

**NAME**

EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_fetch, EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_free, EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_up\_ref,  
 EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_is\_a, EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_get0\_provider,  
 EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_do\_all\_provided, EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_names\_do\_all,  
 EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_get0\_name, EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_get0\_description,  
 EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_gettable\_ctx\_params, EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_settable\_ctx\_params - Functions  
 to manage EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER algorithm objects

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <openssl/evp.h>
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EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_fetch(OSSL_LIB_CTX *ctx, const char *algorithm,
                                         const char *properties);
void EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_free(EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher);
int EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_up_ref(EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher);
const char *EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_get0_name(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher);
int EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_is_a(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher, const char *name);
OSSL_PROVIDER *EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_get0_provider(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher);
void EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_do_all_provided(OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx,
                                     void (*fn)(EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher,
                                                  void *arg),
                                     void *arg);
int EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_names_do_all(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher,
                                 void (*fn)(const char *name, void *data),
                                 void *data);
const char *EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_get0_description(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cipher);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_gettable_ctx_params(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cip);
const OSSL_PARAM *EVP_ASYM_CIPHER_settable_ctx_params(const EVP_ASYM_CIPHER *cip);
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**DESCRIPTION**

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_fetch()** fetches the implementation for the given **algorithm** from any provider offering it, within the criteria given by the **properties** and in the scope of the given library context **ctx** (see **OSSL\_LIB\_CTX(3)**). The algorithm will be one offering functions for performing asymmetric cipher related tasks such as asymmetric encryption and decryption. See "ALGORITHM FETCHING" in **crypto(7)** for further information.

The returned value must eventually be freed with **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_free()**.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_free()** decrements the reference count for the **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER** structure. Typically this structure will have been obtained from an earlier call to **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_fetch()**.

If the reference count drops to 0 then the structure is freed.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_up\_ref()** increments the reference count for an **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER** structure.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_is\_a()** returns 1 if *cipher* is an implementation of an algorithm that's identifiable with *name*, otherwise 0.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_get0\_provider()** returns the provider that *cipher* was fetched from.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_do\_all\_provided()** traverses all **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER**s implemented by all activated providers in the given library context *libctx*, and for each of the implementations, calls the given function *fn* with the implementation method and the given *arg* as argument.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_get0\_name()** returns the algorithm name from the provided implementation for the given *cipher*. Note that the *cipher* may have multiple synonyms associated with it. In this case the first name from the algorithm definition is returned. Ownership of the returned string is retained by the *cipher* object and should not be freed by the caller.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_names\_do\_all()** traverses all names for *cipher*, and calls *fn* with each name and *data*.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_get0\_description()** returns a description of the *cipher*, meant for display and human consumption. The description is at the discretion of the *cipher* implementation.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_gettable\_ctx\_params()** and **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_settable\_ctx\_params()** return a constant **OSSL\_PARAM(3)** array that describes the names and types of key parameters that can be retrieved or set by a key encryption algorithm using **EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_get\_params(3)** and **EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_set\_params(3)**.

## RETURN VALUES

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_fetch()** returns a pointer to an **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER** for success or **NULL** for failure.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_up\_ref()** returns 1 for success or 0 otherwise.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_names\_do\_all()** returns 1 if the callback was called for all names. A return value of 0 means that the callback was not called for any names.

**EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_gettable\_ctx\_params()** and **EVP\_ASYM\_CIPHER\_settable\_ctx\_params()**

return a constant **OSSL\_PARAM**(3) array or NULL on error.

## SEE ALSO

"ALGORITHM FETCHING" in **crypto**(7), **OSSL\_PROVIDER**(3)

## HISTORY

The functions described here were added in OpenSSL 3.0.

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