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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'provider-mac.7oss1' command***

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NAME

provider-mac - The mac library <-> provider functions

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/core_dispatch.h>
#include <openssl/core_names.h>
/*
 * None of these are actual functions, but are displayed like this for
 * the function signatures for functions that are offered as function
 * pointers in OSSL_DISPATCH arrays.
 */
/* Context management */
void *OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx(void *provctx);
void OSSL_FUNC_mac_freectx(void *mctx);
void *OSSL_FUNC_mac_dupctx(void *src);
/* Encryption/decryption */
int OSSL_FUNC_mac_init(void *mctx, unsigned char *key, size_t keylen,
                      const OSSL_PARAM params[]);
int OSSL_FUNC_mac_update(void *mctx, const unsigned char *in, size_t inl);
int OSSL_FUNC_mac_final(void *mctx, unsigned char *out, size_t *outl, size_t outsize);
/* MAC parameter descriptors */
const OSSL_PARAM *OSSL_FUNC_mac_gettable_params(void *provctx);
const OSSL_PARAM *OSSL_FUNC_mac_gettable_ctx_params(void *mctx, void *provctx);
```

```

const OSSL_PARAM *OSSL_FUNC_mac_settable_ctx_params(void *mctx, void *provctx);
/* MAC parameters */
int OSSL_FUNC_mac_get_params(OSSL_PARAM params[]);
int OSSL_FUNC_mac_get_ctx_params(void *mctx, OSSL_PARAM params[]);
int OSSL_FUNC_mac_set_ctx_params(void *mctx, const OSSL_PARAM params[]);

```

## DESCRIPTION

This documentation is primarily aimed at provider authors. See [provider\(7\)](#) for further information.

The MAC operation enables providers to implement mac algorithms and make them available to applications via the API functions [EVP\\_MAC\\_init\(3\)](#), [EVP\\_MAC\\_update\(3\)](#) and [EVP\\_MAC\\_final\(3\)](#).

All "functions" mentioned here are passed as function pointers between libcrypto and the provider in `OSSL_DISPATCH` arrays via `OSSL_ALGORITHM` arrays that are returned by the provider's `provider_query_operation()` function (see "Provider Functions" in [provider-base\(7\)](#)).

All these "functions" have a corresponding function type definition named `OSSL_FUNC_{name}_fn`, and a helper function to retrieve the function pointer from an `OSSL_DISPATCH` element named `OSSL_FUNC_{name}`.

For example, the "function" `OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx()` has these:

