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### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'ASN1\_item\_sign\_ex.3ossl'***

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ASN1\_ITEM\_SIGN(3ossl)          OpenSSL          ASN1\_ITEM\_SIGN(3ossl)

#### NAME

ASN1\_item\_sign, ASN1\_item\_sign\_ex, ASN1\_item\_sign\_ctx,  
ASN1\_item\_verify, ASN1\_item\_verify\_ex, ASN1\_item\_verify\_ctx - ASN1 sign  
and verify

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/x509.h>

int ASN1_item_sign_ex(const ASN1_ITEM *it, X509_ALGOR *algor1,
                    X509_ALGOR *algor2, ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature,
                    const void *data, const ASN1_OCTET_STRING *id,
                    EVP_PKEY *pkey, const EVP_MD *md, OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx,
                    const char *propq);

int ASN1_item_sign(const ASN1_ITEM *it, X509_ALGOR *algor1, X509_ALGOR *algor2,
                  ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature, const void *data,
                  EVP_PKEY *pkey, const EVP_MD *md);

int ASN1_item_sign_ctx(const ASN1_ITEM *it, X509_ALGOR *algor1,
                      X509_ALGOR *algor2, ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature,
                      const void *data, EVP_MD_CTX *ctx);
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int ASN1_item_verify_ex(const ASN1_ITEM *it, const X509_ALGOR *alg,
    const ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature, const void *data,
    const ASN1_OCTET_STRING *id, EVP_PKEY *pkey,
    OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx, const char *propq);

int ASN1_item_verify(const ASN1_ITEM *it, const X509_ALGOR *alg,
    const ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature, const void *data,
    EVP_PKEY *pkey);

int ASN1_item_verify_ctx(const ASN1_ITEM *it, const X509_ALGOR *alg,
    const ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature, const void *data,
    EVP_MD_CTX *ctx);

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## DESCRIPTION

ASN1\_item\_sign\_ex() is used to sign arbitrary ASN1 data using a data object data, the ASN.1 structure it, private key pkey and message digest md. The data that is signed is formed by taking the data object in data and converting it to der format using the ASN.1 structure it. The data that will be signed, and a structure containing the signature may both have a copy of the X509\_ALGOR. The ASN1\_item\_sign\_ex() function will write the correct X509\_ALGOR to the structs based on the algorithms and parameters that have been set up. If one of algor1 or algor2 points to the X509\_ALGOR of the data to be signed, then that X509\_ALGOR will first be written before the signature is generated. Examples of valid values that can be used by the ASN.1 structure it are ASN1\_ITEM\_rptr(X509\_CINF), ASN1\_ITEM\_rptr(X509\_REQ\_INFO) and ASN1\_ITEM\_rptr(X509\_CRL\_INFO). The OSSL\_LIB\_CTX specified in libctx and the property query string specified in props are used when searching for algorithms in providers. The generated signature is set into signature. The optional parameter id can be NULL, but can be set for special key types. See EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_set1\_id() for further info. The output parameters <algor1> and algor2 are ignored if they are NULL. ASN1\_item\_sign() is similar to ASN1\_item\_sign\_ex() but uses default values of NULL for the id, libctx and propq. ASN1\_item\_sign\_ctx() is similar to ASN1\_item\_sign() but uses the parameters contained in digest context ctx.

ASN1\_item\_verify\_ex() is used to verify the signature signature of internal data data using the public key pkey and algorithm identifier alg. The data that is verified is formed by taking the data object in data and converting it to der format using the ASN.1 structure it. The OSSL\_LIB\_CTX specified in libctx and the property query string specified in props are used when searching for algorithms in providers. The optional parameter id can be NULL, but can be set for special key types. See EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_set1\_id() for further info.

ASN1\_item\_verify() is similar to ASN1\_item\_verify\_ex() but uses default values of NULL for the id, libctx and propq.

ASN1\_item\_verify\_ctx() is similiar to ASN1\_item\_verify() but uses the parameters contained in digest context ctx.

## RETURN VALUES

All sign functions return the size of the signature in bytes for success and zero for failure.

All verify functions return 1 if the signature is valid and 0 if the signature check fails. If the signature could not be checked at all because it was ill-formed or some other error occurred then -1 is returned.

