

# Package: openssl (via r-universe)

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OpenSSL

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**Description** Bindings to OpenSSL libssl and libcrypto, plus custom SSH  
key parsers. Supports RSA, DSA and EC curves P-256, P-384,  
P-521, and curve25519. Cryptographic signatures can either be  
created and verified manually or via x509 certificates. AES can  
be used in cbc, ctr or gcm mode for symmetric encryption; RSA  
for asymmetric (public key) encryption or EC for Diffie  
Hellman. High-level envelope functions combine RSA and AES for  
encrypting arbitrary sized data. Other utilities include key  
generators, hash functions (md5, sha1, sha256, etc), base64  
encoder, a secure random number generator, and 'bignum' math  
methods for manually performing crypto calculations on large  
multibyte integers.

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|---------|---------------------------------|
| aes_cbc | <i>Symmetric AES encryption</i> |
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Description

Low-level symmetric encryption/decryption using the AES block cipher in CBC mode. The key is a raw vector, for example a hash of some secret. When no shared secret is available, a random key can be used which is exchanged via an asymmetric protocol such as RSA. See [rsa\\_encrypt\(\)](#) for a worked example or [encrypt\\_envelope\(\)](#) for a high-level wrapper combining AES and RSA.

**Usage**

```

aes_ctr_encrypt(data, key, iv = rand_bytes(16))

aes_ctr_decrypt(data, key, iv = attr(data, "iv"))

aes_cbc_encrypt(data, key, iv = rand_bytes(16))

aes_cbc_decrypt(data, key, iv = attr(data, "iv"))

aes_gcm_encrypt(data, key, iv = rand_bytes(12))

aes_gcm_decrypt(data, key, iv = attr(data, "iv"))

aes_keygen(length = 16)

```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                                                                |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data   | raw vector or path to file with data to encrypt or decrypt                                                     |
| key    | raw vector of length 16, 24 or 32, e.g. the hash of a shared secret                                            |
| iv     | raw vector of length 16 (aes block size) or NULL. The initialization vector is not secret but should be random |
| length | how many bytes to generate. Usually 16 (128-bit) or 12 (92-bit) for aes_gcm                                    |

**Examples**

```

# aes-256 requires 32 byte key
passphrase <- charToRaw("This is super secret")
key <- sha256(passphrase)

# symmetric encryption uses same key for decryption
x <- serialize(iris, NULL)
y <- aes_cbc_encrypt(x, key = key)
x2 <- aes_cbc_decrypt(y, key = key)
stopifnot(identical(x, x2))

```

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base64\_encode

*Encode and decode base64*


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**Description**

Encode and decode binary data into a base64 string. Character vectors are automatically collapsed into a single string.

**Usage**

```

base64_encode(bin, linebreaks = FALSE)

base64_decode(text)

```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                  |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| bin        | raw or character vector with data to encode into base64          |
| linebreaks | insert linebreaks in the base64 message to make it more readable |
| text       | string with base64 data to decode                                |

**Examples**

```
input <- charToRaw("foo = bar + 5")
message <- base64_encode(input)
output <- base64_decode(message)
identical(output, input)
```

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| bcrypt_pbkdf | <i>Bcrypt PWKDF</i> |
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**Description**

Password based key derivation function with bcrypt. This is not part of openssl. It is needed to parse private key files which are encoded in the **new openssh format**.

**Usage**

```
bcrypt_pbkdf(password, salt, rounds = 16L, size = 32L)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| password | string or raw vector with password |
| salt     | raw vector with (usually 16) bytes |
| rounds   | number of hashing rounds           |
| size     | desired length of the output key   |

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| bignum | <i>Big number arithmetic</i> |
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**Description**

Basic operations for working with large integers. The bignum function converts a positive integer, string or raw vector into a bignum type. All basic **Arithmetic** and **Comparison** operators such as +, -, \*, ^, %, %/, ==, !=, <, <=, > and >= are implemented for bignum objects. The **Modular exponent** ( $a^b \bmod m$ ) can be calculated using `bignum_mod_exp()` when b is too large for calculating  $a^b$  directly.

**Usage**

```

bignum(x, hex = FALSE)

bignum_mod_exp(a, b, m)

bignum_mod_inv(a, m)

```

**Arguments**

|     |                                                                  |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x   | an integer, string (hex or dec) or raw vector                    |
| hex | set to TRUE to parse strings as hex rather than decimal notation |
| a   | bignum value for $(a^b \% m)$                                    |
| b   | bignum value for $(a^b \% m)$                                    |
| m   | bignum value for $(a^b \% m)$                                    |

**Examples**