```

typedef void *(OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx_fn)(void *provctx);
static ossl_inline OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx_fn
    OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx(const OSSL_DISPATCH *opf);

```

`OSSL_DISPATCH` arrays are indexed by numbers that are provided as macros in [openssl-core\\_dispatch.h\(7\)](#), as follows:

<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_NEWCTX</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_freectx</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_FREECTX</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_dupctx</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_DUPCTX</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_init</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_INIT</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_update</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_UPDATE</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_final</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_FINAL</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_get_params</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_GET_PARAMS</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_get_ctx_params</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_GET_CTX_PARAMS</code>
<code>OSSL_FUNC_mac_set_ctx_params</code>	<code>OSSL_FUNC_MAC_SET_CTX_PARAMS</code>

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A mac algorithm implementation may not implement all of these

functions. In order to be a consistent set of functions, at least the

following functions must be implemented: OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_newctx(),

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_freectx(), OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_init(), OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_update(),

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_final(). All other functions are optional.

#### Context Management Functions

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_newctx() should create and return a pointer to a provider side structure for holding context information during a mac operation.

A pointer to this context will be passed back in a number of the other mac operation function calls. The parameter provctx is the provider context generated during provider initialisation (see provider(7)).

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_freectx() is passed a pointer to the provider side mac context in the mctx parameter. If it receives NULL as mctx value, it should not do anything other than return. This function should free any resources associated with that context.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_dupctx() should duplicate the provider side mac context in the mctx parameter and return the duplicate copy.

#### Encryption/Decryption Functions

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_init() initialises a mac operation given a newly created provider side mac context in the mctx parameter. The params are set before setting the MAC key of keylen bytes.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_update() is called to supply data for MAC computation of a previously initialised mac operation. The mctx parameter contains a pointer to a previously initialised provider side context.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_update() may be called multiple times for a single mac operation.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_final() completes the MAC computation started through previous OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_init() and OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_update() calls. The mctx parameter contains a pointer to the provider side context. The resulting MAC should be written to out and the amount of data written

to \*outl, which should not exceed outsize bytes. The same expectations apply to outsize as documented for EVP\_MAC\_final(3).

## Mac Parameters

See OSSL\_PARAM(3) for further details on the parameters structure used by these functions.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_get\_params() gets details of parameter values associated with the provider algorithm and stores them in params.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_set\_ctx\_params() sets mac parameters associated with the given provider side mac context mctx to params. Any parameter settings are additional to any that were previously set. Passing NULL for params should return true.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_get\_ctx\_params() gets details of currently set parameter values associated with the given provider side mac context mctx and stores them in params. Passing NULL for params should return true.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_gettable\_params(), OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_gettable\_ctx\_params(), and OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_settable\_ctx\_params() all return constant OSSL\_PARAM arrays as descriptors of the parameters that

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_get\_params(), OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_get\_ctx\_params(), and OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_set\_ctx\_params() can handle, respectively.

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_gettable\_ctx\_params() and

OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_settable\_ctx\_params() will return the parameters associated with the provider side context mctx in its current state if it is not NULL. Otherwise, they return the parameters associated with the provider side algorithm provctx.

All MAC implementations are expected to handle the following parameters:

with OSSL\_FUNC\_set\_ctx\_params():

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

Sets the key in the associated MAC ctx. This is identical to passing a key argument to the OSSL\_FUNC\_mac\_init() function.

with OSSL\_FUNC\_get\_params():

"size" (OSSL\_MAC\_PARAM\_SIZE) <integer>

Can be used to get the default MAC size (which might be the

only allowable MAC size for the implementation).

Note that some implementations allow setting the size that the resulting MAC should have as well, see the documentation of the implementation.

"size" (OSSL\_MAC\_PARAM\_BLOCK\_SIZE) <integer>

Can be used to get the MAC block size (if supported by the algorithm).

## NOTES

The MAC life-cycle is described in `life_cycle-rand(7)`. Providers should ensure that the various transitions listed there are supported.

At some point the EVP layer will begin enforcing the listed transitions.

## RETURN VALUES

`OSSL_FUNC_mac_newctx()` and `OSSL_FUNC_mac_dupctx()` should return the newly created provider side mac context, or NULL on failure.

`OSSL_FUNC_mac_init()`, `OSSL_FUNC_mac_update()`, `OSSL_FUNC_mac_final()`, `OSSL_FUNC_mac_get_params()`, `OSSL_FUNC_mac_get_ctx_params()` and `OSSL_FUNC_mac_set_ctx_params()` should return 1 for success or 0 on error.

`OSSL_FUNC_mac_gettable_params()`, `OSSL_FUNC_mac_gettable_ctx_params()` and `OSSL_FUNC_mac_settable_ctx_params()` should return a constant `OSSL_PARAM` array, or NULL if none is offered.

## SEE ALSO

`provider(7)`, `EVP_MAC-BLAKE2(7)`, `EVP_MAC-CMAC(7)`, `EVP_MAC-GMAC(7)`, `EVP_MAC-HMAC(7)`, `EVP_MAC-KMAC(7)`, `EVP_MAC-Poly1305(7)`, `EVP_MAC-Siphash(7)`, `life_cycle-mac(7)`, `EVP_MAC(3)`

## HISTORY

The provider MAC interface was introduced in OpenSSL 3.0.

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