

# H5A\_CREATE

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# H5A\_CREATE

Creates an attribute attached to a specified object

## Signature:

```
hid_t H5Acreate( hid_t loc_id, const char *attr_name, hid_t type_id, hid_t space_id, hid_t acpl_id )
```

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hid_t H5Acreate( hid_t loc_id, const char *attr_name, hid_t type_id, hid_t space_id, hid_t acpl_id, hid_t aapl_id )
```

```
SUBROUTINE h5acreate_f(loc_id, name, type_id, space_id, attr_id, hdferr, &acpl_id, aapl_id )
```

```
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER(HID_T), INTENT(IN) :: loc_id      ! Object identifier
CHARACTER(LEN=*), INTENT(IN) :: name     ! Attribute name
INTEGER(HID_T), INTENT(IN) :: type_id    ! Attribute datatype identifier
INTEGER(HID_T), INTENT(IN) :: space_id   ! Attribute dataspace identifier
INTEGER(HID_T), INTENT(OUT) :: attr_id   ! Attribute identifier
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: hdferr           ! Error code:
                                         ! 0 on success and -1 on failure
INTEGER(HID_T), OPTIONAL, INTENT(IN) :: acpl_id
                                         ! Attribute creation property
                                         ! list identifier
INTEGER(HID_T), OPTIONAL, INTENT(IN) :: aapl_id
                                         ! Attribute access property
                                         ! list identifier
```

```
END SUBROUTINE h5acreate_f
```

## Description:

H5A\_CREATE is a macro that is mapped to either [H5A\\_CREATE1](#) or [H5A\\_CREATE2](#), depending on the needs of the application.

Such macros are provided to facilitate application compatibility. For example:

- The H5A\_CREATE macro will be mapped to [H5A\\_CREATE1](#) and will use the [H5A\\_CREATE1](#) syntax (first signature above) if an application is coded for HDF5 Release 1.6.x.
- The H5A\_CREATE macro will be mapped to [H5A\\_CREATE2](#) and will use the [H5A\\_CREATE2](#) syntax (second signature above) if an application is coded for HDF5 Release 1.8.x.

See [API Compatibility Macros in HDF5](#) for information on these macros and mappings.

When both the HDF5 library and the application are built and installed with no specific compatibility flags, H5A\_CREATE is mapped to the most recent version of the function, currently [H5A\\_CREATE2](#). If the library and/or application is compiled for Release 1.6 emulation, H5A\_CREATE will be mapped to [H5A\\_CREATE1](#). Function-specific flags are available to override these settings on a function-by-function basis when the application is compiled.

Specific compile-time compatibility flags and the resulting mappings are as follows:

Compatibility setting	H5A_CREATE mapping
<a href="#">Global settings</a>	
No compatibility flag	H5A_CREATE2
Enable deprecated symbols	H5A_CREATE2
Disable deprecated symbols	H5A_CREATE2
Emulate Release 1.6 interface	H5A_CREATE1
<a href="#">Function-level macros</a>	
H5Acreate_vers = 2	H5A_CREATE2
H5Acreate_vers = 1	H5A_CREATE1

The attribute identifier returned by this macro must be released with H5A\_CLOSE or resource leaks will develop.

**Interface history:** Signature [1] above is the original H5A\_CREATE interface and the only interface available prior to HDF5 Release 1.8.0. This signature and the corresponding function are now deprecated but will remain directly callable as H5A\_CREATE1.

Signature [2] above was introduced with HDF5 Release 1.8.0 and is the recommended and default interface. It is directly callable as H5A\_CREATE2.

See [API Compatibility Macros in HDF5](#) for circumstances under which either of these functions might not be available in an installed instance of the HDF5 library.

## History:

Release	Create
1.8.0	The function H5Acreate renamed to H5Acreate1 and deprecated in this release. The macro H5Acreate and the functions H5Acreate2 and H5Acreate_by_name introduced in this release.