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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'EC\_GFp\_mont\_method.3oss1' command**

**`$ man EC_GFp_mont_method.3oss1`**

EC\_GFP\_SIMPLE\_METHOD(3oss1)    OpenSSL    EC\_GFP\_SIMPLE\_METHOD(3oss1)

### NAME

EC\_GFp\_simple\_method, EC\_GFp\_mont\_method, EC\_GFp\_nist\_method,  
EC\_GFp\_nistp224\_method, EC\_GFp\_nistp256\_method, EC\_GFp\_nistp521\_method,  
EC\_GF2m\_simple\_method, EC\_METHOD\_get\_field\_type - Functions for  
obtaining EC\_METHOD objects

### SYNOPSIS

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

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):

```
const EC_METHOD *EC_GFp_simple_method(void);  
const EC_METHOD *EC_GFp_mont_method(void);  
const EC_METHOD *EC_GFp_nist_method(void);  
const EC_METHOD *EC_GFp_nistp224_method(void);  
const EC_METHOD *EC_GFp_nistp256_method(void);  
const EC_METHOD *EC_GFp_nistp521_method(void);
```

```
const EC_METHOD *EC_GF2m_simple_method(void);
```

```
int EC_METHOD_get_field_type(const EC_METHOD *meth);
```

## DESCRIPTION

All const EC\_METHOD \*EC\_GF\* functions were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0, since EC\_METHOD is no longer a public concept.

The Elliptic Curve library provides a number of different implementations through a single common interface. When constructing a curve using EC\_GROUP\_new (see EC\_GROUP\_new(3)) an implementation method must be provided. The functions described here all return a const pointer to an EC\_METHOD structure that can be passed to EC\_GROUP\_NEW. It is important that the correct implementation type for the form of curve selected is used.

For  $F_2^m$  curves there is only one implementation choice, i.e. EC\_GF2\_simple\_method.

For  $F_p$  curves the lowest common denominator implementation is the EC\_GFp\_simple\_method implementation. All other implementations are based on this one. EC\_GFp\_mont\_method builds on EC\_GFp\_simple\_method but adds the use of montgomery multiplication (see BN\_mod\_mul\_montgomery(3)). EC\_GFp\_nist\_method offers an implementation optimised for use with NIST recommended curves (NIST curves are available through EC\_GROUP\_new\_by\_curve\_name as described in EC\_GROUP\_new(3)).

The functions EC\_GFp\_nistp224\_method, EC\_GFp\_nistp256\_method and EC\_GFp\_nistp521\_method offer 64 bit optimised implementations for the NIST P224, P256 and P521 curves respectively. Note, however, that these implementations are not available on all platforms.

should use `EC_GROUP_get_field_type()` as a replacement (see `EC_GROUP_copy(3)`).

## RETURN VALUES

All `EC_GFp*` functions and `EC_GF2m_simple_method` always return a const pointer to an `EC_METHOD` structure.

`EC_METHOD_get_field_type` returns an integer that identifies the type of field the `EC_METHOD` structure supports.

## SEE ALSO

`crypto(7)`, `EC_GROUP_new(3)`, `EC_GROUP_copy(3)`, `EC_POINT_new(3)`, `EC_POINT_add(3)`, `EC_KEY_new(3)`, `d2i_ECPKParameters(3)`, `BN_mod_mul_montgomery(3)`

## HISTORY

`EC_GFp_simple_method()`, `EC_GFp_mont_method(void)`, `EC_GFp_nist_method()`, `EC_GFp_nistp224_method()`, `EC_GFp_nistp256_method()`, `EC_GFp_nistp521_method()`, `EC_GF2m_simple_method()`, and `EC_METHOD_get_field_type()` were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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