

**NAME**

EVP\_RSA\_gen, RSA\_generate\_key\_ex, RSA\_generate\_key, RSA\_generate\_multi\_prime\_key - generate RSA key pair

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
EVP_PKEY *EVP_RSA_gen(unsigned int bits);
```

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 RSA_generate_key_ex(RSA *rsa, int bits, BIGNUM *e, BN_GENCB *cb);
int RSA_generate_multi_prime_key(RSA *rsa, int bits, int primes, BIGNUM *e, BN_GENCB *cb);
```

The following function has been deprecated since OpenSSL 0.9.8, and can be hidden entirely by defining **OPENSSL\_API\_COMPAT** with a suitable version value, see **openssl\_user\_macros(7)**:

```
RSA *RSA_generate_key(int bits, unsigned long e,
    void (*callback)(int, int, void *), void *cb_arg);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**EVP\_RSA\_gen()** generates a new RSA key pair with modulus size *bits*.

All of the functions described below are deprecated. Applications should instead use **EVP\_RSA\_gen()**, **EVP\_PKEY\_Q\_keygen(3)**, or **EVP\_PKEY\_keygen\_init(3)** and **EVP\_PKEY\_keygen(3)**.

**RSA\_generate\_key\_ex()** generates a 2-prime RSA key pair and stores it in the **RSA** structure provided in *rsa*.

**RSA\_generate\_multi\_prime\_key()** generates a multi-prime RSA key pair and stores it in the **RSA** structure provided in *rsa*. The number of primes is given by the *primes* parameter. If the automatic seeding or reseeding of the OpenSSL CSPRNG fails due to external circumstances (see **RAND(7)**), the operation will fail.

The modulus size will be of length *bits*, the number of primes to form the modulus will be *primes*, and the public exponent will be *e*. Key sizes with *num* < 1024 should be considered insecure. The exponent is an odd number, typically 3, 17 or 65537.

In order to maintain adequate security level, the maximum number of permitted *primes* depends on

modulus bit length:

```
<1024 | >=1024 | >=4096 | >=8192
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      2 | 3 | 4 | 5
```

A callback function may be used to provide feedback about the progress of the key generation. If *cb* is not NULL, it will be called as follows using the **BN\_GENCB\_call()** function described on the **BN\_generate\_prime(3)** page.

**RSA\_generate\_key()** is similar to **RSA\_generate\_key\_ex()** but expects an old-style callback function; see **BN\_generate\_prime(3)** for information on the old-style callback.

- ⊕ While a random prime number is generated, it is called as described in **BN\_generate\_prime(3)**.
- ⊕ When the *n*-th randomly generated prime is rejected as not suitable for the key, *BN\_GENCB\_call(cb, 2, n)* is called.
- ⊕ When a random *p* has been found with *p*-1 relatively prime to *e*, it is called as *BN\_GENCB\_call(cb, 3, 0)*.

The process is then repeated for prime *q* and other primes (if any) with *BN\_GENCB\_call(cb, 3, i)* where *i* indicates the *i*-th prime.

## RETURN VALUES

**EVP\_RSA\_gen()** returns an *EVP\_PKEY* or NULL on failure.

**RSA\_generate\_multi\_prime\_key()** returns 1 on success or 0 on error. **RSA\_generate\_key\_ex()** returns 1 on success or 0 on error. The error codes can be obtained by **ERR\_get\_error(3)**.

**RSA\_generate\_key()** returns a pointer to the RSA structure or NULL if the key generation fails.

## BUGS

*BN\_GENCB\_call(cb, 2, x)* is used with two different meanings.

## SEE ALSO

**EVP\_PKEY\_Q\_keygen(3)** **BN\_generate\_prime(3)**, **ERR\_get\_error(3)**, **RAND\_bytes(3)**, **RAND(7)**

## HISTORY

**EVP\_RSA\_gen()** was added in OpenSSL 3.0. All other functions described here were deprecated in

OpenSSL 3.0. For replacement see **EVP\_PKEY-RSA(7)**.

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