

NAME

DH_set_default_method, DH_get_default_method, DH_set_method, DH_new_method, DH_OpenSSL
- select DH method

SYNOPSIS

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

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)**:

```
void DH_set_default_method(const DH_METHOD *meth);
```

```
const DH_METHOD *DH_get_default_method(void);
```

```
int DH_set_method(DH *dh, const DH_METHOD *meth);
```

```
DH *DH_new_method(ENGINE *engine);
```

```
const DH_METHOD *DH_OpenSSL(void);
```

DESCRIPTION

All of the functions described on this page are deprecated. Applications should instead use the provider APIs.

A **DH_METHOD** specifies the functions that OpenSSL uses for Diffie-Hellman operations. By modifying the method, alternative implementations such as hardware accelerators may be used. **IMPORTANT:** See the NOTES section for important information about how these DH API functions are affected by the use of **ENGINE** API calls.

Initially, the default **DH_METHOD** is the OpenSSL internal implementation, as returned by **DH_OpenSSL()**.

DH_set_default_method() makes **meth** the default method for all DH structures created later. **NB:** This is true only whilst no **ENGINE** has been set as a default for DH, so this function is no longer recommended. This function is not thread-safe and should not be called at the same time as other OpenSSL functions.

DH_get_default_method() returns a pointer to the current default **DH_METHOD**. However, the meaningfulness of this result is dependent on whether the **ENGINE** API is being used, so this function is no longer recommended.

DH_set_method() selects **meth** to perform all operations using the key **dh**. This will replace the **DH_METHOD** used by the **DH** key and if the previous method was supplied by an **ENGINE**, the handle to that **ENGINE** will be released during the change. It is possible to have **DH** keys that only work with certain **DH_METHOD** implementations (e.g. from an **ENGINE** module that supports embedded hardware-protected keys), and in such cases attempting to change the **DH_METHOD** for the key can have unexpected results.

DH_new_method() allocates and initializes a **DH** structure so that **engine** will be used for the **DH** operations. If **engine** is **NULL**, the default **ENGINE** for **DH** operations is used, and if no default **ENGINE** is set, the **DH_METHOD** controlled by **DH_set_default_method()** is used.

A new **DH_METHOD** object may be constructed using **DH_meth_new()** (see **DH_meth_new(3)**).

RETURN VALUES

DH_OpenSSL() and **DH_get_default_method()** return pointers to the respective **DH_METHOD**s.

DH_set_default_method() returns no value.

DH_set_method() returns nonzero if the provided **meth** was successfully set as the method for **dh** (including unloading the **ENGINE** handle if the previous method was supplied by an **ENGINE**).

DH_new_method() returns **NULL** and sets an error code that can be obtained by **ERR_get_error(3)** if the allocation fails. Otherwise it returns a pointer to the newly allocated structure.

SEE ALSO

DH_new(3), **DH_new(3)**, **DH_meth_new(3)**

HISTORY

All of these functions were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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