

**NAME**

EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_new, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_dup, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_free,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_iv\_length, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_flags,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_impl\_ctx\_size, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_init,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_do\_cipher, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_cleanup,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_set\_asn1\_params, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_get\_asn1\_params,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_ctrl, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_init, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_do\_cipher,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_cleanup, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_set\_asn1\_params,  
 EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_get\_asn1\_params, EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_ctrl - Routines to build up  
 EVP\_CIPHER methods

**SYNOPSIS**

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

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)**:

```
EVP_CIPHER *EVP_CIPHER_meth_new(int cipher_type, int block_size, int key_len);
EVP_CIPHER *EVP_CIPHER_meth_dup(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher);
void EVP_CIPHER_meth_free(EVP_CIPHER *cipher);
```

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int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_iv_length(EVP_CIPHER *cipher, int iv_len);
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_flags(EVP_CIPHER *cipher, unsigned long flags);
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_impl_ctx_size(EVP_CIPHER *cipher, int ctx_size);
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_init(EVP_CIPHER *cipher,
    int (*init)(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *ctx,
        const unsigned char *key,
        const unsigned char *iv,
        int enc));
```

```
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_do_cipher(EVP_CIPHER *cipher,
    int (*do_cipher)(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *ctx,
        unsigned char *out,
        const unsigned char *in,
        size_t inl));
```

```
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_cleanup(EVP_CIPHER *cipher,
    int (*cleanup)(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *));
```

```
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_set_asn1_params(EVP_CIPHER *cipher,
    int (*set_asn1_parameters)(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *,
        ASN1_TYPE *));
```

```
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_get_asn1_params(EVP_CIPHER *cipher,
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        int (*get_asn1_parameters)(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *,
                                   ASN1_TYPE *);
int EVP_CIPHER_meth_set_ctrl(EVP_CIPHER *cipher,
                             int (*ctrl)(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *, int type,
                                           int arg, void *ptr));

