

OpenSSL Training

OpenSSL Training - Based on the OpenSSL Cheat Sheet



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Generating Public and Private Keys

Generating RSA Keys	Generating DSA Keys
Generate 2048 bit RSA Private Key saved as KEY1.pem <code>openssl genrsa -out KEY1.pem 2048</code>	Generate DSA Parameters File <code>openssl dsaparam -out DSA-PARAM.pem 1024</code>
Generate 4096 bit RSA Private Key, encrypted with AES128 <code>openssl genrsa -out KEY2.pem -aes128 4096</code>	Generate DSA Keys file with Parameters file <code>openssl gendsa -out DSA-KEY.pem DSA-PARAM.pem</code>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key size must be last argument of command Omit <code>-out</code> <FILE> argument to output to StdOut Other encryption algorithms are also supported <code>-aes128</code>, <code>-aes192</code>, <code>-aes256</code>, <code>-des</code>, <code>-des3</code> 	Generate DSA Parameters and Keys in one file <code>openssl dsaparam -genkey -out DSA-PARAM-KEY.pem 2048</code>

See inspecting section to view file contents

Generating Elliptic Curve Keys

Generate EC Parameters file
`openssl genkey -genparam -algorithm EC -pkeyopt ec_paramgen_curve:secp384r1 -out EC-PARAM.pem`

Generate EC Keys from Parameters file
`openssl genkey -paramfile EC-PARAM.pem -out EC-KEY.pem`

Generate EC Keys directly
`openssl genkey -algorithm EC -pkeyopt ec_paramgen_curve:P-384 -out EC-KEY.pem`

View supported Elliptic Curves
`openssl ecparam -list_curves`

Recommended Curves: secp521r1, secp384r1, secp256k1 (identical to P-521, P-384, P-256)

Inspecting RSA, DSA, and Elliptic Curve Keys

Inspecting RSA Key Files	Inspecting any Key file using pkey utility
Converting an RSA Private Key into text <code>openssl rsa -in KEY1.pem -noout -text</code>	Converting any Private Key file into text (RSA, DSA, or EC) <code>openssl pkey -in KEY1.pem -noout -text</code>
Removing encryption from an RSA key file <code>openssl rsa -in ENCRYPTED-KEY.pem -out KEY.pem</code>	Extracting only Public Key as text from any key file <code>openssl pkey -in KEY.pem -noout -text,pub</code>
Encrypting an RSA Key File <code>openssl rsa -in KEY.pem -aes128 -out ENCRYPTED-KEY.pem</code>	Extracting only Public Key in PEM format <code>openssl pkey -in KEY.pem -pubout</code>

`pkey` expects a Private Key file. Public Key file can be read with `-pubin`

Inspecting DSA Parameters and Keys

Inspecting DSA Parameters file
`openssl dsaparam -in DSA-PARAM.pem -text -noout`

Inspecting DSA Private Key file
`openssl dsa -in DSA-KEY.pem -text -noout`

Inspecting EC Parameters and Keys

Inspecting Elliptic Curve (EC) Parameters file
`openssl ecparam -in EC-PARAM.pem -text -noout`

Inspecting Elliptic Curve (EC) Private Key file
`openssl ec -in EC-KEY.pem -text -noout`

Compare Public Key values to see if files match each other
`openssl req -in EC-CERT.pem -noout -pubkey`
`openssl x509 -in EC-CERT.pem -noout -pubkey`
`openssl ec -in EC-KEY.pem -pubout`

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Generating Certificate Signing Requests (CSRs) and Self-Signed Certificates

Generating CSRs	Generating Self-Signed Certificates
Generate CSR with existing Private Key file <code>openssl req -new -key KEY1.pem -out CSR.pem</code>	Generate Certificate with existing Private Key file <code>openssl req -x509 -key KEY1.pem -out CERT.pem</code>
Generate CSR and new Private Key file <code>openssl req -new -newkey <alg>opt -nodes -out CSR.pem</code>	Generate Certificate and new Private Key file <code>openssl req -x509 -newkey <alg>opt -nodes -out CERT.pem</code>

Notes / Options

Commands above will prompt you for the Subject Distinguished Name (DN) attributes. Alternatively, you can specify them using `-subj`

Examples: `-subj "/CN=website.com"` or `-subj "/C=US/ST=Colorado/L=Denver/O=ACME Inc./CN=acme.com"`

`-nodes` - Generate Key File with No DES encryption - Skips prompt for PEM Pass phrase

`-digest` - Sign CSR/Cert using <digest> hashing algorithm. View supported algorithms: `openssl list -digest-commands`

`-config` - Specify config file with custom options. Default Config file: `openssl.cnf` in directory specified by `openssl version -d`

The argument `-newkey <alg>opt` lets you create RSA, DSA, or EC Keys

`-newkey 1024` - Generate 1024 bit RSA Keys (legacy) `-newkey dsa:DSA-PARAM.pem` - Generate DSA Keys using DSA Parameters

`-newkey rsa:2048` - Generate 2048 bit RSA Keys `-newkey ec:EC-PARAM.pem` - Generate EC Keys using EC Parameters

If `-key` or `-newkey` is not specified, a private key file will be automatically generated using directives specified in `openssl.cnf`

