

**NAME**

**SKEIN256\_Init**, **SKEIN256\_Update**, **SKEIN256\_Final**, **SKEIN256\_End**, **SKEIN256\_File**, **SKEIN256\_FileChunk**, **SKEIN256\_Data**, **SKEIN512\_Init**, **SKEIN512\_Update**, **SKEIN512\_Final**, **SKEIN512\_End**, **SKEIN512\_File**, **SKEIN512\_FileChunk**, **SKEIN512\_Data**, **SKEIN1024\_Init**, **SKEIN1024\_Update**, **SKEIN1024\_Final**, **SKEIN1024\_End**, **SKEIN1024\_File**, **SKEIN1024\_FileChunk**, **SKEIN1024\_Data** - calculate the “SKEIN” family of message digests

**LIBRARY**

Message Digest (MD4, MD5, etc.) Support Library (libmd, -lmd)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
#include <skein.h>
```

*void*

```
SKEIN256_Init(SKEIN256_CTX *context);
```

*void*

```
SKEIN256_Update(SKEIN256_CTX *context, const unsigned char *data, size_t len);
```

*void*

```
SKEIN256_Final(unsigned char digest[32], SKEIN256_CTX *context);
```

*char \**

```
SKEIN256_End(SKEIN256_CTX *context, char *buf);
```

*char \**

```
SKEIN256_File(const char *filename, char *buf);
```

*char \**

```
SKEIN256_FileChunk(const char *filename, char *buf, off_t offset, off_t length);
```

*char \**

```
SKEIN256_Data(const unsigned char *data, unsigned int len, char *buf);
```

*void*

```
SKEIN512_Init(SKEIN512_CTX *context);
```

*void*

```
SKEIN512_Update(SKEIN512_CTX *context, const unsigned char *data, size_t len);
```

*void*

**SKEIN512\_Final**(*unsigned char digest[64], SKEIN512\_CTX \*context*);

*char \**

**SKEIN512\_End**(*SKEIN512\_CTX \*context, char \*buf*);

*char \**

**SKEIN512\_File**(*const char \*filename, char \*buf*);

*char \**

**SKEIN512\_FileChunk**(*const char \*filename, char \*buf, off\_t offset, off\_t length*);

*char \**

**SKEIN512\_Data**(*const unsigned char \*data, unsigned int len, char \*buf*);

*void*

**SKEIN1024\_Init**(*SKEIN1024\_CTX \*context*);

*void*

**SKEIN1024\_Update**(*SKEIN1024\_CTX \*context, const unsigned char \*data, size\_t len*);

*void*

**SKEIN1024\_Final**(*unsigned char digest[128], SKEIN1024\_CTX \*context*);

*char \**

**SKEIN1024\_End**(*SKEIN1024\_CTX \*context, char \*buf*);

*char \**

**SKEIN1024\_File**(*const char \*filename, char \*buf*);

*char \**

**SKEIN1024\_FileChunk**(*const char \*filename, char \*buf, off\_t offset, off\_t length*);

*char \**

**SKEIN1024\_Data**(*const unsigned char \*data, unsigned int len, char \*buf*);

## DESCRIPTION

Skein is a new family of cryptographic hash functions based on the Threefish large-block cipher. Its design combines speed, security, simplicity, and a great deal of flexibility in a modular package that is easy to analyze. Skein is defined for three different internal state sizes--256 bits, 512 bits, and 1024

bits--and any output size. This allows Skein to be a drop-in replacement for the entire SHA family of hash functions.

The **SKEIN256\_Init()**, **SKEIN256\_Update()**, and **SKEIN256\_Final()** functions are the core functions. Allocate an *SKEIN256\_CTX*, initialize it with **SKEIN256\_Init()**, run over the data with **SKEIN256\_Update()**, and finally extract the result using **SKEIN256\_Final()**, which will also erase the *SKEIN256\_CTX*.

**SKEIN256\_End()** is a wrapper for **SKEIN256\_Final()** which converts the return value to a 33-character (including the terminating `'\0'`) ASCII string which represents the 256 bits in hexadecimal.

**SKEIN256\_File()** calculates the digest of a file, and uses **SKEIN256\_End()** to return the result. If the file cannot be opened, a null pointer is returned. **SKEIN256\_FileChunk()** is similar to **SKEIN256\_File()**, but it only calculates the digest over a byte-range of the file specified, starting at *offset* and spanning *length* bytes. If the *length* parameter is specified as 0, or more than the length of the remaining part of the file, **SKEIN256\_FileChunk()** calculates the digest from *offset* to the end of file. **SKEIN256\_Data()** calculates the digest of a chunk of data in memory, and uses **SKEIN256\_End()** to return the result.

When using **SKEIN256\_End()**, **SKEIN256\_File()**, or **SKEIN256\_Data()**, the *buf* argument can be a null pointer, in which case the returned string is allocated with `malloc(3)` and subsequently must be explicitly deallocated using `free(3)` after use. If the *buf* argument is non-null it must point to at least 33 characters of buffer space.

The *SKEIN512\_* and *SKEIN1024\_* functions are similar to the *SKEIN256\_* functions except they produce a 512-bit, 65 character, or 1024-bit, 129 character, output.

## ERRORS

The **SKEIN256\_End()** function called with a null *buf* argument may fail and return NULL if:

[ENOMEM]            Insufficient storage space is available.

The **SKEIN256\_File()** and **SKEIN256\_FileChunk()** may return NULL when underlying `open(2)`, `fstat(2)`, `lseek(2)`, or `SKEIN256_End(3)` fail.

## SEE ALSO

`md4(3)`, `md5(3)`, `ripemd(3)`, `sha(3)`, `sha256(3)`, `sha512(3)`

## HISTORY

These functions appeared in FreeBSD 11.0.

**AUTHORS**

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