

**NAME**

`ares_set_sortlist` – Initialize an `ares_channel` sortlist configuration

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <ares.h>
```

```
int ares_set_sortlist(ares_channel channel, const char *sortstr)
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The `ares_set_sortlist(3)` function initializes an address sortlist configuration for the channel data identified by `channel`, so that addresses returned by `ares_gethostbyname(3)` are sorted according to the sortlist. The provided `sortstr` string that holds a space separated list of IP-address-netmask pairs. The netmask is optional but follows the address after a slash if present. For example, "130.155.160.0/255.255.240.0 130.155.0.0".

This function replaces any potentially previously configured address sortlist with the ones given in the configuration string.

**RETURN VALUES**

`ares_set_sortlist(3)` may return any of the following values:

**ARES\_SUCCESS**

The sortlist configuration was successfully initialized.

**ARES\_ENOMEM**

The process's available memory was exhausted.

**ARES\_ENODATA**

The channel data identified by `channel` was invalid.

**ARES\_ENOTINITIALIZED**

c-ares library initialization not yet performed.

**SEE ALSO**

`ares_init_options(3)`, `ares_dup(3)`

**AVAILABILITY**

`ares_set_sortlist(3)` was added in c-ares 1.11.0