curl-init

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Initialize a cURL session

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CurlHandle

false

curl_init

string

null

url

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Initializes a new session and returns a cURL handle.

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`url`
If provided, the `CURLOPT_URL` option will be set to its value. This can be set manually using the `curl_setopt` function.

> The `file` protocol is disabled by cURL if open_basedir is set.

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Returns a cURL handle on success, ENTITY on errors.

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8.0.0	On success, this function returns a `CurlHandle` instance now; previously, a `resource` was returned.
8.0.0	`url` is nullable now.

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Initializing a new cURL session and fetching a web page

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<?php

// Initializes a new cURL session
$ch = curl_init();

// Set URL and other appropriate options
curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_URL, "http://www.example.com/");
curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_HEADER, 0);

// Grab URL and pass it to the browser
curl_exec($ch);

?>
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`curl_multi_init`

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