

NAME

ares_free_hostent – Free host structure allocated by ares functions

SYNOPSIS

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#include <ares.h>
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void ares_free_hostent(struct hostent *host)
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DESCRIPTION

The *ares_free_hostent* function frees a **struct hostent** allocated by one of the functions *ares_parse_a_reply(3)*, *ares_parse_aaaa_reply(3)*, or *ares_parse_ptr_reply(3)*.

NOTES

It is not necessary (and is not correct) to free the host structure passed to the callback functions for *ares_gethostbyname(3)* or *ares_gethostbyaddr(3)*. c-ares will automatically free such host structures when the callback returns.

SEE ALSO

ares_parse_a_reply(3), **ares_parse_aaaa_reply(3)**, **ares_parse_ptr_reply(3)**, **ares_parse_ns_reply(3)**