

**NAME**

`ares_parse_a_reply` – Parse a reply to a DNS query of type A

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <ares.h>

int ares_parse_a_reply(const unsigned char *abuf, int alen,
                      struct hostent **host,
                      struct ares_addrttl *addrttls, int *naddrttls);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The `ares_parse_a_reply` function parses the response to a query of type A into a **struct hostent** and/or an array of **struct ares\_addrttl**. The parameters *abuf* and *alen* give the contents of the response. The result is stored in allocated memory and a pointer to it stored into the variable pointed to by *host*, if host is non-null. It is the caller's responsibility to free the resulting host structure using `ares_free_hostent(3)` when it is no longer needed.

If *addrttls* and *naddrttls* are both nonnull, then up to *\*naddrttls* **struct ares\_addrttl** records are stored in the array pointed to by *addrttls*, and then *\*naddrttls* is set to the number of records so stored. Note that the memory for these records is supplied by the caller.

**RETURN VALUES**

`ares_parse_a_reply` can return any of the following values:

**ARES\_SUCCESS**

The response was successfully parsed.

**ARES\_EBADRESP**

The response was malformed.

**ARES\_ENODATA**

The response did not contain an answer to the query.

**ARES\_ENOMEM**

Memory was exhausted.

**SEE ALSO**

`ares_gethostbyname(3)`, `ares_free_hostent(3)`

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