GNU Libtasn1 API Reference Manual

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This document describes the GNU Libtasn1 library developed for ASN.1 (Abstract Syntax Notation One) structures management and DER (Distinguished Encoding Rules) encoding functions.

More up to date information can be found at https://www.gnu.org/software/libtasn1/.

1.1 libtasn1

libtasn1 —

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                                                         const void *ivalue,
                                                         int len);
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                                                         const char *name,
                                                         void *ivalue,
                                                         int *len);
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                                                         const char *name,
                                                         int *num);
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                                                         const char *name,
                                                         void *ider,
                                                         int *len,
                                                         char *ErrorDescription);
```

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_der_decoding                (ASN1_TYPE *element,
                                                      const void *ider,
                                                      int len,
                                                      char *errorDescription);
asn1_retCode        asn1_der_decoding_element        (ASN1_TYPE *structure,
                                                      const char *elementName,
                                                      const void *ider,
                                                      int len,
                                                      char *errorDescription);
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                                                      const void *ider,
                                                      int len,
                                                      const char *name_element,
                                                      int *start,
                                                      int *end);
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                                                      ASN1_TYPE *element);
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                                                      ASN1_TYPE *element,
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                                                      const char *objectName);
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                                                      const char *name,
                                                      int *tagValue,
                                                      int *classValue);
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                                                      const char *oidValue);
const char *        asn1_check_version               (const char *req_version);
const char *        asn1_strerror                    (asn1_retCode error);
void                asn1_perror                      (asn1_retCode error);
int                 asn1_get_tag_der                 (unsigned char *der,
                                                      int der_len,
                                                      unsigned char *cls,
                                                      int *len,
                                                      unsigned long *tag);
void                asn1_octet_der                   (unsigned char *str,
                                                      int str_len,
                                                      unsigned char *der,
                                                      int *der_len);
asn1_retCode        asn1_get_octet_der               (unsigned char *der,
                                                      int der_len,
                                                      int *ret_len,
                                                      unsigned char *str,
                                                      int str_size,
                                                      int *str_len);
void                asn1_bit_der                     (unsigned char *str,
                                                      int bit_len,
                                                      unsigned char *der,
                                                      int *der_len);
asn1_retCode        asn1_get_bit_der                 (unsigned char *der,
                                                      int der_len,
                                                      int *ret_len,
                                                      unsigned char *str,
                                                      int str_size,
                                                      int *bit_len);
signed long         asn1_get_length_der              (unsigned char *der,
                                                      int der_len,
```

```
                                                        int *len);
signed long         asn1_get_length_ber                (unsigned char *ber,
                                                        int ber_len,
                                                        int *len);
void                asn1_length_der                    (unsigned long int len,
                                                        unsigned char *ans,
                                                        int *ans_len);
ASN1_TYPE           asn1_find_node                     (ASN1_TYPE pointer,
                                                        const char *name);
asn1_retCode        asn1_copy_node                     (ASN1_TYPE dst,
                                                        const char *dst_name,
                                                        ASN1_TYPE src,
                                                        const char *src_name);
#define             LIBTASN1_VERSION
#define             MAX_NAME_SIZE
#define             MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE
const char *        libtasn1_strerror                  (asn1_retCode error);
void                libtasn1_perror                    (asn1_retCode error);
```

Description

Details

ASN1_API

```
#define             ASN1_API
```

ASN1_VERSION

```
#define ASN1_VERSION "2.11"
```

asn1_retCode

```
  typedef int asn1_retCode;~/* type returned by libtasn1 functions */
```

ASN1_SUCCESS

```
#define ASN1_SUCCESS      0
```

ASN1_FILE_NOT_FOUND

```
#define ASN1_FILE_NOT_FOUND   1
```

ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND

```
#define ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND    2
```

ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND

```
#define ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND~3
```

ASN1_DER_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_DER_ERROR      4
```

ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND

```
#define ASN1_VALUE_NOT_FOUND    5
```

ASN1_GENERIC_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_GENERIC_ERROR    6
```

ASN1_VALUE_NOT_VALID

```
#define ASN1_VALUE_NOT_VALID    7
```

ASN1_TAG_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_TAG_ERROR      8
```

ASN1_TAG_IMPLICIT

```
#define ASN1_TAG_IMPLICIT   9
```

ASN1_ERROR_TYPE_ANY

```
#define ASN1_ERROR_TYPE_ANY   10
```

ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR   11
```

