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EC_KEY_NEW(3ossl)          OpenSSL          EC_KEY_NEW(3ossl)
NAME
EVP_EC_gen, EC_KEY_get_method, EC_KEY_set_method, EC_KEY_new_ex,
EC_KEY_new, EC_KEY_get_flags, EC_KEY_set_flags, EC_KEY_clear_flags,
EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name_ex, EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name, EC_KEY_free,
EC_KEY_copy, EC_KEY_dup, EC_KEY_up_ref, EC_KEY_get0_engine,
EC_KEY_get0_group, EC_KEY_set_group, EC_KEY_get0_private_key,
EC_KEY_set_private_key, EC_KEY_get0_public_key, EC_KEY_set_public_key,
EC_KEY_get_conv_form, EC_KEY_set_conv_form, EC_KEY_set_asn1_flag,
EC_KEY_decoded_from_explicit_params, EC_KEY_precompute_mult,
EC_KEY_generate_key, EC_KEY_check_key,
EC_KEY_set_public_key_affine_coordinates, EC_KEY_oct2key,
EC_KEY_key2buf, EC_KEY_oct2priv, EC_KEY_priv2oct, EC_KEY_priv2buf -
Functions for creating, destroying and manipulating EC_KEY objects
```

SYNOPSIS

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

```
EVP_PKEY *EVP_EC_gen(const char *curve);
```

The following functions have been deprecated since OpenSSL 3.0, and can

be hidden entirely by defining OPENSSL_API_COMPAT with a suitable version value, see openssl_user_macros(7):

```
EC_KEY *EC_KEY_new_ex(OSSL_LIB_CTX *ctx, const char *propq);
EC_KEY *EC_KEY_new(void);
int EC_KEY_get_flags(const EC_KEY *key);
void EC_KEY_set_flags(EC_KEY *key, int flags);
void EC_KEY_clear_flags(EC_KEY *key, int flags);
EC_KEY *EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name_ex(OSSL_LIB_CTX *ctx, const char *propq,
                                     int nid);
EC_KEY *EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name(int nid);
void EC_KEY_free(EC_KEY *key);
EC_KEY *EC_KEY_copy(EC_KEY *dst, const EC_KEY *src);
EC_KEY *EC_KEY_dup(const EC_KEY *src);
int EC_KEY_up_ref(EC_KEY *key);
ENGINE *EC_KEY_get0_engine(const EC_KEY *eckey);
const EC_GROUP *EC_KEY_get0_group(const EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_set_group(EC_KEY *key, const EC_GROUP *group);
const BIGNUM *EC_KEY_get0_private_key(const EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_set_private_key(EC_KEY *key, const BIGNUM *priv_key);
const EC_POINT *EC_KEY_get0_public_key(const EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_set_public_key(EC_KEY *key, const EC_POINT *pub);
point_conversion_form_t EC_KEY_get_conv_form(const EC_KEY *key);
void EC_KEY_set_conv_form(EC_KEY *eckey, point_conversion_form_t cform);
void EC_KEY_set_asn1_flag(EC_KEY *eckey, int asn1_flag);
int EC_KEY_decoded_from_explicit_params(const EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_generate_key(EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_check_key(const EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_set_public_key_affine_coordinates(EC_KEY *key, BIGNUM *x, BIGNUM *y);
const EC_KEY_METHOD *EC_KEY_get_method(const EC_KEY *key);
int EC_KEY_set_method(EC_KEY *key, const EC_KEY_METHOD *meth);
int EC_KEY_oct2key(EC_KEY *eckey, const unsigned char *buf, size_t len, BN_CTX *ctx);
size_t EC_KEY_key2buf(const EC_KEY *eckey, point_conversion_form_t form,
                     unsigned char **pbuf, BN_CTX *ctx);
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```
int EC_KEY_oct2priv(EC_KEY *eckey, const unsigned char *buf, size_t len);
size_t EC_KEY_priv2oct(const EC_KEY *eckey, unsigned char *buf, size_t len);
size_t EC_KEY_priv2buf(const EC_KEY *eckey, unsigned char **pbuf);
int EC_KEY_precompute_mult(EC_KEY *key, BN_CTX *ctx);
```

DESCRIPTION

EVP_EC_gen() generates a new EC key pair on the given curve.

All of the functions described below are deprecated. Applications should instead use EVP_EC_gen(), EVP_PKEY_Q_keygen(3), or EVP_PKEY_keygen_init(3) and EVP_PKEY_keygen(3).

An EC_KEY represents a public key and, optionally, the associated private key. A new EC_KEY with no associated curve can be constructed by calling EC_KEY_new_ex() and specifying the associated library context in ctx (see OSSL_LIB_CTX(3)) and property query string propq.

The ctx parameter may be NULL in which case the default library context is used. The reference count for the newly created EC_KEY is initially set to 1. A curve can be associated with the EC_KEY by calling EC_KEY_set_group().

EC_KEY_new() is the same as EC_KEY_new_ex() except that the default library context is always used.

Alternatively a new EC_KEY can be constructed by calling EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name_ex() and supplying the nid of the associated curve, the library context to be used ctx (see OSSL_LIB_CTX(3)) and any property query string propq. The ctx parameter may be NULL in which case the default library context is used. The propq value may also be NULL. See EC_GROUP_new(3) for a description of curve names. This function simply wraps calls to EC_KEY_new_ex() and EC_GROUP_new_by_curve_name_ex().

EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name() is the same as EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name_ex() except that the default library context is always used and a NULL property query string.

Calling EC_KEY_free() decrements the reference count for the EC_KEY object, and if it has dropped to zero then frees the memory associated with it. If key is NULL nothing is done.

EC_KEY_copy() copies the contents of the EC_KEY in src into dest.

