

**NAME**

EVP\_KEYEXCH-ECDH – ECDH Key Exchange algorithm support

**DESCRIPTION**

Key exchange support for the **ECDH** key type.

**ECDH Key Exchange parameters**

“ecdh-cofactor-mode” (**OSSL\_EXCHANGE\_PARAM\_EC\_ECDH\_COFACTOR\_MODE**) <integer>

Sets or gets the ECDH mode of operation for the associated key exchange ctx.

In the context of an Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman key exchange, this parameter can be used to select between the plain Diffie-Hellman (DH) or Cofactor Diffie-Hellman (CDH) variants of the key exchange algorithm.

When setting, the value should be 1, 0 or -1, respectively forcing cofactor mode on, off, or resetting it to the default for the private key associated with the given key exchange ctx.

When getting, the value should be either 1 or 0, respectively signaling if the cofactor mode is on or off.

See also **provider-keymgmt**(7) for the related **OSSL\_PKEY\_PARAM\_USE\_COFACTOR\_ECDH** parameter that can be set on a per-key basis.

“kdf-type” (**OSSL\_EXCHANGE\_PARAM\_KDF\_TYPE**) <UTF8 string>

See “Common Key Exchange parameters” in **provider-keyexch**(7).

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

See “Common Key Exchange parameters” in **provider-keyexch**(7).

“kdf-digest-props” (**OSSL\_EXCHANGE\_PARAM\_KDF\_DIGEST\_PROPS**) <UTF8 string>

See “Common Key Exchange parameters” in **provider-keyexch**(7).

“kdf-outlen” (**OSSL\_EXCHANGE\_PARAM\_KDF\_OUTLEN**) <unsigned integer>

See “Common Key Exchange parameters” in **provider-keyexch**(7).

“kdf-ukm” (**OSSL\_EXCHANGE\_PARAM\_KDF\_UKM**) <octet string>

See “Common Key Exchange parameters” in **provider-keyexch**(7).

**EXAMPLES**

Keys for the host and peer must be generated as shown in “Examples” in **EVP\_PKEY-EC**(7) using the same curve name.

The code to generate a shared secret for the normal case is identical to “Examples” in **EVP\_KEYEXCH-DH**(7).

To derive a shared secret on the host using the host’s key and the peer’s public key but also using X963KDF with a user key material:

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/* It is assumed that the host_key, peer_pub_key and ukm are set up */
void derive_secret(EVP_PKEY *host_key, EVP_PKEY *peer_key,
                  unsigned char *ukm, size_t ukm_len)
{
    unsigned char secret[64];
    size_t out_len = sizeof(secret);
    size_t secret_len = out_len;
    unsigned int pad = 1;
    OSSL_PARAM params[6];
    EVP_PKEY_CTX *dctx = EVP_PKEY_CTX_new_from_pkey(NULL, host_key, NULL);

    EVP_PKEY_derive_init(dctx);

    params[0] = OSSL_PARAM_construct_uint(OSSL_EXCHANGE_PARAM_PAD, &pad);
    params[1] = OSSL_PARAM_construct_utf8_string(OSSL_EXCHANGE_PARAM_KDF_TYPE,
                                                "X963KDF", 0);
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    params[2] = OSSL_PARAM_construct_utf8_string(OSSL_EXCHANGE_PARAM_KDF_DIGEST,
                                                  "SHA1", 0);
    params[3] = OSSL_PARAM_construct_size_t(OSSL_EXCHANGE_PARAM_KDF_OUTLEN,
                                             &out_len);
    params[4] = OSSL_PARAM_construct_octet_string(OSSL_EXCHANGE_PARAM_KDF_UKM,
                                                  ukm, ukm_len);
    params[5] = OSSL_PARAM_construct_end();
    EVP_PKEY_CTX_set_params(dctx, params);

    EVP_PKEY_derive_set_peer(dctx, peer_pub_key);
    EVP_PKEY_derive(dctx, secret, &secret_len);
    ...
    OPENSSL_clear_free(secret, secret_len);
    EVP_PKEY_CTX_free(dctx);
}

```

**SEE ALSO**

**EVP\_PKEY-EC**(7)      **EVP\_PKEY**(3),      **provider-keyexch**(7),      **provider-keymgmt**(7),  
**OSSL\_PROVIDER-default**(7), **OSSL\_PROVIDER-FIPS**(7),

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