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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data.3ossl' command**

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$ man OSSL_ENCODER_to_data.3ossl
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```

### NAME

OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data, OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_bio, OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp -  
Routines to perform an encoding

### SYNOPSIS

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

```
int OSSL_ENCODER_to_data(OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ctx, unsigned char **pdata,  
                        size_t *pdata_len);
```

```
int OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio(OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ctx, BIO *out);
```

```
int OSSL_ENCODER_to_fp(OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ctx, FILE *fp);
```

Feature availability macros:

OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp() is only available when OPENSSL\_NO\_STDIO is  
undefined.

### DESCRIPTION

OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data() runs the encoding process for the context ctx,  
with the output going to the \*pdata and \*pdata\_len. If \*pdata is NULL  
when OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data() is called, a buffer will be allocated using

`OPENSSL_zalloc(3)`, and `*pdata` will be set to point at the start of that buffer, and `*pdata_len` will be assigned its length when `OSSL_ENCODER_to_data()` returns. If `*pdata` is non-NULL when `OSSL_ENCODER_to_data()` is called, `*pdata_len` is assumed to have its size. In this case, `*pdata` will be set to point after the encoded bytes, and `*pdata_len` will be assigned the number of remaining bytes.

`OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio()` runs the encoding process for the context `ctx`, with the output going to the BIO out.

`OSSL_ENCODER_to_fp()` does the same thing as `OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio()`, except that the output is going to the FILE `fp`.

For `OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio()` and `OSSL_ENCODER_to_fp()`, the application is required to set up the BIO or FILE properly, for example to have it in text or binary mode as is appropriate for the encoder output type.

## RETURN VALUES

`OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio()`, `OSSL_ENCODER_to_fp()` and `OSSL_ENCODER_to_data()` return 1 on success, or 0 on failure.

## EXAMPLES

To encode a pkey as PKCS#8 with PEM format into a bio:

```
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ectx;
const char *format = "PEM";
const char *structure = "PrivateKeyInfo"; /* PKCS#8 structure */
const unsigned char *pass = "my password";

ectx = OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_new_for_pkey(pkey,
                                     OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_KEYPAIR
                                     | OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_DOMAIN_PARAMETERS,
                                     format, structure,
```

```

        NULL);

if (ectx == NULL) {
    /* error: no suitable potential encoders found */
}

if (pass != NULL)
    OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_set_passphrase(ectx, pass, strlen(pass));

if (OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio(ectx, bio)) {
    /* pkey was successfully encoded into the bio */
} else {
    /* encoding failure */
}

OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_free(ectx);

```

To encode a pkey as PKCS#8 with DER format encrypted with AES-256-CBC into a buffer:

```

OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ectx;

const char *format = "DER";

const char *structure = "PrivateKeyInfo"; /* PKCS#8 structure */

const unsigned char *pass = "my password";

unsigned char *data = NULL;

size_t datalen;

ectx = OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_new_for_pkey(pkey,
                                     OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_KEYPAIR
                                     | OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_DOMAIN_PARAMETERS,
                                     format, structure,
                                     NULL);

if (ectx == NULL) {
    /* error: no suitable potential encoders found */
}

if (pass != NULL) {
    OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_set_passphrase(ectx, pass, strlen(pass));

```

```
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_set_cipher(ctx, "AES-256-CBC", NULL);
}
if (OSSL_ENCODER_to_data(ectx, &data, &datalen) {
    /*
     * pkey was successfully encoded into a newly allocated
     * data buffer
     */
} else {
    /* encoding failure */
}
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_free(ectx);
```

## SEE ALSO

provider(7), OSSL\_ENCODER\_CTX(3)

## HISTORY

The functions described here were added in OpenSSL 3.0.

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