



*Full credit is given to the above companies including the OS that this PDF file was generated!*

## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'life\_cycle-pkey.7oss1' command**

**\$ man life\_cycle-pkey.7oss1**

LIFE\_CYCLE-PKEY(7oss1)      OpenSSL      LIFE\_CYCLE-PKEY(7oss1)

### NAME

life\_cycle-pkey - The PKEY algorithm life-cycle

### DESCRIPTION

All public keys (PKEYs) go through a number of stages in their life-cycle:

#### start

This state represents the PKEY before it has been allocated. It is the starting state for any life-cycle transitions.

#### newed

This state represents the PKEY after it has been allocated.

#### decapsulate

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to perform a private key decapsulation operation.

#### decrypt

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to decrypt some ciphertext.

derive

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to derive a shared secret.

digest sign

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to perform a private key signature operation.

encapsulate

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to perform a public key encapsulation operation.

encrypt

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to encrypt some plaintext.

key generation

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to generate a new public/private key.

parameter generation

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to generate key parameters.

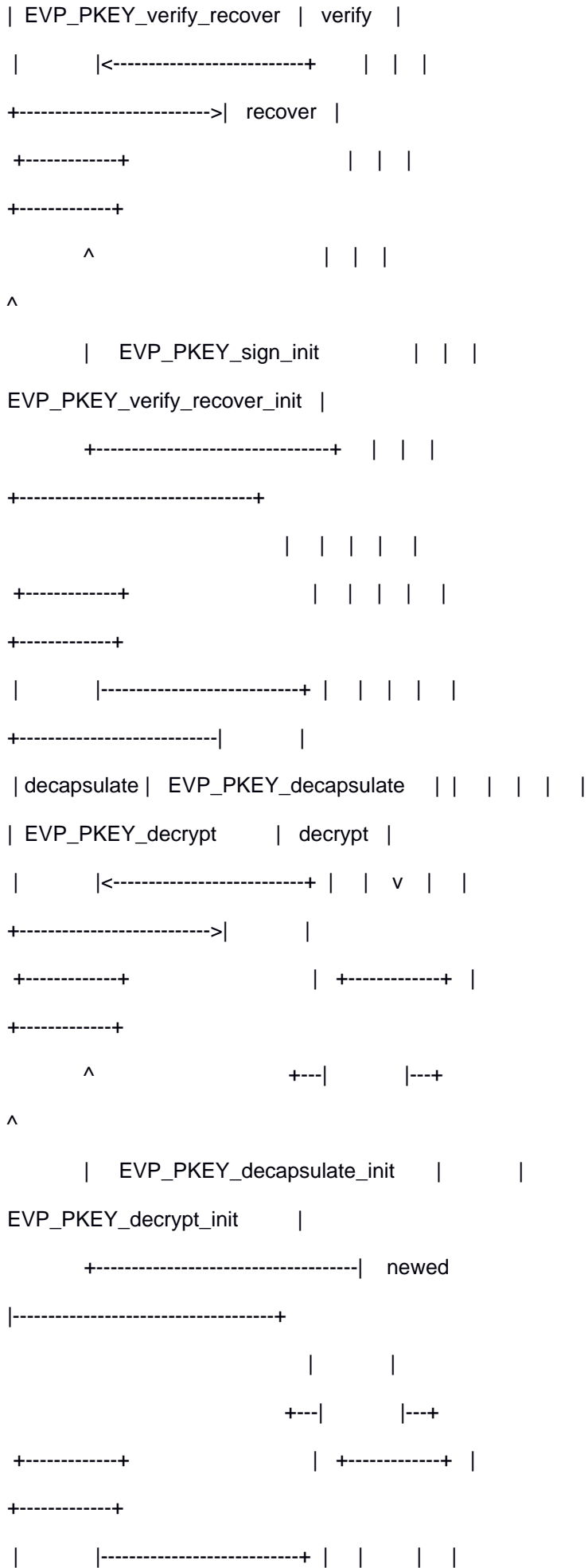
verify

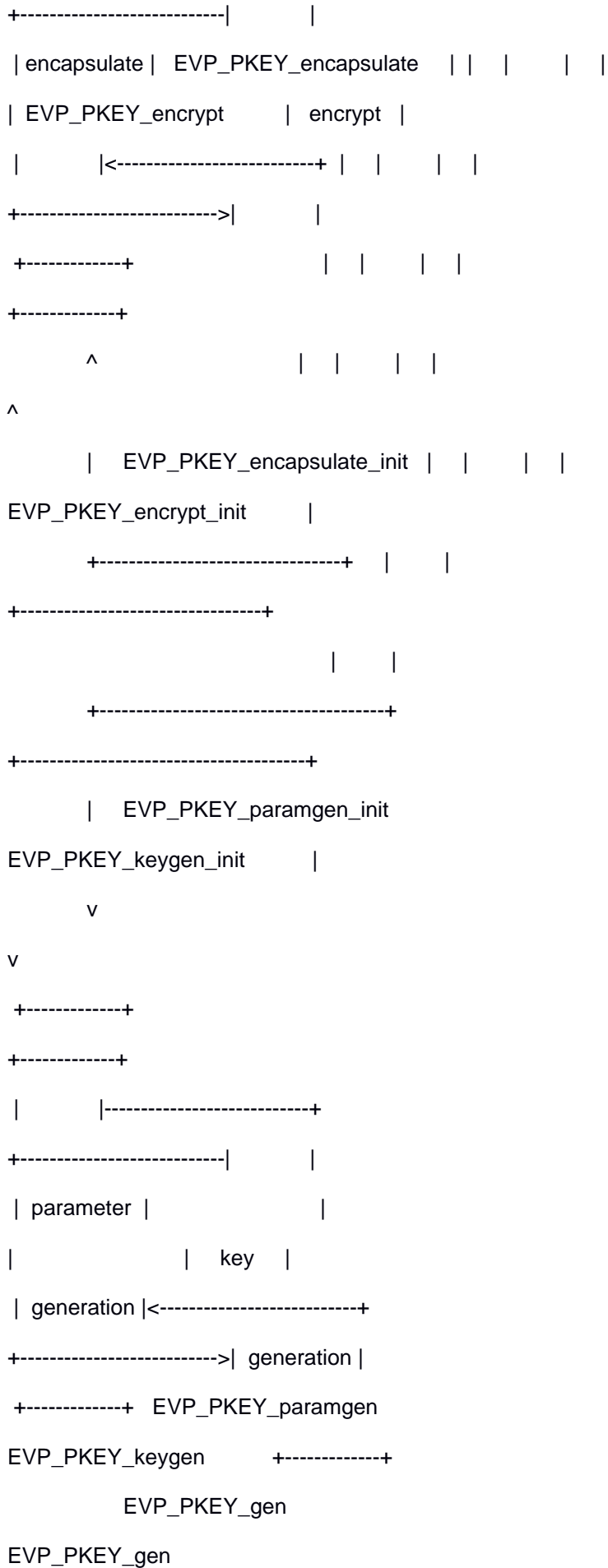
This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to verify a public key signature.

verify recover

This state represents the PKEY when it is ready to recover a public key signature data.







```

+-----+
+-----+
      '      ' EVP_PKEY_CTX_free |
|
      ' any state '----->|
freed |
      '      '      |
|
+-----+
+-----+

```

### Formal State Transitions

This section defines all of the legal state transitions. This is the canonical list.

