

NAME

EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD, EVP_PKEY_asn1_new, EVP_PKEY_asn1_copy, EVP_PKEY_asn1_free, EVP_PKEY_asn1_add0, EVP_PKEY_asn1_add_alias, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_private, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_param, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_free, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_ctrl, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_item, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_siginf, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_check, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public_check, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_param_check, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_security_bits, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_set_priv_key, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_set_pub_key, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_get_priv_key, EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_get_pub_key, EVP_PKEY_get0_asn1 - manipulating and registering EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD structure

SYNOPSIS

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

```
typedef struct evp_pkey_asn1_method_st EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD;
```

```
EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *EVP_PKEY_asn1_new(int id, int flags,
                                         const char *pem_str,
                                         const char *info);
```

```
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_copy(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *dst,
                       const EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *src);
```

```
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_free(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth);
```

```
int EVP_PKEY_asn1_add0(const EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth);
```

```
int EVP_PKEY_asn1_add_alias(int to, int from);
```

```
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
                              int (*pub_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pk,
                                                  const X509_PUBKEY *pub),
                              int (*pub_encode) (X509_PUBKEY *pub,
                                                  const EVP_PKEY *pk),
                              int (*pub_cmp) (const EVP_PKEY *a,
                                               const EVP_PKEY *b),
                              int (*pub_print) (BIO *out,
                                                const EVP_PKEY *pkey,
                                                int indent, ASN1_PCTX *pctx),
                              int (*pkey_size) (const EVP_PKEY *pk),
                              int (*pkey_bits) (const EVP_PKEY *pk));
```

```
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_private(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
                               int (*priv_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pk,
                                                    const PKCS8_PRIV_KEY_INFO
```

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        *p8inf),
    int (*priv_encode) (PKCS8_PRIV_KEY_INFO *p8,
        const EVP_PKEY *pk),
    int (*priv_print) (BIO *out,
        const EVP_PKEY *pkey,
        int indent,
        ASN1_PCTX *pctx));
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_param(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*param_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pkey,
        const unsigned char **pder,
        int derlen),
    int (*param_encode) (const EVP_PKEY *pkey,
        unsigned char **pder),
    int (*param_missing) (const EVP_PKEY *pk),
    int (*param_copy) (EVP_PKEY *to,
        const EVP_PKEY *from),
    int (*param_cmp) (const EVP_PKEY *a,
        const EVP_PKEY *b),
    int (*param_print) (BIO *out,
        const EVP_PKEY *pkey,
        int indent,
        ASN1_PCTX *pctx));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_free(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    void (*pkey_free) (EVP_PKEY *pkey));
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_ctrl(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*pkey_ctrl) (EVP_PKEY *pkey, int op,
        long arg1, void *arg2));
void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_item(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*item_verify) (EVP_MD_CTX *ctx,
        const ASN1_ITEM *it,
        void *asn,
        X509_ALGOR *a,
        ASN1_BIT_STRING *sig,
        EVP_PKEY *pkey),
    int (*item_sign) (EVP_MD_CTX *ctx,
        const ASN1_ITEM *it,
        void *asn,
        X509_ALGOR *alg1,
        X509_ALGOR *alg2,

```

```
ASN1_BIT_STRING *sig));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_siginf(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*siginf_set) (X509_SIG_INFO *siginf,
        const X509_ALGOR *alg,
        const ASN1_STRING *sig));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_check(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*pkey_check) (const EVP_PKEY *pk));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public_check(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*pkey_pub_check) (const EVP_PKEY *pk));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_param_check(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*pkey_param_check) (const EVP_PKEY *pk));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_security_bits(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*pkey_security_bits) (const EVP_PKEY
        *pk));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_set_priv_key(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*set_priv_key) (EVP_PKEY *pk,
        const unsigned char
            *priv,
        size_t len));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_set_pub_key(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*set_pub_key) (EVP_PKEY *pk,
        const unsigned char *pub,
        size_t len));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_get_priv_key(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*get_priv_key) (const EVP_PKEY *pk,
        unsigned char *priv,
        size_t *len));

void EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_get_pub_key(EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *ameth,
    int (*get_pub_key) (const EVP_PKEY *pk,
        unsigned char *pub,
        size_t *len));
```

```
const EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD *EVP_PKEY_get0_asn1(const EVP_PKEY *pkey);
```

DESCRIPTION

EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD is a structure which holds a set of ASN.1 conversion, printing and information methods for a specific public key algorithm.

There are two places where the **EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD** objects are stored: one is a built-in array representing the standard methods for different algorithms, and the other one is a stack of user-defined application-specific methods, which can be manipulated by using **EVP_PKEY_asn1_add0(3)**.

Methods

The methods are the underlying implementations of a particular public key algorithm present by the **EVP_PKEY** object.