EC_KEY_dup() creates a new EC_KEY object and copies ec_key into it.

EC_KEY_up_ref() increments the reference count associated with the EC_KEY object.

EC_KEY_get0_engine() returns a handle to the ENGINE that has been set for this EC_KEY object.

EC_KEY_generate_key() generates a new public and private key for the supplied eckey object. eckey must have an EC_GROUP object associated with it before calling this function. The private key is a random integer ($0 < \text{priv_key} < \text{order}$, where order is the order of the EC_GROUP object). The public key is an EC_POINT on the curve calculated by multiplying the generator for the curve by the private key.

EC_KEY_check_key() performs various sanity checks on the EC_KEY object to confirm that it is valid.

EC_KEY_set_public_key_affine_coordinates() sets the public key for key based on its affine co-ordinates; i.e., it constructs an EC_POINT object based on the supplied x and y values and sets the public key to be this EC_POINT. It also performs certain sanity checks on the key to confirm that it is valid.

The functions EC_KEY_get0_group(), EC_KEY_set_group(), EC_KEY_get0_private_key(), EC_KEY_set_private_key(), EC_KEY_get0_public_key(), and EC_KEY_set_public_key() get and set the EC_GROUP object, the private key, and the EC_POINT public key for the key respectively. The function EC_KEY_set_private_key() accepts NULL as the priv_key argument to securely clear the private key component from the EC_KEY.

The functions EC_KEY_get_conv_form() and EC_KEY_set_conv_form() get and set the point_conversion_form for the key. For a description of point_conversion_forms please see EC_POINT_new(3).

EC_KEY_set_flags() sets the flags in the flags parameter on the EC_KEY object. Any flags that are already set are left set. The flags currently defined are EC_FLAG_NON_FIPS_ALLOW and EC_FLAG_FIPS_CHECKED.

In addition there is the flag EC_FLAG_COFACTOR_ECDH which is specific

to ECDH. `EC_KEY_get_flags()` returns the current flags that are set for this `EC_KEY`. `EC_KEY_clear_flags()` clears the flags indicated by the flags parameter; all other flags are left in their existing state.

`EC_KEY_set_asn1_flag()` sets the `asn1_flag` on the underlying `EC_GROUP` object (if set). Refer to `EC_GROUP_copy(3)` for further information on the `asn1_flag`.

`EC_KEY_decoded_from_explicit_params()` returns 1 if the group of the key was decoded from data with explicitly encoded group parameters, -1 if the key is NULL or the group parameters are missing, and 0 otherwise.

`EC_KEY_precompute_mult()` stores multiples of the underlying `EC_GROUP` generator for faster point multiplication. See also `EC_POINT_add(3)`.

Modern versions should instead switch to named curves which OpenSSL has hardcoded lookup tables for.

`EC_KEY_oct2key()` and `EC_KEY_key2buf()` are identical to the functions `EC_POINT_oct2point()` and `EC_POINT_point2buf()` except they use the public key `EC_POINT` in `eckey`.

`EC_KEY_oct2priv()` and `EC_KEY_priv2oct()` convert between the private key component of `eckey` and octet form. The octet form consists of the content octets of the privateKey OCTET STRING in an `ECPrivateKey` ASN.1 structure.

The function `EC_KEY_priv2oct()` must be supplied with a buffer long enough to store the octet form. The return value provides the number of octets stored. Calling the function with a NULL buffer will not perform the conversion but will just return the required buffer length.

The function `EC_KEY_priv2buf()` allocates a buffer of suitable length and writes an `EC_KEY` to it in octet format. The allocated buffer is written to `*pbuf` and its length is returned. The caller must free up the allocated buffer with a call to `OPENSSL_free()`. Since the allocated buffer value is written to `*pbuf` the `pbuf` parameter MUST NOT be NULL.

`EC_KEY_priv2buf()` converts an `EC_KEY` private key into an allocated buffer.

RETURN VALUES

`EC_KEY_new_ex()`, `EC_KEY_new()`, `EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name_ex()`,

EC_KEY_new_by_curve_name() and EC_KEY_dup() return a pointer to the newly created EC_KEY object, or NULL on error.

EC_KEY_get_flags() returns the flags associated with the EC_KEY object as an integer.

EC_KEY_copy() returns a pointer to the destination key, or NULL on error.

EC_KEY_get0_engine() returns a pointer to an ENGINE, or NULL if it wasn't set.

EC_KEY_up_ref(), EC_KEY_set_group(), EC_KEY_set_public_key(), EC_KEY_precompute_mult(), EC_KEY_generate_key(), EC_KEY_check_key(), EC_KEY_set_public_key_affine_coordinates(), EC_KEY_oct2key() and EC_KEY_oct2priv() return 1 on success or 0 on error.

EC_KEY_set_private_key() returns 1 on success or 0 on error except when the priv_key argument is NULL, in that case it returns 0, for legacy compatibility, and should not be treated as an error.

EC_KEY_get0_group() returns the EC_GROUP associated with the EC_KEY.

EC_KEY_get0_private_key() returns the private key associated with the EC_KEY.

EC_KEY_get_conv_form() return the point_conversion_form for the EC_KEY.

EC_KEY_key2buf(), EC_KEY_priv2oct() and EC_KEY_priv2buf() return the length of the buffer or 0 on error.

SEE ALSO

EVP_PKEY_Q_keygen(3) crypto(7), EC_GROUP_new(3), EC_GROUP_copy(3), EC_POINT_new(3), EC_POINT_add(3), EC_GFp_simple_method(3), d2i_ECPKParameters(3), OSSL_LIB_CTX(3)

HISTORY

EVP_EC_gen() was added in OpenSSL 3.0. All other functions described here were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0. For replacement see EVP_PKEY-EC(7).

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