Function Call

-----

Current State

-----

```

      start  newed  digest  verify
verify  encrypt  decrypt  derive  encapsulate
decapsulate parameter  key  freed
              sign
recover
generation generation
EVP_PKEY_CTX_new      newed
EVP_PKEY_CTX_new_id   newed
EVP_PKEY_CTX_new_from_name  newed
EVP_PKEY_CTX_new_from_pkey  newed
EVP_PKEY_sign_init    digest  digest  digest
digest  digest  digest  digest  digest  digest
digest  digest
              sign  sign  sign
sign  sign  sign  sign  sign  sign

```

sign sign  
EVP\_PKEY\_sign digest  
sign  
EVP\_PKEY\_verify\_init verify verify verify  
verify verify verify verify verify verify  
verify verify  
EVP\_PKEY\_verify verify  
EVP\_PKEY\_verify\_recover\_init verify verify verify  
verify verify verify verify verify verify  
verify verify  
recover recover  
recover recover recover recover recover  
recover recover recover recover  
EVP\_PKEY\_verify\_recover  
verify  
recover  
EVP\_PKEY\_encrypt\_init encrypt encrypt  
encrypt encrypt encrypt encrypt encrypt  
encrypt encrypt encrypt encrypt  
EVP\_PKEY\_encrypt  
encrypt  
EVP\_PKEY\_decrypt\_init decrypt decrypt  
decrypt decrypt decrypt decrypt decrypt  
decrypt decrypt decrypt decrypt  
EVP\_PKEY\_decrypt  
decrypt  
EVP\_PKEY\_derive\_init derive derive derive  
derive derive derive derive derive derive  
derive derive  
EVP\_PKEY\_derive\_set\_peer  
derive  
EVP\_PKEY\_derive  
derive

EVP\_PKEY\_encapsulate\_init      encapsulate encapsulate  
encapsulate encapsulate encapsulate encapsulate encapsulate  
encapsulate encapsulate encapsulate encapsulate

EVP\_PKEY\_encapsulate  
encapsulate

EVP\_PKEY\_decapsulate\_init      decapsulate decapsulate  
decapsulate decapsulate decapsulate decapsulate decapsulate  
decapsulate decapsulate decapsulate decapsulate

EVP\_PKEY\_decapsulate  
decapsulate

EVP\_PKEY\_paramgen\_init      parameter parameter  
parameter parameter parameter parameter parameter  
parameter parameter parameter parameter

generation generation  
generation generation generation generation generation  
generation generation generation generation

EVP\_PKEY\_paramgen  
parameter

generation

EVP\_PKEY\_keygen\_init      key key key  
key key key key key key  
key key

generation generation  
generation generation generation generation generation  
generation generation generation generation

EVP\_PKEY\_keygen  
key

generation

EVP\_PKEY\_gen  
parameter key

generation

generation

EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_get\_params      newed digest verify

verify encrypt decrypt derive encapsulate  
decapsulate parameter key  
sign

recover

generation generation

EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_set\_params newed digest verify  
verify encrypt decrypt derive encapsulate  
decapsulate parameter key  
sign

recover

generation generation

EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_gettable\_params newed digest verify  
verify encrypt decrypt derive encapsulate  
decapsulate parameter key  
sign

recover

generation generation

EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_settable\_params newed digest verify  
verify encrypt decrypt derive encapsulate  
decapsulate parameter key  
sign

recover

generation generation

EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_free freed freed freed freed  
freed freed freed freed freed freed  
freed freed

## NOTES

At some point the EVP layer will begin enforcing the transitions described herein.

## SEE ALSO

EVP\_PKEY\_new(3), EVP\_PKEY\_decapsulate(3), EVP\_PKEY\_decrypt(3),

EVP\_PKEY\_encapsulate(3), EVP\_PKEY\_encrypt(3), EVP\_PKEY\_derive(3),  
EVP\_PKEY\_keygen(3), EVP\_PKEY\_sign(3), EVP\_PKEY\_verify(3),  
EVP\_PKEY\_verify\_recover(3)

## HISTORY

The provider PKEY interface was introduced in OpenSSL 3.0.

## COPYRIGHT

Copyright 2021 The OpenSSL Project Authors. All Rights Reserved.

Licensed under the Apache License 2.0 (the "License"). You may not use  
this file except in compliance with the License. You can obtain a copy  
in the file LICENSE in the source distribution or at  
<<https://www.openssl.org/source/license.html>>.

3.0.7                    2023-07-13            LIFE\_CYCLE-PKEY(7ossl)