```
int (*pub_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pk, const X509_PUBKEY *pub);
int (*pub_encode) (X509_PUBKEY *pub, const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*pub_cmp) (const EVP_PKEY *a, const EVP_PKEY *b);
int (*pub_print) (BIO *out, const EVP_PKEY *pkey, int indent,
                 ASN1_PCTX *pctx);
```

The **pub_decode()** and **pub_encode()** methods are called to decode / encode **X509_PUBKEY** ASN.1 parameters to / from **pk**. They MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. They're called by **X509_PUBKEY_get0(3)** and **X509_PUBKEY_set(3)**.

The **pub_cmp()** method is called when two public keys are to be compared. It MUST return 1 when the keys are equal, 0 otherwise. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_eq(3)**.

The **pub_print()** method is called to print a public key in humanly readable text to **out**, indented **indent** spaces. It MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_print_public(3)**.

```
int (*priv_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pk, const PKCS8_PRIV_KEY_INFO *p8inf);
int (*priv_encode) (PKCS8_PRIV_KEY_INFO *p8, const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*priv_print) (BIO *out, const EVP_PKEY *pkey, int indent,
                 ASN1_PCTX *pctx);
```

The **priv_decode()** and **priv_encode()** methods are called to decode / encode **PKCS8_PRIV_KEY_INFO** form private key to / from **pk**. They MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. They're called by **EVP_PKCS82PKEY(3)** and **EVP_PKEY2PKCS8(3)**.

The **priv_print()** method is called to print a private key in humanly readable text to **out**, indented **indent**

spaces. It MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_print_private(3)**.

```
int (*pkey_size) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*pkey_bits) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*pkey_security_bits) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
```

The **pkey_size()** method returns the key size in bytes. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_get_size(3)**.

The **pkey_bits()** method returns the key size in bits. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_get_bits(3)**.

```
int (*param_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pkey,
                    const unsigned char **pder, int derlen);
int (*param_encode) (const EVP_PKEY *pkey, unsigned char **pder);
int (*param_missing) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*param_copy) (EVP_PKEY *to, const EVP_PKEY *from);
int (*param_cmp) (const EVP_PKEY *a, const EVP_PKEY *b);
int (*param_print) (BIO *out, const EVP_PKEY *pkey, int indent,
                  ASN1_PCTX *pctx);
```

The **param_decode()** and **param_encode()** methods are called to decode / encode DER formatted parameters to / from **pk**. They MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. They're called by **PEM_read_bio_Parameters(3)** and the **file: OSSL_STORE_LOADER(3)**.

The **param_missing()** method returns 0 if a key parameter is missing, otherwise 1. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_missing_parameters(3)**.

The **param_copy()** method copies key parameters from **from** to **to**. It MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_copy_parameters(3)**.

The **param_cmp()** method compares the parameters of keys **a** and **b**. It MUST return 1 when the keys are equal, 0 when not equal, or a negative number on error. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_parameters_eq(3)**.

The **param_print()** method prints the private key parameters in humanly readable text to **out**, indented **indent** spaces. It MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_print_params(3)**.

```
int (*sig_print) (BIO *out,
                const X509_ALGOR *sigalg, const ASN1_STRING *sig,
                int indent, ASN1_PCTX *pctx);
```

The **sig_print()** method prints a signature in humanly readable text to **out**, indented **indent** spaces. **sigalg** contains the exact signature algorithm. If the signature in **sig** doesn't correspond to what this method expects, **X509_signature_dump()** must be used as a last resort. It MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. It's called by **X509_signature_print(3)**.

```
void (*pkey_free) (EVP_PKEY *pkey);
```

The **pkey_free()** method helps freeing the internals of **pkey**. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_free(3)**, **EVP_PKEY_set_type(3)**, **EVP_PKEY_set_type_str(3)**, and **EVP_PKEY_assign(3)**.

```
int (*pkey_ctrl) (EVP_PKEY *pkey, int op, long arg1, void *arg2);
```

The **pkey_ctrl()** method adds extra algorithm specific control. It's called by **EVP_PKEY_get_default_digest_nid(3)**, **EVP_PKEY_set1_encoded_public_key(3)**, **EVP_PKEY_get1_encoded_public_key(3)**, **PKCS7_SIGNER_INFO_set(3)**, **PKCS7_RECIP_INFO_set(3)**, ...

```
int (*old_priv_decode) (EVP_PKEY *pkey,
                       const unsigned char **pder, int derlen);
int (*old_priv_encode) (const EVP_PKEY *pkey, unsigned char **pder);
```

The **old_priv_decode()** and **old_priv_encode()** methods decode / encode they private key **pkey** from / to a DER formatted array. These are exclusively used to help decoding / encoding older (pre PKCS#8) PEM formatted encrypted private keys. **old_priv_decode()** MUST return 0 on error, 1 on success. **old_priv_encode()** MUST the return same kind of values as **i2d_PrivateKey()**. They're called by **d2i_PrivateKey(3)** and **i2d_PrivateKey(3)**.