ASN1_MEM_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_MEM_ERROR      12
```

ASN1_MEM_ALLOC_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_MEM_ALLOC_ERROR    13
```

ASN1_DER_OVERFLOW

```
#define ASN1_DER_OVERFLOW   14
```

ASN1_NAME_TOO_LONG

```
#define ASN1_NAME_TOO_LONG    15
```

ASN1_ARRAY_ERROR

```
#define ASN1_ARRAY_ERROR    16
```

ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_EMPTY

```
#define ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_EMPTY    17
```

ASN1_PRINT_NAME

```
#define ASN1_PRINT_NAME     1
```

ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE

```
#define ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE    2
```

ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE_VALUE

```
#define ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE_VALUE~3
```

ASN1_PRINT_ALL

```
#define ASN1_PRINT_ALL      4
```

ASN1_CLASS_UNIVERSAL

```
#define ASN1_CLASS_UNIVERSAL    0x00~/* old: 1 */
```

ASN1_CLASS_APPLICATION

```
#define ASN1_CLASS_APPLICATION    0x40~/* old: 2 */
```

ASN1_CLASS_CONTEXT_SPECIFIC

```
#define ASN1_CLASS_CONTEXT_SPECIFIC~0x80~/* old: 3 */
```

ASN1_CLASS_PRIVATE

```
#define ASN1_CLASS_PRIVATE    0xC0~/* old: 4 */
```

ASN1_CLASS_STRUCTURED

```
#define ASN1_CLASS_STRUCTURED   0x20
```

ASN1_TAG_BOOLEAN

```
#define ASN1_TAG_BOOLEAN    0x01
```

ASN1_TAG_INTEGER

```
#define ASN1_TAG_INTEGER    0x02
```

ASN1_TAG_SEQUENCE

```
#define ASN1_TAG_SEQUENCE   0x10
```

ASN1_TAG_SET

```
#define ASN1_TAG_SET      0x11
```

ASN1_TAG_OCTET_STRING

```
#define ASN1_TAG_OCTET_STRING   0x04
```

ASN1_TAG_BIT_STRING

```
#define ASN1_TAG_BIT_STRING   0x03
```

ASN1_TAG_UTCTime

```
#define ASN1_TAG_UTCTime    0x17
```

ASN1_TAG_GENERALIZEDTime

```
#define ASN1_TAG_GENERALIZEDTime~0x18
```

ASN1_TAG_OBJECT_ID

```
#define ASN1_TAG_OBJECT_ID    0x06
```

ASN1_TAG_ENUMERATED

```
#define ASN1_TAG_ENUMERATED   0x0A
```

ASN1_TAG_NULL

```
#define ASN1_TAG_NULL     0x05
```

ASN1_TAG_GENERALSTRING

```
#define ASN1_TAG_GENERALSTRING    0x1B
```

node_asn

```
  typedef struct node_asn_struct node_asn;
```

ASN1_TYPE

```
  typedef node_asn *ASN1_TYPE;
```

ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY

```
#define ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY  NULL
```

ASN1_ARRAY_TYPE

```
  typedef struct static_struct_asn ASN1_ARRAY_TYPE;
```

ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE

```
#define ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE 128
```

ASN1_MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE

```
#define ASN1_MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE 128
```

asn1_parser2tree ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_parser2tree                    (const char *file_name,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE *definitions,
                                                         char *errorDescription);
```

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

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

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

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if the file has a correct syntax and every identifier is known, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_EMPTY if *definitions* not ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY, ASN1_FILE_NOT_FOUND if an error occured while opening *file_name*, ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR if the syntax is not correct, ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND if in the file there is an identifier that is not defined, ASN1_NAME_TOO_LONG if in the file there is an identifier whith more than ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE characters.

asn1_parser2array ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_parser2array                   (const char *inputFileName,
                                                         const char *outputFileName,
                                                         const char *vectorName,
                                                         char *errorDescription);
```

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

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

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

vectorName : specify the name of the C vector.

