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EC_GFP_SIMPLE_METHOD(3ossl) OpenSSL EC_GFP_SIMPLE_METHOD(3ossl)

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

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#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);
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int EC_METHOD_get_field_type(const EC_METHOD *meth);
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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 F2^m curves there is only one implementation choice, i.e. EC_GF2_simple_method.

For Fp 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.

EC_METHOD_get_field_type() was deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0. Applications

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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