

**NAME**

`ares_init` – Initialize a resolver channel

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <ares.h>
```

```
int ares_init(ares_channel *channelptr)
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **ares\_init(3)** function initializes a communications channel for name service lookups. If it returns successfully, **ares\_init(3)** will set the variable pointed to by *channelptr* to a handle used to identify the name service channel. The caller should invoke *ares\_destroy(3)* on the handle when the channel is no longer needed.

The *ares\_init\_options(3)* function is provide to offer more init alternatives.

**RETURN VALUES**

*ares\_init(3)* can return any of the following values:

**ARES\_SUCCESS**

Initialization succeeded.

**ARES\_EFILE** A configuration file could not be read.

**ARES\_ENOMEM**

The process's available memory was exhausted.

**ARES\_ENOTINITIALIZED**

c-ares library initialization not yet performed.

**NOTES**

When initializing from */etc/resolv.conf*, **ares\_init(3)** reads the *domain* and *search* directives to allow lookups of short names relative to the domains specified. The *domain* and *search* directives override one another. If more than one instance of either *domain* or *search* directives is specified, the last occurrence wins. For more information, please see the **resolv.conf(5)** manual page.

**SEE ALSO**

**ares\_init\_options(3)**, **ares\_destroy(3)**, **ares\_dup(3)**, **ares\_library\_init(3)**, **ares\_set\_servers(3)**

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