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if the file has a correct syntax and every identifier is known, ASN1_FILE_NOT_FOUND if an error occured while opening *inputFileName*, ASN1_SYNTAX_ERROR if the syntax is not correct, ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOU if in the file there is an identifier that is not defined, ASN1_NAME_TOO_LONG if in the file there is an identifier whith more than ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE characters.

asn1_array2tree ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_array2tree                     (const ASN1_ARRAY_TYPE *array,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE *definitions,
                                                         char *errorDescription);
```

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

array : specify the array that contains ASN.1 declarations

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

errorDescription : return the error description.

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if structure was created correctly, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_EMPTY if **definitions* not ASN1_TYPE_ ASN1_IDENTIFIER_NOT_FOUND if in the file there is an identifier that is not defined (see *errorDescription* for more information), ASN1_ARRAY_ERROR if the array pointed by *array* is wrong.

asn1_print_structure ()

```
void                asn1_print_structure                (FILE *out,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE structure,
                                                         const char *name,
                                                         int mode);
```

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

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

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

name : an element of the structure

mode : specify how much of the structure to print, can be ASN1_PRINT_NAME, ASN1_PRINT_NAME_TYPE, ASN1_PRINT_NAM
or ASN1_PRINT_ALL.

asn1_create_element ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_create_element                 (ASN1_TYPE definitions,
                                                         const char *source_name,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE *element);
```

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

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

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

source_name : the name of the type of the new structure (must be inside p_structure).

element : pointer to the structure created.

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

asn1_delete_structure ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_delete_structure               (ASN1_TYPE *structure);
```

Deletes the structure **structure*. At the end, **structure* is set to ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY.

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if successful, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if **structure* was ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY.

asn1_delete_element ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_delete_element                 (ASN1_TYPE structure,
                                                         const char *element_name);
```

Deletes the element named **element_name* inside **structure*.

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

element_name : element's name you want to delete.

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

asn1_write_value ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_write_value                    (ASN1_TYPE node_root,
                                                         const char *name,
                                                         const void *ivalue,
                                                         int len);
```

Set the value of one element inside a structure.

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

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

Description for each type:

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

value[0]=0xFF , len=1 -> integer=-1. value[0]=0xFF value[1]=0xFF , len=2 -> integer=-1. value[0]=0x01 , len=1 -> integer= 1. value[0]=0x00 value[1]=0x01 , len=2 -> integer= 1. value="123" , len=0 -> integer= 123.

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

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

value="TRUE" , len=1 -> boolean=TRUE. value="FALSE" , len=1 -> boolean=FALSE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

value="$\backslash$x01$\backslash$x02$\backslash$x03" , len=3 -> three bytes octet string

GeneralString: VALUE contains the generalstring and LEN is the number of octets.

value="$\backslash$x01$\backslash$x02$\backslash$x03" , len=3 -> three bytes generalstring

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

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

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

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

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

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

Using "pkix.asn"\:

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

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

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

node_root : pointer to a structure

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

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

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if the value was set, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if *name* is not a valid element, and ASN1_VALUE_ if *ivalue* has a wrong format.

asn1_read_value ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_read_value                     (ASN1_TYPE root,
                                                         const char *name,
                                                         void *ivalue,
                                                         int *len);
```

Returns the value of one element inside a structure.

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

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

integer=-1 -> value[0]=0xFF , len=1. integer=1 -> value[0]=0x01 , len=1.

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

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

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

LEN = strlen(VALUE)+1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

root : pointer to a structure.

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

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

len : number of bytes of *value: value[0]..value[len-1]. Initialy holds the sizeof value.

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if value is returned, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if *name* is not a valid element, ASN1_VALUE_NO if there isn't any value for the element selected, and ASN1_MEM_ERROR if The value vector isn't big enough to store the result, and in this case *len* will contain the number of bytes needed.

asn1_number_of_elements ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_number_of_elements             (ASN1_TYPE element,
                                                         const char *name,
                                                         int *num);
```

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

element : pointer to the root of an ASN1 structure.

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

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

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

asn1_der_coding ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_der_coding                     (ASN1_TYPE element,
                                                         const char *name,
                                                         void *ider,
                                                         int *len,
                                                         char *ErrorDescription);
```

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

element : pointer to an ASN1 element

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

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

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

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if *name* is not a valid element, ASN1_VALUE_N if there is an element without a value, ASN1_MEM_ERROR if the *ider* vector isn't big enough and in this case *len* will contain the length needed.

