

**NAME**

`ares_free_hostent` – Free host structure allocated by ares functions

**SYNOPSIS**

`#include <ares.h>`

`void ares_free_hostent(struct hostent *host)`

**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)`

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