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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'ECDSA\_do\_sign.3oss1' command**

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ECDSA\_SIG\_NEW(3oss1)          OpenSSL          ECDSA\_SIG\_NEW(3oss1)

NAME

ECDSA\_SIG\_get0, ECDSA\_SIG\_get0\_r, ECDSA\_SIG\_get0\_s, ECDSA\_SIG\_set0,  
ECDSA\_SIG\_new, ECDSA\_SIG\_free, ECDSA\_size, ECDSA\_sign, ECDSA\_do\_sign,  
ECDSA\_verify, ECDSA\_do\_verify, ECDSA\_sign\_setup, ECDSA\_sign\_ex,  
ECDSA\_do\_sign\_ex - low-level elliptic curve digital signature algorithm  
(ECDSA) functions

SYNOPSIS

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

ECDSA_SIG *ECDSA_SIG_new(void);

void ECDSA_SIG_free(ECDSA_SIG *sig);

void ECDSA_SIG_get0(const ECDSA_SIG *sig, const BIGNUM **pr, const BIGNUM **ps);
const BIGNUM *ECDSA_SIG_get0_r(const ECDSA_SIG *sig);
const BIGNUM *ECDSA_SIG_get0_s(const ECDSA_SIG *sig);
int ECDSA_SIG_set0(ECDSA_SIG *sig, BIGNUM *r, BIGNUM *s);
```

The following functions have been deprecated since OpenSSL 3.0, and can be hidden entirely by defining OPENSSL\_API\_COMPAT with a suitable version value, see openssl\_user\_macros(7):

```
int ECDSA_size(const EC_KEY *eckey);

int ECDSA_sign(int type, const unsigned char *dgst, int dgstlen,
               unsigned char *sig, unsigned int *siglen, EC_KEY *eckey);

ECDSA_SIG *ECDSA_do_sign(const unsigned char *dgst, int dgst_len,
                          EC_KEY *eckey);
```

```

int ECDSA_verify(int type, const unsigned char *dgst, int dgstlen,
                 const unsigned char *sig, int siglen, EC_KEY *eckey);

int ECDSA_do_verify(const unsigned char *dgst, int dgst_len,
                   const ECDSA_SIG *sig, EC_KEY* eckey);

ECDSA_SIG *ECDSA_do_sign_ex(const unsigned char *dgst, int dgstlen,
                             const BIGNUM *kinv, const BIGNUM *rp,
                             EC_KEY *eckey);

int ECDSA_sign_setup(EC_KEY *eckey, BN_CTX *ctx, BIGNUM **kinv, BIGNUM **rp);