asn1_der_decoding ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_der_decoding                   (ASN1_TYPE *element,
                                                         const void *ider,
                                                         int len,
                                                         char *errorDescription);
```

Fill the structure **ELEMENT* with values of a DER encoding string. The structure must just be created with function asn1_create_element(If an error occurs during the decoding procedure, the **ELEMENT* is deleted and set equal to ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY.

element : pointer to an ASN1 structure.

ider : vector that contains the DER encoding.

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

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if *ELEMENT* is ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY, and ASN1_TAG_ERROR or ASN1_DER_ERROR if the der encoding doesn't match the structure name (**ELEMENT* deleted).

asn1_der_decoding_element ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_der_decoding_element           (ASN1_TYPE *structure,
                                                         const char *elementName,
                                                         const void *ider,
                                                         int len,
                                                         char *errorDescription);
```

Fill the element named *ELEMENTNAME* with values of a DER encoding string. The structure must just be created with function asn1_create_element(). The DER vector must contain the encoding string of the whole *STRUCTURE*. If an error occurs during the decoding procedure, the **STRUCTURE* is deleted and set equal to ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY.

structure : pointer to an ASN1 structure

elementName : name of the element to fill

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

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

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if ELEMENT is ASN1_TYPE_EMPTY or *elementName* == NULL, and ASN1_TAG_ERROR or ASN1_DER_ERROR if the der encoding doesn't match the structure *structure* (*ELEMENT deleted).

asn1_der_decoding_startEnd ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_der_decoding_startEnd          (ASN1_TYPE element,
                                                         const void *ider,
                                                         int len,
                                                         const char *name_element,
                                                         int *start,
                                                         int *end);
```

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

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

element : pointer to an ASN1 element

ider : vector that contains the DER encoding.

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

name_element : an element of NAME structure.

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

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

Returns : ASN1_SUCCESS if DER encoding OK, ASN1_ELEMENT_NOT_FOUND if ELEMENT is ASN1_TYPE EMPTY or *name_element* is not a valid element, ASN1_TAG_ERROR or ASN1_DER_ERROR if the der encoding doesn't match the structure ELEMENT.

asn1_expand_any_defined_by ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_expand_any_defined_by          (ASN1_TYPE definitions,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE *element);
```

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

definitions : ASN1 definitions

element : pointer to an ASN1 structure

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

asn1_expand_octet_string ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_expand_octet_string            (ASN1_TYPE definitions,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE *element,
                                                         const char *octetName,
                                                         const char *objectName);
```

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

definitions : ASN1 definitions

element : pointer to an ASN1 structure

octetName : name of the OCTECT STRING field to expand.

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

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

asn1_read_tag ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_read_tag                       (ASN1_TYPE root,
                                                         const char *name,
                                                         int *tagValue,
                                                         int *classValue);
```

Returns the TAG and the CLASS of one element inside a structure. CLASS can have one of these constants: ASN1_CLASS_APPLICATI ASN1_CLASS_UNIVERSAL, ASN1_CLASS_PRIVATE or ASN1_CLASS_CONTEXT_SPECIFIC.

root : pointer to a structure

name : the name of the element inside a structure.

tagValue : variable that will contain the TAG value.

classValue : variable that will specify the TAG type.

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

asn1_find_structure_from_oid ()

```
const char *        asn1_find_structure_from_oid        (ASN1_TYPE definitions,
                                                         const char *oidValue);
```

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

definitions : ASN1 definitions

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

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

asn1_check_version ()

```
const char *        asn1_check_version                  (const char *req_version);
```

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

See ASN1_VERSION for a suitable *req_version* string.

req_version : Required version number, or NULL.

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

asn1_strerror ()

```
const char *        asn1_strerror                       (asn1_retCode error);
```

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

This function replaces libtasn1_strerror() in older libtasn1.

error : is an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

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

Since 1.6

asn1_perror ()

```
void                asn1_perror                         (asn1_retCode error);
```

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

This function replaces libtasn1_perror() in older libtasn1.

error : is an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

Since 1.6

asn1_get_tag_der ()

```
int                 asn1_get_tag_der                    (unsigned char *der,
                                                         int der_len,
                                                         unsigned char *cls,
                                                         int *len,
                                                         unsigned long *tag);
```

Decode the class and TAG from DER code.

der : DER data to decode.

der_len : Length of DER data to decode.

cls : Output variable containing decoded class.

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

tag : Output variable containing the decoded tag.

