cipher_suites(Preferred, Suites) -> ciphers()
Types:
   Preferred = ciphers() | cipher_filters()
   Suites = ciphers()
```

Make Preferred suites become the most preferred suites that is put them at the head of the cipher suite list Suites after removing them from Suites if present. Preferred may be a list of cipher suits or a list of filters in which case the filters are use on Suites to extract the preferred cipher list.

Uses the Pseudo-Random Function (PRF) of a TLS session to generate extra key material. It either takes user-generated values for Secret and Seed or atoms directing it to use a specific value from the session security parameters.

Can only be used with TLS/DTLS connections; {error, undefined} is returned for SSLv3 connections.

```
recv(SslSocket, Length) -> {ok, Data} | {error, reason()}
recv(SslSocket, Length, Timeout) -> {ok, Data} | {error, reason()}
Types:
    SslSocket = sslsocket()
    Length = integer()
    Data = binary() | list() | HttpPacket
    Timeout = timeout()
    HttpPacket = any()
    See the description of HttpPacket in erlang: decode_packet/3 in ERTS.
```

Receives a packet from a socket in passive mode. A closed socket is indicated by return value {error, closed}.

Argument Length is meaningful only when the socket is in mode raw and denotes the number of bytes to read. If Length = 0, all available bytes are returned. If Length > 0, exactly Length bytes are returned, or an error; possibly discarding less than Length bytes of data when the socket gets closed from the other side.

Optional argument Timeout specifies a time-out in milliseconds. The default value is infinity.

```
renegotiate(SslSocket) -> ok | {error, reason()}
Types:
    SslSocket = sslsocket()
```

Initiates a new handshake. A notable return value is {error, renegotiation\_rejected} indicating that the peer refused to go through with the renegotiation, but the connection is still active using the previously negotiated session.

```
send(SslSocket, Data) -> ok | {error, reason()}
Types:
    SslSocket = sslsocket()
    Data = iodata()
Writes Data to SslSocket.
A notable return value is {error, closed} indicating that the socket is closed.
setopts(SslSocket, Options) -> ok | {error, reason()}
Types:
```

```
SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Options = [gen_tcp:option()]
Sets options according to Options for socket SslSocket.
shutdown(SslSocket, How) -> ok | {error, reason()}
Types:
   SslSocket = sslsocket()
   How = read | write | read write
Immediately closes a socket in one or two directions.
How == write means closing the socket for writing, reading from it is still possible.
To be able to handle that the peer has done a shutdown on the write side, option {exit_on_close, false}
is useful.
ssl_accept(SslSocket) -> ok | {error, Reason}
ssl accept(Socket, TimeoutOrOptions) ->
                ok | {ok, sslsocket()} | {error, Reason}
Types:
   Socket = sslsocket() | socket()
   TimeoutOrOptions = timeout() | [tls_server_option()]
   Reason = timeout | closed | {options, any()} | error_alert()
Deprecated in OTP 21, use handshake/[1,2] instead.
```

### Note:

handshake/[1,2] always returns a new socket.

Deprecated in OTP 21, use handshake/[2,3] instead.

#### Note:

handshake/[2,3] always returns a new socket.

```
sockname(SslSocket) -> {ok, {Address, Port}} | {error, reason()}
Types:
```

```
SslSocket = sslsocket()
   Address = inet:ip_address()
   Port = inet:port_number()
Returns the local address and port number of socket SslSocket.
start() -> ok | {error, reason()}
start(Type) -> ok | {error, Reason}
Starts the SSL application. Default type is temporary.
stop() -> ok
Stops the SSL application.
str to suite(CipherSuiteName) -> erl_cipher_suite()
Types:
   CipherSuiteName =
        string() |
        {error, {not recognized, CipherSuiteName :: string()}}
Converts an RFC or OpenSSL name string to an erl_cipher_suite() Returns an error if the cipher suite is not supported
or the name is not a valid cipher suite name.
suite to openssl str(CipherSuite) -> string()
Types:
   CipherSuite = erl_cipher_suite()
Converts erl_cipher_suite() to OpenSSL name string.
PRE TLS-1.3 these names differ for RFC names
suite_to_str(CipherSuite) -> string()
Types:
   CipherSuite = erl_cipher_suite()
Converts erl_cipher_suite() to RFC name string.
transport accept(ListenSocket) ->
                       {ok, SslSocket} | {error, reason()}
transport_accept(ListenSocket, Timeout) ->
                       {ok, SslSocket} | {error, reason()}
Types:
   ListenSocket = sslsocket()
   Timeout = timeout()
```

Accepts an incoming connection request on a listen socket. ListenSocket must be a socket returned from *listen/2*. The socket returned is to be passed to *handshake/[2,3]* to complete handshaking, that is, establishing the SSL/TLS/DTLS connection.

SslSocket = sslsocket()

## Warning:

Most API functions require that the TLS/DTLS connection is established to work as expected.

The accepted socket inherits the options set for ListenSocket in *listen/2*.

The default value for Timeout is infinity. If Timeout is specified and no connection is accepted within the given time, {error, timeout} is returned.

```
versions() -> [VersionInfo]
Types:
    VersionInfo =
        {ssl_app, string()} |
        {supported | available, [tls_version()]} |
        {supported dtls | available dtls, [dtls_version()]}
```

Returns version information relevant for the SSL application.

```
app_vsn
```

The application version of the SSL application.

supported

SSL/TLS versions supported by default. Overridden by a version option on *connect/[2,3,4]*, *listen/2*, and *ssl\_accept/[1,2,3]*. For the negotiated SSL/TLS version, see *connection\_information/1*.

supported\_dtls

DTLS versions supported by default. Overridden by a version option on *connect/[2,3,4]*, *listen/2*, and *ssl\_accept/[1,2,3]*. For the negotiated DTLS version, see *connection\_information/1*.

available

All SSL/TLS versions supported by the SSL application. TLS 1.2 requires sufficient support from the Crypto application.

