

**NAME**

curl\_easy\_init - Start a libcurl easy session

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <curl/curl.h>
```

```
CURL *curl_easy_init( );
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This function must be the first function to call, and it returns a CURL easy handle that you must use as input to other easy-functions. curl\_easy\_init initializes curl and this call **MUST** have a corresponding call to *curl\_easy\_cleanup(3)* when the operation is complete.

**RETURN VALUE**

If this function returns NULL, something went wrong and you cannot use the other curl functions.

**SEE ALSO**

curl\_easy\_cleanup(3), curl\_global\_init(3)