Returns : Returns ASN1_SUCCESS on success, or an error.

asn1_octet_der ()

```
void                asn1_octet_der                      (unsigned char *str,
                                                         int str_len,
                                                         unsigned char *der,
                                                         int *der_len);
```

Creates the DER coding for an OCTET type (length included).

str : OCTET string.

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

der : string returned.

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

asn1_get_octet_der ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_get_octet_der                  (unsigned char *der,
                                                         int der_len,
                                                         int *ret_len,
                                                         unsigned char *str,
                                                         int str_size,
                                                         int *str_len);
```

Extract an OCTET SEQUENCE from DER data.

der : DER data to decode containing the OCTET SEQUENCE.

der_len : Length of DER data to decode.

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

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

str_size : Length of pre-allocated output buffer.

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

Returns : Returns ASN1_SUCCESS on success, or an error.

asn1_bit_der ()

```
void                asn1_bit_der                        (unsigned char *str,
                                                         int bit_len,
                                                         unsigned char *der,
                                                         int *der_len);
```

Creates the DER coding for a BIT STRING type (length and pad included).

str : BIT string.

bit_len : number of meaningful bits in STR.

der : string returned.

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

asn1_get_bit_der ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_get_bit_der                    (unsigned char *der,
                                                         int der_len,
                                                         int *ret_len,
                                                         unsigned char *str,
                                                         int str_size,
                                                         int *bit_len);
```

Extract a BIT SEQUENCE from DER data.

der : DER data to decode containing the BIT SEQUENCE.

der_len : Length of DER data to decode.

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

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

str_size : Length of pre-allocated output buffer.

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

Returns : Return ASN1_SUCCESS on success, or an error.

asn1_get_length_der ()

```
signed long         asn1_get_length_der                 (unsigned char *der,
                                                         int der_len,
                                                         int *len);
```

Extract a length field from DER data.

der : DER data to decode.

der_len : Length of DER data to decode.

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

Returns : Return the decoded length value, or -1 on indefinite length, or -2 when the value was too big.

asn1_get_length_ber ()

```
signed long         asn1_get_length_ber                 (unsigned char *ber,
                                                         int ber_len,
                                                         int *len);
```

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

ber : BER data to decode.

ber_len : Length of BER data to decode.

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

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

Since 2.0

asn1_length_der ()

```
void                asn1_length_der                     (unsigned long int len,
                                                         unsigned char *ans,
                                                         int *ans_len);
```

Creates the DER coding for the LEN parameter (only the length). The *ans* buffer is pre-allocated and must have room for the output.

len : value to convert.

ans : string returned.

ans_len : number of meaningful bytes of ANS (ans[0]..ans[ans_len-1]).

asn1_find_node ()

```
ASN1_TYPE           asn1_find_node                      (ASN1_TYPE pointer,
                                                         const char *name);
```

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

pointer : NODE_ASN element pointer.

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

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

asn1_copy_node ()

```
asn1_retCode        asn1_copy_node                      (ASN1_TYPE dst,
                                                         const char *dst_name,
                                                         ASN1_TYPE src,
                                                         const char *src_name);
```

Create a deep copy of a ASN1_TYPE variable.

dst **:** Destination ASN1_TYPE node.

dst_name **:** Field name in destination node.

src **:** Source ASN1_TYPE node.

src_name **:** Field name in source node.

Returns **:** Return ASN1_SUCCESS on success.

LIBTASN1_VERSION

```
#define LIBTASN1_VERSION ASN1_VERSION
```

Warning
`LIBTASN1_VERSION` is deprecated and should not be used in newly-written code.

MAX_NAME_SIZE

```
# define MAX_NAME_SIZE ASN1_MAX_NAME_SIZE
```

Warning
`MAX_NAME_SIZE` is deprecated and should not be used in newly-written code.

MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE

```
# define MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE ASN1_MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE
```

Warning
`MAX_ERROR_DESCRIPTION_SIZE` is deprecated and should not be used in newly-written code.

libtasn1_strerror ()

```
const char *        libtasn1_strerror                   (asn1_retCode error);
```

Warning
`libtasn1_strerror` is deprecated and should not be used in newly-written code. Use asn1_strerror() instead.

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

error **:** is an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

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

libtasn1_perror ()

```
void                libtasn1_perror                     (asn1_retCode error);
```

Warning
`libtasn1_perror` is deprecated and should not be used in newly-written code. Use asn1_perror() instead.

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

error : is an error returned by a libtasn1 function.

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