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

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### NAME

EVP\_SIGNATURE, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_fetch, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_free,  
EVP\_SIGNATURE\_up\_ref, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_is\_a, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_get0\_provider,  
EVP\_SIGNATURE\_do\_all\_provided, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_names\_do\_all,  
EVP\_SIGNATURE\_get0\_name, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_get0\_description,  
EVP\_SIGNATURE\_gettable\_ctx\_params, EVP\_SIGNATURE\_settable\_ctx\_params -  
Functions to manage EVP\_SIGNATURE algorithm objects

### SYNOPSIS

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

typedef struct evp_signature_st EVP_SIGNATURE;

EVP_SIGNATURE *EVP_SIGNATURE_fetch(OSSL_LIB_CTX *ctx, const char *algorithm,
                                   const char *properties);

void EVP_SIGNATURE_free(EVP_SIGNATURE *signature);

int EVP_SIGNATURE_up_ref(EVP_SIGNATURE *signature);

const char *EVP_SIGNATURE_get0_name(const EVP_SIGNATURE *signature);

int EVP_SIGNATURE_is_a(const EVP_SIGNATURE *signature, const char *name);

OSSL_PROVIDER *EVP_SIGNATURE_get0_provider(const EVP_SIGNATURE *signature);

void EVP_SIGNATURE_do_all_provided(OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx,
                                   void (*fn)(EVP_SIGNATURE *signature,
                                                void *arg),
                                   void *arg);

int EVP_SIGNATURE_names_do_all(const EVP_SIGNATURE *signature,
```

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void (*fn)(const char *name, void *data),
void *data);

const char *EVP_SIGNATURE_get0_name(const EVP_SIGNATURE *signature);
const char *EVP_SIGNATURE_get0_description(const EVP_SIGNATURE *signature);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_SIGNATURE_gettable_ctx_params(const EVP_SIGNATURE *sig);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_SIGNATURE_settable_ctx_params(const EVP_SIGNATURE *sig);

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## DESCRIPTION

`EVP_SIGNATURE_fetch()` fetches the implementation for the given algorithm from any provider offering it, within the criteria given by the properties. The algorithm will be one offering functions for performing signature related tasks such as signing and verifying. See "ALGORITHM FETCHING" in `crypto(7)` for further information.

The returned value must eventually be freed with `EVP_SIGNATURE_free()`.

`EVP_SIGNATURE_free()` decrements the reference count for the `EVP_SIGNATURE` structure. Typically this structure will have been obtained from an earlier call to `EVP_SIGNATURE_fetch()`. If the reference count drops to 0 then the structure is freed.

`EVP_SIGNATURE_up_ref()` increments the reference count for an `EVP_SIGNATURE` structure.

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

`EVP_SIGNATURE_get0_provider()` returns the provider that `signature` was fetched from.

`EVP_SIGNATURE_do_all_provided()` traverses all `SIGNATURE` 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_SIGNATURE_get0_name()` returns the algorithm name from the provided implementation for the given signature. Note that the signature may have multiple synonyms associated with it. In this case the first name from the algorithm definition is returned. Ownership of the returned string is retained by the signature object and should not be freed by the caller.

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_names\_do\_all() traverses all names for signature, and calls fn with each name and data.

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_get0\_description() returns a description of the signature, meant for display and human consumption. The description is at the discretion of the signature implementation.

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_gettable\_ctx\_params() and

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_settable\_ctx\_params() return a constant OSSL\_PARAM array that describes the names and types of key parameters that can be retrieved or set by a signature algorithm using

EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_get\_params(3) and EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_set\_params(3).

## RETURN VALUES

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_fetch() returns a pointer to an EVP\_SIGNATURE for success or NULL for failure.

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_up\_ref() returns 1 for success or 0 otherwise.

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_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.

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_gettable\_ctx\_params() and

EVP\_SIGNATURE\_settable\_ctx\_params() return a constant OSSL\_PARAM array or NULL on error.

## SEE ALSO

"ALGORITHM FETCHING" in crypto(7), OSSL\_PROVIDER(3)

## HISTORY

The functions described here were added in OpenSSL 3.0.

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