Inspecting Certificate Signing Requests (CSRs) and Certificates

Viewing contents of Certs and CSRs	Extracting Specific Info from Certificates
Viewing x509 Certificate as human readable Text <code>openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -noout -text</code>	Extract specific pieces of information from x509 Certificates <code>openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -noout -dates</code> <code>openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -noout -issuer -subject</code>
Viewing Certificate Signing Request (CSR) contents as Text: <code>openssl req -in CSR.pem -noout -text</code>	Other terms: <code>-modulus</code> <code>-pubkey</code> <code>-ecparams</code> <code>-acspid</code> you can extract: <code>-serial</code> <code>-startdate</code> <code>-enddate</code>

Extracting x509 Certificate Extensions

Extract specific Extension(s) from a certificate
`openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -noout -ext subjectAltName`
`openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -noout -ext authorityInfoAccess,crlDistributionPoints`

Other extensions you can extract: `basicConstraints` `certificatePolicies` `keyUsage` `extendedKeyUsage` `subjectKeyIdentifier` `authorityKeyIdentifier`

Extract all Extensions from a certificate
`openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -noout -text | sed -n '/x509v3 extensions/,/Signature Algorithm:/p'`

File Formats and Converting between formats (PEM, DER, PFX)

Check if file is PEM, DER, or PFX	PEM <=> DER
To check if file is PEM format <code>openssl x509 -in FILE -infmt PEM</code>	Convert PEM Certificate file to DER <code>openssl x509 -in CERT.pem -outform DER -out CERT.der</code>
To check if file is DER format <code>openssl x509 -in FILE -infmt DER</code>	Convert DER Certificate file to PEM <code>openssl x509 -in CERT.der -infmt der -out CERT.pem</code>
To check if file is PFX format <code>openssl pkcs12 -in FILE -nodes</code>	Convert PEM Certificate(s) to PFX <code>openssl pkcs12 -in CERTS.pem -nokeys -export -out CERTS.pfx</code>

To check, or convert, PEM or DER Key Files use `openssl pkey` instead of `openssl x509` and same command arguments.

To include a key in PFX file use `-inkey KEY1.pem` instead of `-nokeys`

PFX <=> PEM

Check if file is PFX format	PEM <=> PFX
To extract everything within a PFX file as a PEM file: <code>openssl pkcs12 -in FILE.pfx -out EVERYTHING.pem -nodes</code>	PFX files can contain Certificate(s), or Certificate(s) + one matching Key
To extract only the Private Key from a PFX file as PEM: <code>openssl pkcs12 -in FILE.pfx -out KEY1.pem -nodes -nocerts</code>	<code>-clcerts</code> - extract only end-entity certificate (client certificate)
	<code>-cacerts</code> - extract all but end-entity certificate
	<code>-nokeys</code> - extract only certificates

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Course Summary

OpenSSL is the universal tool for **inspecting, diagnosing, and troubleshooting SSL & TLS**.

OpenSSL is composed of many different utilities, each of which is responsible for a specific aspect of the SSL and TLS ecosystem.

In this course, you will receive training on how to use the following OpenSSL Utilities:

- openssl rsa
- openssl genrsa
- openssl dsa
- openssl gendsa
- openssl dsaparam
- openssl ec
- openssl ecparam
- openssl pkey
- openssl genpkey
- openssl x509
- openssl req
- openssl pkcs12

Each module contains demo files you can use to practice the commands along with each lesson.

The lessons in the course follow a section from the Cheat Sheet (available to download for free below).

After completing the course and downloading the OpenSSL Cheat Sheet, you will be equipped to inspect and troubleshoot any SSL / TLS scenarios you find yourself in.

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Generating & Inspecting DSA Keys

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Generating & Inspecting Elliptic Curve Keys

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OpenSSL Pkey Utility

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Matching Private Keys to Certificates and CSRs

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Creating a CSR and Certificate using an existing Private Key

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Creating a CSR and Certificate using a new Private Key

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Module 4 - Inspecting Certificates and CSRs



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Extracting specific information from Certificates and CSRs

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Module 5 - File Formats and Conversions (PEM, DER, PFX)



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Check if file is PEM, DER, or PFX

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Converting files between PEM and DER formats

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Notes / Options	
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<code>-nodes</code> - Generate Key File with no DES encryption - Skips prompt for PEM Pass phrase <code>-md5gost</code> - Sign CSRs/Certs using <code>md5gost</code> hashing algorithm. View supported algorithms: <code>openssl list -digest-compat</code> <code>-config</code> - Specify config file with custom options. Default config file <code>openssl.cnf</code> in directory specified by <code>openssl version -d</code>	
The argument <code>-newkey x509.pem</code> tells you create RSA DSA or EC Keys: <code>-newkey 1024</code> - Generate 1024 bit RSA Keys (legacy) <code>-newkey 2048</code> - Generate 2048 bit RSA Keys <code>-newkey ec -DHEAP.pem</code> - Generate EC Keys using DSA Parameters <code>-key</code> or <code>-rsakey</code> - Not specified a private key file will be automatically generated using directives specified in <code>openssl.cnf</code>	

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