int ECDSA_sign_ex(int type, const unsigned char *dgst, int dgstlen,
                  unsigned char *sig, unsigned int *siglen,
                  const BIGNUM *kinv, const BIGNUM *rp, EC_KEY *eckey);

```

## DESCRIPTION

ECDSA\_SIG is an opaque structure consisting of two BIGNUMs for the r and s value of an ECDSA signature (see X9.62 or FIPS186-2).

ECDSA\_SIG\_new() allocates an empty ECDSA\_SIG structure. Note: before OpenSSL 1.1.0 the: the r and s components were initialised.

ECDSA\_SIG\_free() frees the ECDSA\_SIG structure sig.

ECDSA\_SIG\_get0() returns internal pointers the r and s values contained in sig and stores them in \*pr and \*ps, respectively. The pointer pr or ps can be NULL, in which case the corresponding value is not returned.

The values r, s can also be retrieved separately by the corresponding function ECDSA\_SIG\_get0\_r() and ECDSA\_SIG\_get0\_s(), respectively.

Non-NULL r and s values can be set on the sig by calling

ECDSA\_SIG\_set0(). Calling this function transfers the memory management of the values to the ECDSA\_SIG object, and therefore the values that have been passed in should not be freed by the caller.

See i2d\_ECDSA\_SIG(3) and d2i\_ECDSA\_SIG(3) for information about encoding and decoding ECDSA signatures to/from DER.

All of the functions described below are deprecated. Applications should use the higher level EVP interface such as EVP\_DigestSignInit(3) or EVP\_DigestVerifyInit(3) instead.

ECDSA\_size() returns the maximum length of a DER encoded ECDSA signature created with the private EC key eckey. To obtain the actual

signature size use `EVP_PKEY_sign(3)` with a `NULL` sig parameter.

`ECDSA_sign()` computes a digital signature of the `dgstlen` bytes hash value `dgst` using the private EC key `eckey`. The DER encoded signatures is stored in `sig` and its length is returned in `sig_len`. Note: `sig` must point to `ECDSA_size(eckey)` bytes of memory. The parameter type is currently ignored. `ECDSA_sign()` is wrapper function for `ECDSA_sign_ex()` with `kinv` and `rp` set to `NULL`.

`ECDSA_do_sign()` is similar to `ECDSA_sign()` except the signature is returned as a newly allocated `ECDSA_SIG` structure (or `NULL` on error).

`ECDSA_do_sign()` is a wrapper function for `ECDSA_do_sign_ex()` with `kinv` and `rp` set to `NULL`.

`ECDSA_verify()` verifies that the signature in `sig` of size `siglen` is a valid ECDSA signature of the hash value `dgst` of size `dgstlen` using the public key `eckey`. The parameter type is ignored.

`ECDSA_do_verify()` is similar to `ECDSA_verify()` except the signature is presented in the form of a pointer to an `ECDSA_SIG` structure.

The remaining functions utilise the internal `kinv` and `r` values used during signature computation. Most applications will never need to call these and some external ECDSA ENGINE implementations may not support them at all if either `kinv` or `r` is not `NULL`.

`ECDSA_sign_setup()` may be used to precompute parts of the signing operation. `eckey` is the private EC key and `ctx` is a pointer to `BN_CTX` structure (or `NULL`). The precomputed values are returned in `kinv` and `rp` and can be used in a later call to `ECDSA_sign_ex()` or `ECDSA_do_sign_ex()`.

`ECDSA_sign_ex()` computes a digital signature of the `dgstlen` bytes hash value `dgst` using the private EC key `eckey` and the optional pre-computed values `kinv` and `rp`. The DER encoded signature is stored in `sig` and its length is returned in `sig_len`. Note: `sig` must point to

`ECDSA_size(eckey)` bytes of memory. The parameter type is ignored.

`ECDSA_do_sign_ex()` is similar to `ECDSA_sign_ex()` except the signature is returned as a newly allocated `ECDSA_SIG` structure (or `NULL` on error).

## RETURN VALUES

ECDSA\_SIG\_new() returns NULL if the allocation fails.

ECDSA\_SIG\_set0() returns 1 on success or 0 on failure.

ECDSA\_SIG\_get0\_r() and ECDSA\_SIG\_get0\_s() return the corresponding value, or NULL if it is unset.

ECDSA\_size() returns the maximum length signature or 0 on error.

ECDSA\_sign(), ECDSA\_sign\_ex() and ECDSA\_sign\_setup() return 1 if successful or 0 on error.

ECDSA\_do\_sign() and ECDSA\_do\_sign\_ex() return a pointer to an allocated ECDSA\_SIG structure or NULL on error.

ECDSA\_verify() and ECDSA\_do\_verify() return 1 for a valid signature, 0 for an invalid signature and -1 on error. The error codes can be obtained by ERR\_get\_error(3).

## EXAMPLES

Creating an ECDSA signature of a given SHA-256 hash value using the named curve prime256v1 (aka P-256).

First step: create an EC\_KEY object (note: this part is not ECDSA specific)

```
int ret;
ECDSA_SIG *sig;
EC_KEY *eckey;
eckey = EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name(NID_X9_62_prime256v1);
if (eckey == NULL)
    /* error */
if (EC_KEY_generate_key(eckey) == 0)
    /* error */
```

Second step: compute the ECDSA signature of a SHA-256 hash value using

ECDSA\_do\_sign():

```
sig = ECDSA_do_sign(digest, 32, eckey);
if (sig == NULL)
    /* error */
```

or using ECDSA\_sign():

```
unsigned char *buffer, *pp;
```

```
int buf_len;
buf_len = ECDSA_size(eckey);
buffer = OPENSSL_malloc(buf_len);
pp = buffer;
if (ECDSA_sign(0, dgst, dgstlen, pp, &buf_len, eckey) == 0)
    /* error */
```

Third step: verify the created ECDSA signature using ECDSA\_do\_verify():

```
ret = ECDSA_do_verify(digest, 32, sig, eckey);
```

or using ECDSA\_verify():

```
ret = ECDSA_verify(0, digest, 32, buffer, buf_len, eckey);
```

and finally evaluate the return value:

```
if (ret == 1)
    /* signature ok */
else if (ret == 0)
    /* incorrect signature */
else
    /* error */
```

## CONFORMING TO

ANSI X9.62, US Federal Information Processing Standard FIPS186-2  
(Digital Signature Standard, DSS)

## SEE ALSO

EC\_KEY\_new(3), EVP\_DigestSignInit(3), EVP\_DigestVerifyInit(3),  
EVP\_PKEY\_sign(3) i2d\_ECDSA\_SIG(3), d2i\_ECDSA\_SIG(3)

## HISTORY

The ECDSA\_size(), ECDSA\_sign(), ECDSA\_do\_sign(), ECDSA\_verify(),  
ECDSA\_do\_verify(), ECDSA\_sign\_setup(), ECDSA\_sign\_ex() and  
ECDSA\_do\_sign\_ex() functions were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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