

**NAME**

d2i\_ECPKParameters, i2d\_ECPKParameters, d2i\_ECPKParameters\_bio,  
 i2d\_ECPKParameters\_bio, d2i\_ECPKParameters\_fp, i2d\_ECPKParameters\_fp,  
 ECPKParameters\_print, ECPKParameters\_print\_fp - Functions for decoding and encoding ASN1  
 representations of elliptic curve entities

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <openssl/ec.h>
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EC_GROUP *d2i_ECPKParameters(EC_GROUP **px, const unsigned char **in, long len);
int i2d_ECPKParameters(const EC_GROUP *x, unsigned char **out);
#define d2i_ECPKParameters_bio(bp,x) ASN1_d2i_bio_of(EC_GROUP,NULL,d2i_ECPKParameters,bp,x)
#define i2d_ECPKParameters_bio(bp,x) ASN1_i2d_bio_of_const(EC_GROUP,i2d_ECPKParameters,bp,x)
#define d2i_ECPKParameters_fp(fp,x) (EC_GROUP *)ASN1_d2i_fp(NULL, \
(char *(*)(void))d2i_ECPKParameters,(fp),(unsigned char **)x)
#define i2d_ECPKParameters_fp(fp,x) ASN1_i2d_fp(i2d_ECPKParameters,(fp), \
(unsigned char *)x)
int ECPKParameters_print(BIO *bp, const EC_GROUP *x, int off);
int ECPKParameters_print_fp(FILE *fp, const EC_GROUP *x, int off);
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**DESCRIPTION**

The ECPKParameters encode and decode routines encode and parse the public parameters for an **EC\_GROUP** structure, which represents a curve.

*d2i\_ECPKParameters()* attempts to decode **len** bytes at **\*in**. If successful a pointer to the **EC\_GROUP** structure is returned. If an error occurred then **NULL** is returned. If **px** is not **NULL** then the returned structure is written to **\*px**. If **\*px** is not **NULL** then it is assumed that **\*px** contains a valid **EC\_GROUP** structure and an attempt is made to reuse it. If the call is successful **\*in** is incremented to the byte following the parsed data.

*i2d\_ECPKParameters()* encodes the structure pointed to by **x** into DER format. If **out** is not **NULL** it writes the DER encoded data to the buffer at **\*out**, and increments it to point after the data just written. If the return value is negative an error occurred, otherwise it returns the length of the encoded data.

If **\*out** is **NULL** memory will be allocated for a buffer and the encoded data written to it. In this case **\*out** is not incremented and it points to the start of the data just written.

*d2i\_ECPKParameters\_bio()* is similar to *d2i\_ECPKParameters()* except it attempts to parse data from BIO **bp**.

*d2i\_ECPKParameters\_fp()* is similar to *d2i\_ECPKParameters()* except it attempts to parse data from FILE pointer **fp**.

*i2d\_ECPKParameters\_bio()* is similar to *i2d\_ECPKParameters()* except it writes the encoding of the structure **x** to BIO **bp** and it returns 1 for success and 0 for failure.

*i2d\_ECPKParameters\_fp()* is similar to *i2d\_ECPKParameters()* except it writes the encoding of the structure **x** to BIO **fp** and it returns 1 for success and 0 for failure.

These functions are very similar to the X509 functions described in [d2i\\_X509\(3\)](#), where further notes and examples are available.

The ECPKParameters\_print and ECPKParameters\_print\_fp functions print a human-readable output of the public parameters of the EC\_GROUP to **bp** or **fp**. The output lines are indented by **off** spaces.

**RETURN VALUES**

*d2i\_ECPKParameters()*, *d2i\_ECPKParameters\_bio()* and *d2i\_ECPKParameters\_fp()* return a valid **EC\_GROUP** structure or **NULL** if an error occurs.

*i2d\_ECPKParameters()* returns the number of bytes successfully encoded or a negative value if an

error occurs.

*i2d\_ECPKParameters\_bio()*, *i2d\_ECPKParameters\_fp()*, *ECPKParameters\_print* and *ECPKParameters\_print\_fp* return 1 for success and 0 if an error occurs.

**SEE ALSO**

*crypto(3)*, *ec(3)*, *EC\_GROUP\_new(3)*, *EC\_GROUP\_copy(3)*, *EC\_POINT\_new(3)*, *EC\_POINT\_add(3)*, *EC\_KEY\_new(3)*, *EC\_GFp\_simple\_method(3)*, *d2i\_X509(3)*