int (*EVP_CIPHER_meth_get_init(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher))(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *ctx,
                                                           const unsigned char *key,
                                                           const unsigned char *iv,
                                                           int enc);
int (*EVP_CIPHER_meth_get_do_cipher(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher))(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *ctx,
                                                                unsigned char *out,
                                                                const unsigned char *in,
                                                                size_t inl);
int (*EVP_CIPHER_meth_get_cleanup(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher))(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *);
int (*EVP_CIPHER_meth_get_set_asn1_params(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher))(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *,
                                                                      ASN1_TYPE *);
int (*EVP_CIPHER_meth_get_get_asn1_params(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher))(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *,
                                                                      ASN1_TYPE *);
int (*EVP_CIPHER_meth_get_ctrl(const EVP_CIPHER *cipher))(EVP_CIPHER_CTX *,
                                                           int type, int arg,
                                                           void *ptr);

```

## DESCRIPTION

All of the functions described on this page are deprecated. Applications should instead use the OSSL\_PROVIDER APIs.

The **EVP\_CIPHER** type is a structure for symmetric cipher method implementation.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_new()** creates a new **EVP\_CIPHER** structure.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_dup()** creates a copy of **cipher**.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_free()** destroys a **EVP\_CIPHER** structure.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_iv\_length()** sets the length of the IV. This is only needed when the implemented cipher mode requires it.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_flags()** sets the flags to describe optional behaviours in the particular **cipher**. With the exception of cipher modes, of which only one may be present, several flags can be or'd

together. The available flags are:

EVP\_CIPH\_STREAM\_CIPHER, EVP\_CIPH\_ECB\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_CBC\_MODE,  
EVP\_CIPH\_CFB\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_OFB\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_CTR\_MODE,  
EVP\_CIPH\_GCM\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_CCM\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_XTS\_MODE,  
EVP\_CIPH\_WRAP\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_OCB\_MODE, EVP\_CIPH\_SIV\_MODE

The cipher mode.

EVP\_CIPH\_VARIABLE\_LENGTH

This cipher is of variable length.

EVP\_CIPH\_CUSTOM\_IV

Storing and initialising the IV is left entirely to the implementation.

EVP\_CIPH\_ALWAYS\_CALL\_INIT

Set this if the implementation's **init()** function should be called even if **key** is **NULL**.

EVP\_CIPH\_CTRL\_INIT

Set this to have the implementation's **ctrl()** function called with command code **EVP\_CTRL\_INIT** early in its setup.

EVP\_CIPH\_CUSTOM\_KEY\_LENGTH

Checking and setting the key length after creating the **EVP\_CIPHER** is left to the implementation. Whenever someone uses **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX\_set\_key\_length()** on a **EVP\_CIPHER** with this flag set, the implementation's **ctrl()** function will be called with the control code **EVP\_CTRL\_SET\_KEY\_LENGTH** and the key length in **arg**.

EVP\_CIPH\_NO\_PADDING

Don't use standard block padding.

EVP\_CIPH\_RAND\_KEY

Making a key with random content is left to the implementation. This is done by calling the implementation's **ctrl()** function with the control code **EVP\_CTRL\_RAND\_KEY** and the pointer to the key memory storage in **ptr**.

EVP\_CIPH\_CUSTOM\_COPY

Set this to have the implementation's **ctrl()** function called with command code **EVP\_CTRL\_COPY** at the end of **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX\_copy()**. The intended use is for further things to deal with after the implementation specific data block has been copied. The destination **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX** is passed to the control with the **ptr** parameter. The implementation specific

data block is reached with **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX\_get\_cipher\_data()**.

#### **EVP\_CIPH\_FLAG\_DEFAULT\_ASN1**

Use the default EVP routines to pass IV to and from ASN.1.

#### **EVP\_CIPH\_FLAG\_LENGTH\_BITS**

Signals that the length of the input buffer for encryption / decryption is to be understood as the number of bits instead of bytes for this implementation. This is only useful for CFB1 ciphers.

#### **EVP\_CIPH\_FLAG\_CTS**

Indicates that the cipher uses ciphertext stealing. This is currently used to indicate that the cipher is a one shot that only allows a single call to **EVP\_CipherUpdate()**.

#### **EVP\_CIPH\_FLAG\_CUSTOM\_CIPHER**

This indicates that the implementation takes care of everything, including padding, buffering and finalization. The EVP routines will simply give them control and do nothing more.

#### **EVP\_CIPH\_FLAG\_AEAD\_CIPHER**

This indicates that this is an AEAD cipher implementation.

#### **EVP\_CIPH\_FLAG\_TLS1\_1\_MULTIBLOCK**

Allow interleaving of crypto blocks, a particular optimization only applicable to certain TLS ciphers.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_impl\_ctx\_size()** sets the size of the EVP\_CIPHER's implementation context so that it can be automatically allocated.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_init()** sets the cipher init function for **cipher**. The cipher init function is called by **EVP\_CipherInit()**, **EVP\_CipherInit\_ex()**, **EVP\_EncryptInit()**, **EVP\_EncryptInit\_ex()**, **EVP\_DecryptInit()**, **EVP\_DecryptInit\_ex()**.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_do\_cipher()** sets the cipher function for **cipher**. The cipher function is called by **EVP\_CipherUpdate()**, **EVP\_EncryptUpdate()**, **EVP\_DecryptUpdate()**, **EVP\_CipherFinal()**, **EVP\_EncryptFinal()**, **EVP\_EncryptFinal\_ex()**, **EVP\_DecryptFinal()** and **EVP\_DecryptFinal\_ex()**.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_cleanup()** sets the function for **cipher** to do extra cleanup before the method's private data structure is cleaned out and freed. Note that the cleanup function is passed a **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX \***, the private data structure is then available with **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX\_get\_cipher\_data()**. This cleanup function is called by **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX\_reset()** and **EVP\_CIPHER\_CTX\_free()**.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_set\_asn1\_params()** sets the function for **cipher** to set the AlgorithmIdentifier "parameter" based on the passed cipher. This function is called by **EVP\_CIPHER\_param\_to\_asn1()**. **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_get\_asn1\_params()** sets the function for **cipher** that sets the cipher parameters based on an ASN.1 AlgorithmIdentifier "parameter". Both these functions are needed when there is a need for custom data (more or other than the cipher IV). They are called by **EVP\_CIPHER\_param\_to\_asn1()** and **EVP\_CIPHER\_asn1\_to\_param()** respectively if defined.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_ctrl()** sets the control function for **cipher**.

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_init()**, **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_do\_cipher()**, **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_cleanup()**, **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_set\_asn1\_params()**, **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_get\_asn1\_params()** and **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_ctrl()** are all used to retrieve the method data given with the **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_\***() functions above.

## RETURN VALUES

**EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_new()** and **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_dup()** return a pointer to a newly created **EVP\_CIPHER**, or NULL on failure. All **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_set\_\***() functions return 1. All **EVP\_CIPHER\_meth\_get\_\***() functions return pointers to their respective **cipher** function.

## SEE ALSO

**EVP\_EncryptInit(3)**

## HISTORY

All of these functions were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

The functions described here were added in OpenSSL 1.1.0. The **EVP\_CIPHER** structure created with these functions became reference counted in OpenSSL 3.0.

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