

**NAME**

X509\_PUBKEY\_new\_ex, X509\_PUBKEY\_new, X509\_PUBKEY\_free, X509\_PUBKEY\_dup, X509\_PUBKEY\_set, X509\_PUBKEY\_get0, X509\_PUBKEY\_get, d2i\_PUBKEY\_ex, d2i\_PUBKEY, i2d\_PUBKEY, d2i\_PUBKEY\_bio, d2i\_PUBKEY\_fp, i2d\_PUBKEY\_fp, i2d\_PUBKEY\_bio, X509\_PUBKEY\_set0\_param, X509\_PUBKEY\_get0\_param, X509\_PUBKEY\_eq - SubjectPublicKeyInfo public key functions

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <openssl/x509.h>
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X509_PUBKEY *X509_PUBKEY_new_ex(OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx, const char *propq);
X509_PUBKEY *X509_PUBKEY_new(void);
void X509_PUBKEY_free(X509_PUBKEY *a);
X509_PUBKEY *X509_PUBKEY_dup(const X509_PUBKEY *a);
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int X509_PUBKEY_set(X509_PUBKEY **x, EVP_PKEY *pkey);
EVP_PKEY *X509_PUBKEY_get0(const X509_PUBKEY *key);
EVP_PKEY *X509_PUBKEY_get(const X509_PUBKEY *key);
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EVP_PKEY *d2i_PUBKEY_ex(EVP_PKEY **a, const unsigned char **pp, long length,
                        OSSL_LIB_CTX *libctx, const char *propq);
EVP_PKEY *d2i_PUBKEY(EVP_PKEY **a, const unsigned char **pp, long length);
int i2d_PUBKEY(const EVP_PKEY *a, unsigned char **pp);
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EVP_PKEY *d2i_PUBKEY_bio(BIO *bp, EVP_PKEY **a);
EVP_PKEY *d2i_PUBKEY_fp(FILE *fp, EVP_PKEY **a);
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int i2d_PUBKEY_fp(const FILE *fp, EVP_PKEY *pkey);
int i2d_PUBKEY_bio(BIO *bp, const EVP_PKEY *pkey);
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int X509_PUBKEY_set0_param(X509_PUBKEY *pub, ASN1_OBJECT *aobj,
                          int ptype, void *pval,
                          unsigned char *penc, int penclen);
int X509_PUBKEY_get0_param(ASN1_OBJECT **ppkalg,
                          const unsigned char **pk, int *ppklen,
                          X509_ALGOR **pa, const X509_PUBKEY *pub);
int X509_PUBKEY_eq(X509_PUBKEY *a, X509_PUBKEY *b);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **X509\_PUBKEY** structure represents the ASN.1 **SubjectPublicKeyInfo** structure defined in

RFC5280 and used in certificates and certificate requests.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_new\_ex()** allocates and initializes an **X509\_PUBKEY** structure associated with the given **OSSL\_LIB\_CTX** in the *libctx* parameter. Any algorithm fetches associated with using the **X509\_PUBKEY** object will use the property query string *propq*. See "ALGORITHM FETCHING" in **crypto(7)** for further information about algorithm fetching.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_new()** is the same as **X509\_PUBKEY\_new\_ex()** except that the default (NULL) **OSSL\_LIB\_CTX** and a NULL property query string are used.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_dup()** creates a duplicate copy of the **X509\_PUBKEY** object specified by *a*.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_free()** frees up **X509\_PUBKEY** structure *a*. If *a* is NULL nothing is done.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_set()** sets the public key in *\*x* to the public key contained in the **EVP\_PKEY** structure *pkey*. If *\*x* is not NULL any existing public key structure will be freed.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_get0()** returns the public key contained in *key*. The returned value is an internal pointer which **MUST NOT** be freed after use.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_get()** is similar to **X509\_PUBKEY\_get0()** except the reference count on the returned key is incremented so it **MUST** be freed using **EVP\_PKEY\_free()** after use.

**d2i\_PUBKEY\_ex()** decodes an **EVP\_PKEY** structure using **SubjectPublicKeyInfo** format. Some public key decoding implementations may use cryptographic algorithms. In this case the supplied library context *libctx* and property query string *propq* are used. **d2i\_PUBKEY()** does the same as **d2i\_PUBKEY\_ex()** except that the default library context and property query string are used.

**i2d\_PUBKEY()** encodes an **EVP\_PKEY** structure using **SubjectPublicKeyInfo** format.

**d2i\_PUBKEY\_bio()**, **d2i\_PUBKEY\_fp()**, **i2d\_PUBKEY\_bio()** and **i2d\_PUBKEY\_fp()** are similar to **d2i\_PUBKEY()** and **i2d\_PUBKEY()** except they decode or encode using a **BIO** or **FILE** pointer.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_set0\_param()** sets the public key parameters of *pub*. The OID associated with the algorithm is set to *aobj*. The type of the algorithm parameters is set to *type* using the structure *pval*. The encoding of the public key itself is set to the *penclen* bytes contained in buffer *penc*. On success ownership of all the supplied parameters is passed to *pub* so they must not be freed after the call.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_get0\_param()** retrieves the public key parameters from *pub*, *\*ppkalg* is set to the associated OID and the encoding consists of *\*ppklen* bytes at *\*pk*, *\*pa* is set to the associated

AlgorithmIdentifier for the public key. If the value of any of these parameters is not required it can be set to NULL. All of the retrieved pointers are internal and must not be freed after the call.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_eq()** compares two **X509\_PUBKEY** values.

## NOTES

The **X509\_PUBKEY** functions can be used to encode and decode public keys in a standard format.

In many cases applications will not call the **X509\_PUBKEY** functions directly: they will instead call wrapper functions such as **X509\_get0\_pubkey()**.

## RETURN VALUES

If the allocation fails, **X509\_PUBKEY\_new()** and **X509\_PUBKEY\_dup()** return NULL and set an error code that can be obtained by **ERR\_get\_error(3)**. Otherwise they return a pointer to the newly allocated structure.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_free()** does not return a value.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_get0()** and **X509\_PUBKEY\_get()** return a pointer to an **EVP\_PKEY** structure or NULL if an error occurs.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_set()**, **X509\_PUBKEY\_set0\_param()** and **X509\_PUBKEY\_get0\_param()** return 1 for success and 0 if an error occurred.

**X509\_PUBKEY\_eq()** returns 1 for equal, 0 for different, and < 0 on error.

## SEE ALSO

**d2i\_X509(3)**, **ERR\_get\_error(3)**, **X509\_get\_pubkey(3)**,

## HISTORY

The **X509\_PUBKEY\_new\_ex()** and **X509\_PUBKEY\_eq()** functions were added in OpenSSL 3.0.

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