

**NAME**

openssl-engine - load and query engines

**SYNOPSIS**

**openssl engine** [-help] [-v] [-vv] [-vvv] [-vvvv] [-c] [-t] [-tt] [-pre *command*] ... [-post *command*] ...  
[*engine* ...]

**DESCRIPTION**

This command has been deprecated. Providers should be used instead of engines.

This command is used to query the status and capabilities of the specified *engines*. Engines may be specified before and after all other command-line flags. Only those specified are queried.

**OPTIONS****-help**

Display an option summary.

**-v -vv -vvv -vvvv**

Provides information about each specified engine. The first flag lists all the possible run-time control commands; the second adds a description of each command; the third adds the input flags, and the final option adds the internal input flags.

**-c** Lists the capabilities of each engine.

**-t** Tests if each specified engine is available, and displays the answer.

**-tt** Displays an error trace for any unavailable engine.

**-pre *command*****-post *command***

Command-line configuration of engines. The **-pre** command is given to the engine before it is loaded and the **-post** command is given after the engine is loaded. The *command* is of the form *cmd:val* where *cmd* is the command, and *val* is the value for the command. See the example below.

These two options are cumulative, so they may be given more than once in the same command.

**EXAMPLES**

To list all the commands available to a dynamic engine:

```
$ openssl engine -t -tt -vvvv dynamic
(dynamic) Dynamic engine loading support
  [ unavailable ]
  SO_PATH: Specifies the path to the new ENGINE shared library
    (input flags): STRING
  NO_VCHECK: Specifies to continue even if version checking fails (boolean)
    (input flags): NUMERIC
  ID: Specifies an ENGINE id name for loading
    (input flags): STRING
  LIST_ADD: Whether to add a loaded ENGINE to the internal list (0=no,1=yes,2=mandatory)
    (input flags): NUMERIC
  DIR_LOAD: Specifies whether to load from 'DIR_ADD' directories (0=no,1=yes,2=mandatory)
    (input flags): NUMERIC
  DIR_ADD: Adds a directory from which ENGINES can be loaded
    (input flags): STRING
  LOAD: Load up the ENGINE specified by other settings
    (input flags): NO_INPUT
```

To list the capabilities of the **rsax** engine:

```
$ openssl engine -c
(rsax) RSAX engine support
  [RSA]
(dynamic) Dynamic engine loading support
```

## ENVIRONMENT

### OPENSSL\_ENGINES

The path to the engines directory.

## SEE ALSO

**openssl(1)**, **config(5)**

## HISTORY

This command was deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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