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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'EVP\_KDF\_derive.3ossl' command**

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EVP\_KDF(3ossl)            OpenSSL            EVP\_KDF(3ossl)

### NAME

EVP\_KDF, EVP\_KDF\_fetch, EVP\_KDF\_free, EVP\_KDF\_up\_ref, EVP\_KDF\_CTX,  
EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_new, EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_free, EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_dup, EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_reset,  
EVP\_KDF\_derive, EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_get\_kdf\_size, EVP\_KDF\_get0\_provider,  
EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_kdf, EVP\_KDF\_is\_a, EVP\_KDF\_get0\_name, EVP\_KDF\_names\_do\_all,  
EVP\_KDF\_get0\_description, EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_get\_params,  
EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_set\_params, EVP\_KDF\_do\_all\_provided, EVP\_KDF\_get\_params,  
EVP\_KDF\_gettable\_params, EVP\_KDF\_gettable\_ctx\_params,  
EVP\_KDF\_settable\_ctx\_params, EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_gettable\_params,  
EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_settable\_params - EVP KDF routines

### SYNOPSIS

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

typedef struct evp_kdf_st EVP_KDF;

typedef struct evp_kdf_ctx_st EVP_KDF_CTX;

EVP_KDF_CTX *EVP_KDF_CTX_new(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const EVP_KDF *EVP_KDF_CTX_kdf(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx);
void EVP_KDF_CTX_free(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx);
EVP_KDF_CTX *EVP_KDF_CTX_dup(const EVP_KDF_CTX *src);
void EVP_KDF_CTX_reset(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx);
size_t EVP_KDF_CTX_get_kdf_size(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx);
int EVP_KDF_derive(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx, unsigned char *key, size_t keylen,
                  const OSSL_PARAM params[]);
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int EVP_KDF_up_ref(EVP_KDF *kdf);
void EVP_KDF_free(EVP_KDF *kdf);
EVP_KDF *EVP_KDF_fetch(OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx, const char *algorithm,
                      const char *properties);
int EVP_KDF_is_a(const EVP_KDF *kdf, const char *name);
const char *EVP_KDF_get0_name(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const char *EVP_KDF_get0_description(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const OSSL_PROVIDER *EVP_KDF_get0_provider(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
void EVP_KDF_do_all_provided(OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx,
                             void (*fn)(EVP_KDF *kdf, void *arg),
                             void *arg);
int EVP_KDF_names_do_all(const EVP_KDF *kdf,
                        void (*fn)(const char *name, void *data),
                        void *data);
int EVP_KDF_get_params(EVP_KDF *kdf, OSSL_PARAM params[]);
int EVP_KDF_CTX_get_params(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx, OSSL_PARAM params[]);
int EVP_KDF_CTX_set_params(EVP_KDF_CTX *ctx, const OSSL_PARAM params[]);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_KDF_gettable_params(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_KDF_gettable_ctx_params(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_KDF_settable_ctx_params(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_KDF_CTX_gettable_params(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_KDF_CTX_settable_params(const EVP_KDF *kdf);
const OSSL_PROVIDER *EVP_KDF_get0_provider(const EVP_KDF *kdf);

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## DESCRIPTION

The EVP KDF routines are a high-level interface to Key Derivation Function algorithms and should be used instead of algorithm-specific functions.

After creating a `EVP_KDF_CTX` for the required algorithm using `EVP_KDF_CTX_new()`, inputs to the algorithm are supplied either by passing them as part of the `EVP_KDF_derive()` call or using calls to `EVP_KDF_CTX_set_params()` before calling `EVP_KDF_derive()` to derive the key.

EVP\_KDF is a type that holds the implementation of a KDF.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX is a context type that holds the algorithm inputs.

#### Algorithm implementation fetching

EVP\_KDF\_fetch() fetches an implementation of a KDF algorithm, given a library context libctx and a set of properties. See "ALGORITHM FETCHING" in crypto(7) for further information.

See "Key Derivation Function (KDF)" in OSSL\_PROVIDER-default(7) for the lists of algorithms supported by the default provider.

The returned value must eventually be freed with EVP\_KDF\_free(3).

EVP\_KDF\_up\_ref() increments the reference count of an already fetched KDF.

EVP\_KDF\_free() frees a fetched algorithm. NULL is a valid parameter, for which this function is a no-op.

#### Context manipulation functions

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_new() creates a new context for the KDF implementation kdf.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_free() frees up the context ctx. If ctx is NULL, nothing is done.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_kdf() returns the EVP\_KDF associated with the context ctx.

#### Computing functions

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_reset() resets the context to the default state as if the context had just been created.

EVP\_KDF\_derive() processes any parameters in Params and then derives keylen bytes of key material and places it in the key buffer. If the algorithm produces a fixed amount of output then an error will occur unless the keylen parameter is equal to that output size, as returned by EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_get\_kdf\_size().

EVP\_KDF\_get\_params() retrieves details about the implementation kdf.

The set of parameters given with params determine exactly what parameters should be retrieved. Note that a parameter that is unknown in the underlying context is simply ignored.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_get\_params() retrieves chosen parameters, given the context ctx and its underlying context. The set of parameters given with params determine exactly what parameters should be retrieved. Note

that a parameter that is unknown in the underlying context is simply ignored.

`EVP_KDF_CTX_set_params()` passes chosen parameters to the underlying context, given a context `ctx`. The set of parameters given with `params` determine exactly what parameters are passed down. Note that a parameter that is unknown in the underlying context is simply ignored. Also, what happens when a needed parameter isn't passed down is defined by the implementation.

