

**NAME**

EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_encoded\_public\_key, EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_encoded\_public\_key, EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_tls\_encodedpoint, EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_tls\_encodedpoint - functions to set and get public key data within an EVP\_PKEY

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
int EVP_PKEY_set1_encoded_public_key(EVP_PKEY *pkey,
                                     const unsigned char *pub, size_t publen);
```

```
size_t EVP_PKEY_get1_encoded_public_key(EVP_PKEY *pkey, unsigned char **ppub);
```

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)**:

```
int EVP_PKEY_set1_tls_encodedpoint(EVP_PKEY *pkey,
                                   const unsigned char *pt, size_t ptlen);
```

```
size_t EVP_PKEY_get1_tls_encodedpoint(EVP_PKEY *pkey, unsigned char **ppt);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_encoded\_public\_key()** can be used to set the public key value within an existing EVP\_PKEY object. For the built-in OpenSSL algorithms this currently only works for those that support key exchange. Parameters are not set as part of this operation, so typically an application will create an EVP\_PKEY first, set the parameters on it, and then call this function. For example setting the parameters might be done using **EVP\_PKEY\_copy\_parameters(3)**.

The format for the encoded public key will depend on the algorithm in use. For DH it should be encoded as a positive integer in big-endian form. For EC it should be a point conforming to Sec. 2.3.4 of the SECG SEC 1 ("Elliptic Curve Cryptography") standard. For X25519 and X448 it should be encoded in a format as defined by RFC7748.

The key to be updated is supplied in **pkey**. The buffer containing the encoded key is pointed to be **pub**. The length of the buffer is supplied in **publen**.

**EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_encoded\_public\_key()** does the equivalent operation except that the encoded public key is returned to the application. The key containing the public key data is supplied in **pkey**. A buffer containing the encoded key will be allocated and stored in **\*ppub**. The length of the encoded public key is returned by the function. The application is responsible for freeing the allocated buffer.

The macro **EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_tls\_encodedpoint()** is deprecated and simply calls **EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_encoded\_public\_key()** with all the same arguments. New applications should use **EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_encoded\_public\_key()** instead.

The macro **EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_tls\_encodedpoint()** is deprecated and simply calls **EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_encoded\_public\_key()** with all the same arguments. New applications should use **EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_encoded\_public\_key()** instead.

## RETURN VALUES

**EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_encoded\_public\_key()** returns 1 for success and 0 or a negative value for failure.

**EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_encoded\_public\_key()** returns the length of the encoded key or 0 for failure.

## EXAMPLES

See **EVP\_PKEY\_derive\_init(3)** and **EVP\_PKEY\_derive(3)** for information about performing a key exchange operation.

### Set up a peer's EVP\_PKEY ready for a key exchange operation

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

int exchange(EVP_PKEY *ourkey, unsigned char *peer_pub, size_t peer_pub_len)
{
    EVP_PKEY *peerkey = EVP_PKEY_new();

    if (peerkey == NULL || EVP_PKEY_copy_parameters(peerkey, ourkey) <= 0)
        return 0;

    if (EVP_PKEY_set1_encoded_public_key(peerkey, peer_pub,
                                         peer_pub_len) <= 0)
        return 0;

    /* Do the key exchange here */

    EVP_PKEY_free(peerkey);

    return 1;
}
```

### Get an encoded public key to send to a peer

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

```
int get_encoded_pub_key(EVP_PKEY *ourkey)
{
    unsigned char *pubkey;
    size_t pubkey_len;

    pubkey_len = EVP_PKEY_get1_encoded_public_key(ourkey, &pubkey);
    if (pubkey_len == 0)
        return 0;

    /*
     * Send the encoded public key stored in the buffer at "pubkey" and of
     * length pubkey_len, to the peer.
     */

    OPENSSL_free(pubkey);
    return 1;
}
```

## SEE ALSO

**EVP\_PKEY\_new(3), EVP\_PKEY\_copy\_parameters(3), EVP\_PKEY\_derive\_init(3),  
EVP\_PKEY\_derive(3), EVP\_PKEY-DH(7), EVP\_PKEY-EC(7), EVP\_PKEY-X25519(7),  
EVP\_PKEY-X448(7)**

## HISTORY

**EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_encoded\_public\_key()** and **EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_encoded\_public\_key()** were added in OpenSSL 3.0.

**EVP\_PKEY\_set1\_tls\_encodedpoint()** and **EVP\_PKEY\_get1\_tls\_encodedpoint()** were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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