### NAME

curl\_multi\_fdset - extracts file descriptor information from a multi handle

## SYNOPSIS

#include <curl/curl.h>

# DESCRIPTION

This function extracts file descriptor information from a given multi\_handle. libcurl returns its fd\_set sets. The application can use these to select() on, but be sure to FD\_ZERO them before calling this function as  $curl_multi_fdset(3)$  only adds its own descriptors it doesn't zero or otherwise remove any other. The  $curl_multi_perform(3)$  function should be called as soon as one of them are ready to be read from or written to.

If no file descriptors are set by libcurl, *max\_fd* will contain -1 when this function returns. Otherwise it will contain the higher descriptor number libcurl set.

You should also be aware that when doing select(), you should consider using a rather small (single-digit number of seconds) timeout and call *curl\_multi\_perform* regularly - even if no activity has been seen on the fd\_sets - as otherwise libcurl-internal retries and timeouts may not work as you'd think and want.

Starting with libcurl 7.16.0, you should use **curl\_multi\_timeout** to figure out how long to wait for action.

## **RETURN VALUE**

CURLMcode type, general libcurl multi interface error code. See *libcurl-errors(3)* 

## SEE ALSO

curl\_multi\_cleanup(3),curl\_multi\_init(3), curl\_multi\_timeout(3)