

## NAME

OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data, OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_bio, OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp - Routines to perform an encoding

## SYNOPSIS

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

```
int OSSL_ENCODER_to_data(OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ctx, unsigned char **pdata,  
                        size_t *pdata_len);
```

```
int OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio(OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ctx, BIO *out);
```

```
int OSSL_ENCODER_to_fp(OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ctx, FILE *fp);
```

Feature availability macros:

**OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp()** is only available when **OPENSSL\_NO\_STDIO** is undefined.

## DESCRIPTION

**OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data()** runs the encoding process for the context *ctx*, with the output going to the *\*pdata* and *\*pdata\_len*. If *\*pdata* is NULL when **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data()** is called, a buffer will be allocated using **OPENSSL\_zalloc(3)**, and *\*pdata* will be set to point at the start of that buffer, and *\*pdata\_len* will be assigned its length when **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data()** returns. If *\*pdata* is non-NULL when **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data()** is called, *\*pdata\_len* is assumed to have its size. In this case, *\*pdata* will be set to point after the encoded bytes, and *\*pdata\_len* will be assigned the number of remaining bytes.

**OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_bio()** runs the encoding process for the context *ctx*, with the output going to the **BIO** *out*.

**OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp()** does the same thing as **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_bio()**, except that the output is going to the **FILE** *fp*.

For **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_bio()** and **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp()**, the application is required to set up the **BIO** or **FILE** properly, for example to have it in text or binary mode as is appropriate for the encoder output type.

## RETURN VALUES

**OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_bio()**, **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_fp()** and **OSSL\_ENCODER\_to\_data()** return 1 on success, or 0 on failure.

## EXAMPLES

To encode a pkey as PKCS#8 with PEM format into a bio:

```
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ectx;
const char *format = "PEM";
const char *structure = "PrivateKeyInfo"; /* PKCS#8 structure */
const unsigned char *pass = "my password";

ectx = OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_new_for_pkey(pkey,
                                     OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_KEYPAIR
                                     | OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_DOMAIN_PARAMETERS,
                                     format, structure,
                                     NULL);
if (ectx == NULL) {
    /* error: no suitable potential encoders found */
}
if (pass != NULL)
    OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_set_passphrase(ectx, pass, strlen(pass));
if (OSSL_ENCODER_to_bio(ectx, bio)) {
    /* pkey was successfully encoded into the bio */
} else {
    /* encoding failure */
}
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_free(ectx);
```

To encode a pkey as PKCS#8 with DER format encrypted with AES-256-CBC into a buffer:

```
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX *ectx;
const char *format = "DER";
const char *structure = "PrivateKeyInfo"; /* PKCS#8 structure */
const unsigned char *pass = "my password";
unsigned char *data = NULL;
size_t datalen;

ectx = OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_new_for_pkey(pkey,
                                     OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_KEYPAIR
                                     | OSSL_KEYMGMT_SELECT_DOMAIN_PARAMETERS,
                                     format, structure,
                                     NULL);
if (ectx == NULL) {
    /* error: no suitable potential encoders found */
```

```
}
if (pass != NULL) {
    OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_set_passphrase(ectx, pass, strlen(pass));
    OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_set_cipher(ectx, "AES-256-CBC", NULL);
}
if (OSSL_ENCODER_to_data(ectx, &data, &datalen)) {
    /*
     * pkey was successfully encoded into a newly allocated
     * data buffer
     */
} else {
    /* encoding failure */
}
OSSL_ENCODER_CTX_free(ectx);
```

**SEE ALSO**

**provider(7)**, **OSSL\_ENCODER\_CTX(3)**

**HISTORY**

The functions described here were added in OpenSSL 3.0.

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