```

# create a bignum
x <- bignum(123L)
y <- bignum("123456789123456789")
z <- bignum("D41D8CD98F00B204E9800998ECF8427E", hex = TRUE)

# Basic arithmetic
div <- z %/% y
mod <- z %% y
z2 <- div * y + mod
stopifnot(z2 == z)
stopifnot(div < z)

```

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cert\_verify

*X509 certificates*


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**Description**

Read, download, analyze and verify X.509 certificates.

**Usage**

```

cert_verify(cert, root = ca_bundle())

download_ssl_cert(host = "localhost", port = 443, ipv4_only = FALSE)

ca_bundle()

```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| cert      | certificate (or certificate-chain) to be verified. Must be cert or list or path. |
| root      | trusted pubkey or certificate(s) e.g. CA bundle.                                 |
| host      | string: hostname of the server to connect to                                     |
| port      | string or integer: port or protocol to use, e.g: 443 or "https"                  |
| ipv4_only | do not use IPv6 connections                                                      |

**See Also**

[read\\_cert](#)

**Examples**

```
# Verify the r-project HTTPS cert
chain <- download_ssl_cert("cran.r-project.org", 443)
print(chain)
cert_data <- as.list(chain[[1]])
print(cert_data$pubkey)
print(cert_data$alt_names)
cert_verify(chain, ca_bundle())

# Write cert in PEM format
cat(write_pem(chain[[1]]))
```

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curve25519

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*Curve25519*


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**Description**

Curve25519 is a recently added low-level algorithm that can be used both for diffie-hellman (called X25519) and for signatures (called ED25519). Note that these functions are only available when building against version 1.1.1 or newer of the openssl library. The same functions are also available in the sodium R package.

**Usage**

```
read_ed25519_key(x)

read_ed25519_pubkey(x)

read_x25519_key(x)

read_x25519_pubkey(x)

ed25519_sign(data, key)
```

```
ed25519_verify(data, sig, pubkey)

x25519_diffie_hellman(key, pubkey)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                                    |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | a 32 byte raw vector with (pub)key data                            |
| data   | raw vector with data to sign or verify                             |
| key    | private key as returned by read_ed25519_key or ed25519_keygen      |
| sig    | raw vector of length 64 with signature as returned by ed25519_sign |
| pubkey | public key as returned by read_ed25519_pubkey or key\$pubkey       |

### Examples

```
# Generate a keypair
if(openssl_config()$x25519){
  key <- ed25519_keygen()
  pubkey <- as.list(key)$pubkey

  # Sign message
  msg <- serialize(iris, NULL)
  sig <- ed25519_sign(msg, key)

  # Verify the signature
  ed25519_verify(msg, sig, pubkey)

  # Diffie Hellman example:
  key1 <- x25519_keygen()
  key2 <- x25519_keygen()

  # Both parties can derive the same secret
  x25519_diffie_hellman(key1, key2$pubkey)
  x25519_diffie_hellman(key2, key1$pubkey)

  # Import/export sodium keys
  rawkey <- sodium::sig_keygen()
  rawpubkey <- sodium::sig_pubkey(rawkey)
  key <- read_ed25519_key(rawkey)
  pubkey <- read_ed25519_pubkey(rawpubkey)

  # To get the raw key data back for use in sodium
  as.list(key)$data
  as.list(pubkey)$data
}
```

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`ec_dh`*Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement*

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### Description

Key agreement is one-step method of creating a shared secret between two peers. Both peers can independently derive the joined secret by combining his or her private key with the public key from the peer.

### Usage

```
ec_dh(key = my_key(), peerkey, password = askpass)
```

### Arguments

|                       |                                                                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>key</code>      | your own private key                                                  |
| <code>peerkey</code>  | the public key from your peer                                         |
| <code>password</code> | passed to <a href="#">read_key</a> for reading protected private keys |

### Details

Currently only Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman (ECDH) is implemented.

