



## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'BIO\_f\_md.3oss1' command***

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### NAME

BIO\_f\_md, BIO\_set\_md, BIO\_get\_md, BIO\_get\_md\_ctx - message digest BIO filter

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/bio.h>

#include <openssl/evp.h>

const BIO_METHOD *BIO_f_md(void);

int BIO_set_md(BIO *b, EVP_MD *md);

int BIO_get_md(BIO *b, EVP_MD **mdp);

int BIO_get_md_ctx(BIO *b, EVP_MD_CTX **mdcp);
```

### DESCRIPTION

BIO\_f\_md() returns the message digest BIO method. This is a filter BIO that digests any data passed through it, it is a BIO wrapper for the digest routines EVP\_DigestInit(), EVP\_DigestUpdate() and EVP\_DigestFinal().

Any data written or read through a digest BIO using BIO\_read\_ex() and BIO\_write\_ex() is digested.

BIO\_gets(), if its size parameter is large enough finishes the digest calculation and returns the digest value. BIO\_puts() is not supported.

BIO\_reset() reinitialises a digest BIO.

BIO\_set\_md() sets the message digest of BIO b to md: this must be called to initialize a digest BIO before any data is passed through it.

It is a BIO\_ctrl() macro.

BIO\_get\_md() places the a pointer to the digest BIOs digest method in mdp, it is a BIO\_ctrl() macro.

BIO\_get\_md\_ctx() returns the digest BIOs context into mdcp.

## NOTES

The context returned by BIO\_get\_md\_ctx() can be used in calls to EVP\_DigestFinal() and also the signature routines EVP\_SignFinal() and EVP\_VerifyFinal().

The context returned by BIO\_get\_md\_ctx() is an internal context structure. Changes made to this context will affect the digest BIO itself and the context pointer will become invalid when the digest BIO is freed.

After the digest has been retrieved from a digest BIO it must be reinitialized by calling BIO\_reset(), or BIO\_set\_md() before any more data is passed through it.

If an application needs to call BIO\_gets() or BIO\_puts() through a chain containing digest BIOs then this can be done by prepending a buffering BIO.

Calling `BIO_get_md_ctx()` will return the context and initialize the BIO state. This allows applications to initialize the context externally if the standard calls such as `BIO_set_md()` are not sufficiently flexible.

## RETURN VALUES

`BIO_f_md()` returns the digest BIO method.

`BIO_set_md()`, `BIO_get_md()` and `BIO_md_ctx()` return 1 for success and  $\leq 0$  for failure.

## EXAMPLES

The following example creates a BIO chain containing an SHA1 and MD5 digest BIO and passes the string "Hello World" through it. Error checking has been omitted for clarity.

```
BIO *bio, *mdtmp;
char message[] = "Hello World";

bio = BIO_new(BIO_s_null());
mdtmp = BIO_new(BIO_f_md());
BIO_set_md(mdtmp, EVP_sha1());
/*
 * For BIO_push() we want to append the sink BIO and keep a note of
 * the start of the chain.
 */
bio = BIO_push(mdtmp, bio);
mdtmp = BIO_new(BIO_f_md());
BIO_set_md(mdtmp, EVP_md5());
bio = BIO_push(mdtmp, bio);
/* Note: mdtmp can now be discarded */
BIO_write(bio, message, strlen(message));
```

The next example digests data by reading through a chain instead:

```

BIO *bio, *mdtmp;
char buf[1024];
int rdlen;

bio = BIO_new_file(file, "rb");
mdtmp = BIO_new(BIO_f_md());
BIO_set_md(mdtmp, EVP_sha1());
bio = BIO_push(mdtmp, bio);
mdtmp = BIO_new(BIO_f_md());
BIO_set_md(mdtmp, EVP_md5());
bio = BIO_push(mdtmp, bio);
do {
    rdlen = BIO_read(bio, buf, sizeof(buf));
    /* Might want to do something with the data here */
} while (rdlen > 0);

```

This next example retrieves the message digests from a BIO chain and outputs them. This could be used with the examples above.

```

BIO *mdtmp;
unsigned char mdbuf[EVP_MAX_MD_SIZE];
int mdlen;
int i;

mdtmp = bio; /* Assume bio has previously been set up */
do {
    EVP_MD *md;

    mdtmp = BIO_find_type(mdtmp, BIO_TYPE_MD);
    if (!mdtmp)
        break;
    BIO_get_md(mdtmp, &md);

```

```
printf("%s digest", OBJ_nid2sn(EVP_MD_get_type(md)));
mdlen = BIO_gets(mdtmp, mdbuf, EVP_MAX_MD_SIZE);
for (i = 0; i < mdlen; i++) printf(":%02X", mdbuf[i]);
printf("\n");
mdtmp = BIO_next(mdtmp);
} while (mdtmp);

BIO_free_all(bio);
```

## BUGS

The lack of support for `BIO_puts()` and the non standard behaviour of `BIO_gets()` could be regarded as anomalous. It could be argued that `BIO_gets()` and `BIO_puts()` should be passed to the next BIO in the chain and digest the data passed through and that digests should be retrieved using a separate `BIO_ctrl()` call.

## HISTORY

Before OpenSSL 1.0.0., the call to `BIO_get_md_ctx()` would only work if the BIO was initialized first.

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