```
int (*item_verify) (EVP_MD_CTX *ctx, const ASN1_ITEM *it, void *asn,
                   X509_ALGOR *a, ASN1_BIT_STRING *sig, EVP_PKEY *pkey);
int (*item_sign) (EVP_MD_CTX *ctx, const ASN1_ITEM *it, void *asn,
                 X509_ALGOR *alg1, X509_ALGOR *alg2,
                 ASN1_BIT_STRING *sig);
```

The **item_sign()** and **item_verify()** methods make it possible to have algorithm specific signatures and verification of them.

item_sign() MUST return one of:

<=0 error

- 1 **item_sign()** did everything, OpenSSL internals just needs to pass the signature length back.
- 2 **item_sign()** did nothing, OpenSSL internal standard routines are expected to continue with the default signature production.
- 3 **item_sign()** set the algorithm identifier **algor1** and **algor2**, OpenSSL internals should just sign using those algorithms.

item_verify() MUST return one of:

<=0 error

- 1 **item_sign()** did everything, OpenSSL internals just needs to pass the signature length back.
- 2 **item_sign()** did nothing, OpenSSL internal standard routines are expected to continue with the default signature production.

item_verify() and **item_sign()** are called by **ASN1_item_verify(3)** and **ASN1_item_sign(3)**, and by extension, **X509_verify(3)**, **X509_REQ_verify(3)**, **X509_sign(3)**, **X509_REQ_sign(3)**, ...

```
int (*siginf_set) (X509_SIG_INFO *siginf, const X509_ALGOR *alg,
                  const ASN1_STRING *sig);
```

The **siginf_set()** method is used to set custom **X509_SIG_INFO** parameters. It MUST return 0 on error, or 1 on success. It's called as part of **X509_check_purpose(3)**, **X509_check_ca(3)** and **X509_check_issued(3)**.

```
int (*pkey_check) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*pkey_public_check) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
int (*pkey_param_check) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
```

The **pkey_check()**, **pkey_public_check()** and **pkey_param_check()** methods are used to check the validity of **pk** for key-pair, public component and parameters, respectively. They MUST return 0 for an invalid key, or 1 for a valid key. They are called by **EVP_PKEY_check(3)**, **EVP_PKEY_public_check(3)** and **EVP_PKEY_param_check(3)** respectively.

```
int (*set_priv_key) (EVP_PKEY *pk, const unsigned char *priv, size_t len);
int (*set_pub_key) (EVP_PKEY *pk, const unsigned char *pub, size_t len);
```

The **set_priv_key()** and **set_pub_key()** methods are used to set the raw private and public key data for

an `EVP_PKEY`. They MUST return 0 on error, or 1 on success. They are called by `EVP_PKEY_new_raw_private_key(3)`, and `EVP_PKEY_new_raw_public_key(3)` respectively.

```
size_t (*dirty) (const EVP_PKEY *pk);
void *(*export_to) (const EVP_PKEY *pk, EVP_KEYMGMT *keymgmt);
```

`dirty_cnt()` returns the internal key's dirty count. This can be used to synchronise different copies of the same keys.

The `export_to()` method exports the key material from the given key to a provider, through the `EVP_KEYMGMT(3)` interface, if that provider supports importing key material.

Functions

`EVP_PKEY_asn1_new()` creates and returns a new `EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD` object, and associates the given `id`, `flags`, `pem_str` and `info`. `id` is a NID, `pem_str` is the PEM type string, `info` is a descriptive string. The following `flags` are supported:

`ASN1_PKEY_SIGPARAM_NULL`

If `ASN1_PKEY_SIGPARAM_NULL` is set, then the signature algorithm parameters are given the type `V_ASN1_NULL` by default, otherwise they will be given the type `V_ASN1_UNDEF` (i.e. the parameter is omitted). See `X509_ALGOR_set0(3)` for more information.

`EVP_PKEY_asn1_copy()` copies an `EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD` object from `src` to `dst`. This function is not thread safe, it's recommended to only use this when initializing the application.

`EVP_PKEY_asn1_free()` frees an existing `EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD` pointed by `ameth`.

`EVP_PKEY_asn1_add0()` adds `ameth` to the user defined stack of methods unless another `EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD` with the same NID is already there. This function is not thread safe, it's recommended to only use this when initializing the application.

`EVP_PKEY_asn1_add_alias()` creates an alias with the NID `to` for the `EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD` with NID `from` unless another `EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD` with the same NID is already added. This function is not thread safe, it's recommended to only use this when initializing the application.

`EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_private()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_param()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_free()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_ctrl()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_item()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_siginf()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_check()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public_check()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_param_check()`, `EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_security_bits()`,

EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_set_priv_key(), **EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_set_pub_key()**, **EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_get_priv_key()** and **EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_get_pub_key()** set the diverse methods of the given **EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD** object.

EVP_PKEY_get0_asn1() finds the **EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD** associated with the key **pkey**.

RETURN VALUES

EVP_PKEY_asn1_new() returns NULL on error, or a pointer to an **EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD** object otherwise.

EVP_PKEY_asn1_add0() and **EVP_PKEY_asn1_add_alias()** return 0 on error, or 1 on success.

EVP_PKEY_get0_asn1() returns NULL on error, or a pointer to a constant **EVP_PKEY_ASN1_METHOD** object otherwise.

HISTORY

The signature of the *pub_decode* functional argument of **EVP_PKEY_asn1_set_public()** has changed in OpenSSL 3.0 so its *pub* parameter is now constified.

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