

**NAME**

SM2 – Chinese SM2 signature and encryption algorithm support

**DESCRIPTION**

The **SM2** algorithm was first defined by the Chinese national standard GM/T 0003–2012 and was later standardized by ISO as ISO/IEC 14888. **SM2** is actually an elliptic curve based algorithm. The current implementation in OpenSSL supports both signature and encryption schemes via the EVP interface.

When doing the **SM2** signature algorithm, it requires a distinguishing identifier to form the message prefix which is hashed before the real message is hashed.

**NOTES**

**SM2** signatures can be generated by using the 'DigestSign' series of APIs, for instance, **EVP\_DigestSignInit()**, **EVP\_DigestSignUpdate()** and **EVP\_DigestSignFinal()**. Ditto for the verification process by calling the 'DigestVerify' series of APIs.

There are several special steps that need to be done before computing an **SM2** signature.

The **EVP\_PKEY** structure will default to using ECDSA for signatures when it is created. It should be set to **EVP\_PKEY\_SM2** by calling:

```
EVP_PKEY_set_alias_type(pkey, EVP_PKEY_SM2);
```

Then an ID should be set by calling:

```
EVP_PKEY_CTX_set1_id(pctx, id, id_len);
```

When calling the **EVP\_DigestSignInit()** or **EVP\_DigestVerifyInit()** functions, a preallocated **EVP\_PKEY\_CTX** should be assigned to the **EVP\_MD\_CTX**. This is done by calling:

```
EVP_MD_CTX_set_pkey_ctx(mctx, pctx);
```

And normally there is no need to pass a **pctx** parameter to **EVP\_DigestSignInit()** or **EVP\_DigestVerifyInit()** in such a scenario.

**EXAMPLES**

This example demonstrates the calling sequence for using an **EVP\_PKEY** to verify a message with the SM2 signature algorithm and the SM3 hash algorithm:

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

/* obtain an EVP_PKEY using whatever methods... */
EVP_PKEY_set_alias_type(pkey, EVP_PKEY_SM2);
mctx = EVP_MD_CTX_new();
pctx = EVP_PKEY_CTX_new(pkey, NULL);
EVP_PKEY_CTX_set1_id(pctx, id, id_len);
EVP_MD_CTX_set_pkey_ctx(mctx, pctx);
EVP_DigestVerifyInit(mctx, NULL, EVP_sm3(), NULL, pkey);
EVP_DigestVerifyUpdate(mctx, msg, msg_len);
EVP_DigestVerifyFinal(mctx, sig, sig_len)
```

**SEE ALSO**

**EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_new(3)**, **EVP\_PKEY\_set\_alias\_type(3)**, **EVP\_DigestSignInit(3)**, **EVP\_DigestVerifyInit(3)**, **EVP\_PKEY\_CTX\_set1\_id(3)**, **EVP\_MD\_CTX\_set\_pkey\_ctx(3)**

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