

**NAME**

EVP\_KDF-X963 – The X9.63–2001 EVP\_KDF implementation

**DESCRIPTION**

The EVP\_KDF-X963 algorithm implements the key derivation function (X963KDF). X963KDF is used by Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) for EC KeyAgreement, to derive a key using input such as a shared secret key and shared info.

**Identity**

“X963KDF” is the name for this implementation; it can be used with the **EVP\_KDF\_fetch()** function.

**Supported parameters**

The supported parameters are:

“properties” (**OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_PROPERTIES**) <UTF8 string>

“digest” (**OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_DIGEST**) <UTF8 string>

These parameters work as described in “PARAMETERS” in **EVP\_KDF**(3).

“key” (**OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_KEY**) <octet string>

The shared secret used for key derivation. This parameter sets the secret.

“info” (**OSSL\_KDF\_PARAM\_INFO**) <octet string>

This parameter specifies an optional value for shared info.

**NOTES**

X963KDF is very similar to the SSKDF that uses a digest as the auxiliary function, X963KDF appends the counter to the secret, whereas SSKDF prepends the counter.

A context for X963KDF can be obtained by calling:

```
EVP_KDF *kdf = EVP_KDF_fetch(NULL, "X963KDF", NULL);
EVP_KDF_CTX *kctx = EVP_KDF_CTX_new(kdf);
```

The output length of an X963KDF is specified via the *keylen* parameter to the **EVP\_KDF\_derive**(3) function.

**EXAMPLES**

This example derives 10 bytes, with the secret key “secret” and sharedinfo value “label”:

```
EVP_KDF *kdf;
EVP_KDF_CTX *kctx;
unsigned char out[10];
OSSL_PARAM params[4], *p = params;

kdf = EVP_KDF_fetch(NULL, "X963KDF", NULL);
kctx = EVP_KDF_CTX_new(kdf);
EVP_KDF_free(kdf);

*p++ = OSSL_PARAM_construct_utf8_string(OSSL_KDF_PARAM_DIGEST,
                                         SN_sha256, strlen(SN_sha256));
*p++ = OSSL_PARAM_construct_octet_string(OSSL_KDF_PARAM_SECRET,
                                          "secret", (size_t)6);
*p++ = OSSL_PARAM_construct_octet_string(OSSL_KDF_PARAM_INFO,
                                          "label", (size_t)5);

*p = OSSL_PARAM_construct_end();
if (EVP_KDF_derive(kctx, out, sizeof(out), params) <= 0) {
    error("EVP_KDF_derive");
}

EVP_KDF_CTX_free(kctx);
```

**CONFORMING TO**

“SEC 1: Elliptic Curve Cryptography”

**SEE ALSO**

**EVP\_KDF**(3), **EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_new**(3), **EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_free**(3), **EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_set\_params**(3), **EVP\_KDF\_CTX\_get\_kdf\_size**(3), **EVP\_KDF\_derive**(3), “PARAMETERS” in **EVP\_KDF**(3)

**HISTORY**

This functionality was added to OpenSSL 3.0.

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