

NAME

`PKCS7_sign_add_signer` - add a signer PKCS7 signed data structure

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/pkcs7.h>
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PKCS7_SIGNER_INFO *PKCS7_sign_add_signer(PKCS7 *p7, X509 *signcert, EVP_PKEY *pkey,
```

DESCRIPTION

`PKCS7_sign_add_signer()` adds a signer with certificate **signcert** and private key **pkey** using message digest **md** to a PKCS7 signed data structure **p7**.

The PKCS7 structure should be obtained from an initial call to `PKCS7_sign()` with the flag **PKCS7_PARTIAL** set or in the case of re-signing a valid PKCS7 signed data structure.

If the **md** parameter is **NULL** then the default digest for the public key algorithm will be used.

Unless the **PKCS7_REUSE_DIGEST** flag is set the returned PKCS7 structure is not complete and must be finalized either by streaming (if applicable) or a call to `PKCS7_final()`.

NOTES

The main purpose of this function is to provide finer control over a PKCS#7 signed data structure where the simpler `PKCS7_sign()` function defaults are not appropriate. For example if multiple signers or non default digest algorithms are needed.

Any of the following flags (ored together) can be passed in the **flags** parameter.

If **PKCS7_REUSE_DIGEST** is set then an attempt is made to copy the content digest value from the PKCS7 structure: to add a signer to an existing structure. An error occurs if a matching digest value cannot be found to copy. The returned PKCS7 structure will be valid and finalized when this flag is set.

If **PKCS7_PARTIAL** is set in addition to **PKCS7_REUSE_DIGEST** then the **PKCS7_SIGNER_INFO** structure will not be finalized so additional attributes can be added. In this case an explicit call to `PKCS7_SIGNER_INFO_sign()` is needed to finalize it.

If **PKCS7_NOCERTS** is set the signer's certificate will not be included in the PKCS7 structure, the signer's certificate must still be supplied in the **signcert** parameter though. This can reduce the size of the signature if the signer's certificate can be obtained by other means: for example a previously signed message.

The signedData structure includes several PKCS#7 authenticatedAttributes including the signing time, the PKCS#7 content type and the supported list of ciphers in an SMIMECapabilities attribute. If **PKCS7_NOATTR** is set then no authenticatedAttributes will be used. If **PKCS7_NOSMIMECAP** is set then just the SMIMECapabilities are omitted.

If present the SMIMECapabilities attribute indicates support for the following algorithms: triple DES, 128 bit RC2, 64 bit RC2, DES and 40 bit RC2. If any of these algorithms is disabled then it will not be included.

`PKCS7_sign_add_signers()` returns an internal pointer to the **PKCS7_SIGNER_INFO** structure just added, this can be used to set additional attributes before it is finalized.

RETURN VALUES

`PKCS7_sign_add_signers()` returns an internal pointer to the **PKCS7_SIGNER_INFO** structure just added or **NULL** if an error occurs.

SEE ALSO

[ERR_get_error\(3\)](#), [PKCS7_sign\(3\)](#), [PKCS7_final\(3\)](#),

HISTORY

`PKCS7_sign_add_signer()` was added to OpenSSL 1.0.0

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