## EXAMPLES

In the following example a 'MyObject' object is signed using the key contained in an EVP\_MD\_CTX. The signature is written to MyObject.signature. The object is then output in DER format and then loaded back in and verified.

```
#include <openssl/x509.h>
#include <openssl/asn1t.h>

/* An object used to store the ASN1 data fields that will be signed */
typedef struct MySignInfoObject_st
{
    ASN1_INTEGER *version;
    X509_ALGOR sig_alg;
} MySignInfoObject;

DECLARE_ASN1_FUNCTIONS(MySignInfoObject)
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/*
 * A higher level object containing the ASN1 fields, signature alg and
 * output signature.
 */
typedef struct MyObject_st
{
    MySignInfoObject info;
    X509_ALGOR sig_alg;
    ASN1_BIT_STRING *signature;
} MyObject;
DECLARE_ASN1_FUNCTIONS(MyObject)
/* The ASN1 definition of MySignInfoObject */
ASN1_SEQUENCE_cb(MySignInfoObject, NULL) = {
    ASN1_SIMPLE(MySignInfoObject, version, ASN1_INTEGER)
    ASN1_EMBED(MySignInfoObject, sig_alg, X509_ALGOR),
} ASN1_SEQUENCE_END_cb(MySignInfoObject, MySignInfoObject)
/* new, free, d2i & i2d functions for MySignInfoObject */
IMPLEMENT_ASN1_FUNCTIONS(MySignInfoObject)
/* The ASN1 definition of MyObject */
ASN1_SEQUENCE_cb(MyObject, NULL) = {
    ASN1_EMBED(MyObject, info, MySignInfoObject),
    ASN1_EMBED(MyObject, sig_alg, X509_ALGOR),
    ASN1_SIMPLE(MyObject, signature, ASN1_BIT_STRING)
} ASN1_SEQUENCE_END_cb(MyObject, MyObject)
/* new, free, d2i & i2d functions for MyObject */
IMPLEMENT_ASN1_FUNCTIONS(MyObject)
int test_asn1_item_sign_verify(const char *mdname, EVP_PKEY *pkey, long version)
{
    int ret = 0;
    unsigned char *obj_der = NULL;
    const unsigned char *p = NULL;
    MyObject *obj = NULL, *loaded_obj = NULL;
    const ASN1_ITEM *it = ASN1_ITEM_rptr(MySignInfoObject);

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EVP_MD_CTX *sctx = NULL, *vctx = NULL;

int len;

/* Create MyObject and set its version */
obj = MyObject_new();

if (obj == NULL)
    goto err;

if (!ASN1_INTEGER_set(obj->info.version, version))
    goto err;

/* Set the key and digest used for signing */
sctx = EVP_MD_CTX_new();

if (sctx == NULL
    || !EVP_DigestSignInit_ex(sctx, NULL, mdname, NULL, NULL, pkey))
    goto err;

/*
 * it contains the mapping between ASN.1 data and an object MySignInfoObject
 * obj->info is the 'MySignInfoObject' object that will be
 * converted into DER data and then signed.
 * obj->signature will contain the output signature.
 * obj->sig_alg is filled with the private key's signing algorithm id.
 * obj->info.sig_alg is another copy of the signing algorithm id that sits
 * within MyObject.
 */
len = ASN1_item_sign_ctx(it, &obj->sig_alg, &obj->info.sig_alg,
                        obj->signature, &obj->info, sctx);

if (len <= 0
    || X509_ALGOR_cmp(&obj->sig_alg, &obj->info.sig_alg) != 0)
    goto err;

/* Output MyObject in der form */
len = i2d_MyObject(obj, &obj_der);

if (len <= 0)
    goto err;

/* Set the key and digest used for verifying */
vctx = EVP_MD_CTX_new();

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if (vctx == NULL
    || !EVP_DigestVerifyInit_ex(vctx, NULL, mdname, NULL, NULL, pkey))
    goto err;
/* Load the der data back into an object */
p = obj_der;
loaded_obj = d2i_MyObject(NULL, &p, len);
if (loaded_obj == NULL)
    goto err;
/* Verify the loaded object */
ret = ASN1_item_verify_ctx(it, &loaded_obj->sig_alg, loaded_obj->signature,
                          &loaded_obj->info, vctx);
err:
    OPENSSL_free(obj_der);
    MyObject_free(loaded_obj);
    MyObject_free(obj);
    EVP_MD_CTX_free(sctx);
    EVP_MD_CTX_free(vctx);
    return ret;
}

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## SEE ALSO

X509\_sign(3), X509\_verify(3)

## HISTORY

ASN1\_item\_sign\_ex() and ASN1\_item\_verify\_ex() were added in OpenSSL

3.0.

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