`EVP_KDF_gettable_params()` returns an `OSSL_PARAM` array that describes the retrievable and settable parameters. `EVP_KDF_gettable_params()` returns parameters that can be used with `EVP_KDF_get_params()`. See `OSSL_PARAM(3)` for the use of `OSSL_PARAM` as a parameter descriptor. `EVP_KDF_gettable_ctx_params()` and `EVP_KDF_CTX_gettable_params()` return constant `OSSL_PARAM` arrays that describe the retrievable parameters that can be used with `EVP_KDF_CTX_get_params()`.

`EVP_KDF_gettable_ctx_params()` returns the parameters that can be retrieved from the algorithm, whereas `EVP_KDF_CTX_gettable_params()` returns the parameters that can be retrieved in the context's current state. See `OSSL_PARAM(3)` for the use of `OSSL_PARAM` as a parameter descriptor.

`EVP_KDF_settable_ctx_params()` and `EVP_KDF_CTX_settable_params()` return constant `OSSL_PARAM` arrays that describe the settable parameters that can be used with `EVP_KDF_CTX_set_params()`.

`EVP_KDF_settable_ctx_params()` returns the parameters that can be retrieved from the algorithm, whereas `EVP_KDF_CTX_settable_params()` returns the parameters that can be retrieved in the context's current state. See `OSSL_PARAM(3)` for the use of `OSSL_PARAM` as a parameter descriptor.

#### Information functions

`EVP_KDF_CTX_get_kdf_size()` returns the output size if the algorithm produces a fixed amount of output and `SIZE_MAX` otherwise. If an error occurs then 0 is returned. For some algorithms an error may result if input parameters necessary to calculate a fixed output size have not

yet been supplied.

`EVP_KDF_is_a()` returns 1 if `kdf` is an implementation of an algorithm that's identifiable with `name`, otherwise 0.

`EVP_KDF_get0_provider()` returns the provider that holds the implementation of the given `kdf`.

`EVP_KDF_do_all_provided()` traverses all KDF implemented by all activated providers in the given library context `libctx`, and for each of the implementations, calls the given function `fn` with the implementation method and the given `arg` as argument.

`EVP_KDF_get0_name()` return the name of the given KDF. For fetched KDFs with multiple names, only one of them is returned; it's recommended to use `EVP_KDF_names_do_all()` instead.

`EVP_KDF_names_do_all()` traverses all names for `kdf`, and calls `fn` with each name and data.

`EVP_KDF_get0_description()` returns a description of the `kdf`, meant for display and human consumption. The description is at the discretion of the `kdf` implementation.

## PARAMETERS

The standard parameter names are:

"pass" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_PASSWORD) <octet string>

Some KDF implementations require a password. For those KDF implementations that support it, this parameter sets the password.

"salt" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_SALT) <octet string>

Some KDF implementations can take a salt. For those KDF implementations that support it, this parameter sets the salt.

The default value, if any, is implementation dependent.

"iter" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_ITER) <unsigned integer>

Some KDF implementations require an iteration count. For those KDF implementations that support it, this parameter sets the iteration count.

The default value, if any, is implementation dependent.

"properties" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_PROPERTIES) <UTF8 string>

"mac" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_MAC) <UTF8 string>

"digest" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_DIGEST) <UTF8 string>

"cipher" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_CIPHER) <UTF8 string>

For KDF implementations that use an underlying computation MAC, digest or cipher, these parameters set what the algorithm should be.

The value is always the name of the intended algorithm, or the properties.

Note that not all algorithms may support all possible underlying implementations.

"key" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_KEY) <octet string>

Some KDF implementations require a key. For those KDF implementations that support it, this octet string parameter sets the key.

"maclen" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_MAC\_SIZE) <unsigned integer>

Used by implementations that use a MAC with a variable output size (KMAC). For those KDF implementations that support it, this parameter sets the MAC output size.

The default value, if any, is implementation dependent. The length must never exceed what can be given with a `size_t`.

"maxmem\_bytes" (OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_SCRYPT\_MAXMEM) <unsigned integer>

Memory-hard password-based KDF algorithms, such as scrypt, use an amount of memory that depends on the load factors provided as input. For those KDF implementations that support it, this `uint64_t` parameter sets an upper limit on the amount of memory that may be consumed while performing a key derivation. If this memory usage limit is exceeded because the load factors are chosen too high, the key derivation will fail.

The default value is implementation dependent. The memory size must never exceed what can be given with a `size_t`.

## RETURN VALUES

`EVP_KDF_fetch()` returns a pointer to a newly fetched `EVP_KDF`, or `NULL` if allocation failed.

`EVP_KDF_get0_provider()` returns a pointer to the provider for the KDF,

or NULL on error.

EVP\_KDF\_up\_ref() returns 1 on success, 0 on error.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_new() returns either the newly allocated EVP\_KDF\_CTX structure or NULL if an error occurred.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_free() and EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_reset() do not return a value.

EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_get\_kdf\_size() returns the output size. SIZE\_MAX is returned to indicate that the algorithm produces a variable amount of output; 0 to indicate failure.

EVP\_KDF\_get0\_name() returns the name of the KDF, or NULL on error.

EVP\_KDF\_names\_do\_all() returns 1 if the callback was called for all names. A return value of 0 means that the callback was not called for any names.

The remaining functions return 1 for success and 0 or a negative value for failure. In particular, a return value of -2 indicates the operation is not supported by the KDF algorithm.

## NOTES

The KDF life-cycle is described in life\_cycle-kdf(7). In the future, the transitions described there will be enforced. When this is done, it will not be considered a breaking change to the API.

## SEE ALSO

"Key Derivation Function (KDF)" in OSSL\_PROVIDER-default(7),  
life\_cycle-kdf(7).

## HISTORY

This functionality was added to OpenSSL 3.0.

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