```
available_dtls
```

All DTLS versions supported by the SSL application. DTLS 1.2 requires sufficient support from the Crypto application.

## **SEE ALSO**

inet(3) and gen\_tcp(3) gen\_udp(3)

# ssl\_crl\_cache

Erlang module

Implements an internal CRL (Certificate Revocation List) cache. In addition to implementing the *ssl\_crl\_cache\_api* behaviour the following functions are available.

# **Data Types**

```
DATA TYPES
crl_src() =
    {file, file:filename()} | {der, public_key:der_encoded()}
uri() = uri_string:uri_string()
Exports
delete(Entries) -> ok | {error, Reason}
Types:
   Entries = crl_src()]}
   Reason = crl_reason()
Delete CRLs from the ssl applications local cache.
insert(CRLSrc) -> ok | {error, Reason}
insert(URI, CRLSrc) -> ok | {error, Reason}
Types:
   CRLSrc = crl_src()]}
   URI = uri()
   Reason = term()
```

Insert CRLs, available to fetch on DER format from URI, into the ssl applications local cache.

# ssl crl cache api

Erlang module

When SSL/TLS performs certificate path validation according to **RFC 5280** it should also perform CRL validation checks. To enable the CRL checks the application needs access to CRLs. A database of CRLs can be set up in many different ways. This module provides the behavior of the API needed to integrate an arbitrary CRL cache with the erlang ssl application. It is also used by the application itself to provide a simple default implementation of a CRL cache.

```
Data Types
crl cache ref() = any()
Reference to the CRL cache.
dist point() = #'DistributionPoint'{}
For description see X509 certificates records
Exports
fresh crl(DistributionPoint, CRL) -> FreshCRL
Types:
   DistributionPoint = dist point()
   CRL = [public_key:der_encoded()]
   FreshCRL = [public_key:der_encoded()]
fun fresh_crl/2 will be used as input option update_crl to public_key:pkix_crls_validate/3
lookup(DistributionPoint, Issuer, DbHandle) -> not available | CRLs
lookup(DistributionPoint, DbHandle) -> not available | CRLs
Types:
   DistributionPoint = dist_point()
   Issuer = public_key:issuer_name()
   DbHandle = crl_cache_ref()
```

Lookup the CRLs belonging to the distribution point Distributionpoint. This function may choose to only look in the cache or to follow distribution point links depending on how the cache is administrated.

The Issuer argument contains the issuer name of the certificate to be checked. Normally the returned CRL should be issued by this issuer, except if the cRLIssuer field of DistributionPoint has a value, in which case that value should be used instead.

In an earlier version of this API, the lookup function received two arguments, omitting Issuer. For compatibility, this is still supported: if there is no lookup/3 function in the callback module, lookup/2 is called instead.

```
select(Issuer, DbHandle) -> CRLs
Types:
    Issuer = public_key:issuer_name()
    DbHandle = cache_ref()
```

CRLs = [public\_key:der\_encoded()]

Select the CRLs in the cache that are issued by Issuer

# ssl\_session\_cache\_api

Erlang module

Defines the API for the TLS session cache so that the data storage scheme can be replaced by defining a new callback module implementing this API.

# **Data Types**

```
session_cache_ref() = any()
session_cache_key() = {partial_key(), ssl:session_id()}
A key to an entry in the session cache.
partial_key()
The opaque part of the key. Does not need to be handled by the callback.
session()
```

The session data that is stored for each session.

## **Exports**

```
delete(Cache, Key) -> _
Types:
    Cache = session_cache_ref()
    Key = session_cache_key()
```

Deletes a cache entry. Is only called from the cache handling process.

```
foldl(Fun, Acc0, Cache) -> Acc
Types:
    Fun = fun()
    Acc0 = Acc = term()
    Cache = session_cache_ref()
```

Calls Fun(Elem, AccIn) on successive elements of the cache, starting with AccIn == Acc0. Fun/2 must return a new accumulator, which is passed to the next call. The function returns the final value of the accumulator. Acc0 is returned if the cache is empty.

```
init(Args) -> Cache
Types:
    Cache = session_cache_ref()
Args = proplists:proplist()
```

Includes property {role, client | server}. Currently this is the only predefined property, there can also be user-defined properties. See also application environment variable <code>session\_cb\_init\_args</code>.

Performs possible initializations of the cache and returns a reference to it that is used as parameter to the other API functions. Is called by the cache handling processes init function, hence putting the same requirements on it as a normal process init function. This function is called twice when starting the SSL application, once with the role client and once with the role server, as the SSL application must be prepared to take on both roles.

```
lookup(Cache, Key) -> Entry
Types:
   Cache = session_cache_ref()
   Key = session_cache_key()
   Session = session() | undefined
Looks up a cache entry. Is to be callable from any process.
select session(Cache, PartialKey) -> [Session]
Types:
   Cache = session_cache_ref()
   PartialKey = partial_key()
   Session = session()
Selects sessions that can be reused. Is to be callable from any process.
size(Cache) -> integer()
Types:
   Cache = session_cache_ref()
Returns the number of sessions in the cache. If size exceeds the maximum number of sessions, the current cache entries
will be invalidated regardless of their remaining lifetime. Is to be callable from any process.
terminate(Cache) -> _
Types:
   Cache = session_cache_ref()
   As returned by init/0
Takes care of possible cleanup that is needed when the cache handling process terminates.
update(Cache, Key, Session) -> _
Types:
   Cache = session_cache_ref()
   Key = session_cache_key()
   Session = session()
Caches a new session or updates an already cached one. Is only called from the cache handling process.
```