### References

[https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/EVP\\_Key\\_Agreement](https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/EVP_Key_Agreement), [https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/Elliptic\\_Curve\\_Diffie\\_Hellman](https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/Elliptic_Curve_Diffie_Hellman)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Need two EC keypairs from the same curve
alice_key <- ec_keygen("P-521")
bob_key <- ec_keygen("P-521")

# Derive public keys
alice_pub <- as.list(alice_key)$pubkey
bob_pub <- as.list(bob_key)$pubkey

# Both peers can derive the (same) shared secret via each other's pubkey
ec_dh(alice_key, bob_pub)
ec_dh(bob_key, alice_pub)

## End(Not run)
```

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| encrypt_envelope | <i>Envelope encryption</i> |
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### Description

An **envelope** contains ciphertext along with an encrypted session key and optionally an initialization vector. The `encrypt_envelope()` generates a random IV and session-key which is used to encrypt the data with `AES()` stream cipher. The session key itself is encrypted using the given RSA key (see `rsa_encrypt()`) and stored or sent along with the encrypted data. Each of these outputs is required to decrypt the data with the corresponding private key.

### Usage

```
encrypt_envelope(data, pubkey = my_pubkey())

decrypt_envelope(data, iv, session, key = my_key(), password)
```

### Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                       |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data     | raw data vector or file path for message to be signed. If hash == NULL then data must be a hash string or raw vector. |
| pubkey   | public key or file path. See <code>read_pubkey()</code> .                                                             |
| iv       | 16 byte raw vector returned by <code>encrypt_envelope</code> .                                                        |
| session  | raw vector with encrypted session key as returned by <code>encrypt_envelope</code> .                                  |
| key      | private key or file path. See <code>read_key()</code> .                                                               |
| password | string or a function to read protected keys. See <code>read_key()</code> .                                            |

### References

[https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/EVP\\_Asymmetric\\_Encryption\\_and\\_Decryption\\_of\\_an\\_Envelope](https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/EVP_Asymmetric_Encryption_and_Decryption_of_an_Envelope)

### Examples

```
# Requires RSA key
key <- rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- key$pubkey
msg <- serialize(iris, NULL)

# Encrypt
out <- encrypt_envelope(msg, pubkey)
str(out)

# Decrypt
orig <- decrypt_envelope(out$data, out$iv, out$session, key)
stopifnot(identical(msg, orig))
```

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| fingerprint | <i>OpenSSH fingerprint</i> |
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### Description

Calculates the OpenSSH fingerprint of a public key. This value should match what you get to see when connecting with SSH to a server. Note that some other systems might use a different algorithm to derive a (different) fingerprint for the same keypair.

### Usage

```
fingerprint(key, hashfun = sha256)
```

### Arguments

|         |                                                         |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| key     | a public or private key                                 |
| hashfun | which hash function to use to calculate the fingerprint |

### Examples

```
mykey <- rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- as.list(mykey)$pubkey
fingerprint(mykey)
fingerprint(pubkey)

# Some systems use other hash functions
fingerprint(pubkey, sha1)
fingerprint(pubkey, sha256)

# Other key types
fingerprint(dsa_keygen())
```

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| hashing | <i>Vectorized hash/hmac functions</i> |
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### Description

All hash functions either calculate a hash-digest for key == NULL or HMAC (hashed message authentication code) when key is not NULL. Supported inputs are binary (raw vector), strings (character vector) or a connection object.

**Usage**

```
sha1(x, key = NULL)

sha224(x, key = NULL)

sha256(x, key = NULL)

sha384(x, key = NULL)

sha512(x, key = NULL)

keccak(x, size = 256, key = NULL)

sha2(x, size = 256, key = NULL)

sha3(x, size = 256, key = NULL)

md4(x, key = NULL)

md5(x, key = NULL)

blake2b(x, key = NULL)

blake2s(x, key = NULL)

ripemd160(x, key = NULL)

multihash(x, algos = c("md5", "sha1", "sha256", "sha384", "sha512"))
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                       |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | character vector, raw vector or connection object.    |
| key   | string or raw vector used as the key for HMAC hashing |
| size  | must be equal to 224 256 384 or 512                   |
| algos | string vector with names of hashing algorithms        |

**Details**

The most efficient way to calculate hashes is by using input [connections](#), such as a [file\(\)](#) or [url\(\)](#) object. In this case the hash is calculated streamingly, using almost no memory or disk space, regardless of the data size. When using a connection input in the [multihash](#) function, the data is only read only once while streaming to multiple hash functions simultaneously. Therefore several hashes are calculated simultaneously, without the need to store any data or download it multiple times.

Functions are vectorized for the case of character vectors: a vector with n strings returns n hashes. When passing a connection object, the contents will be stream-hashed which minimizes the amount of required memory. This is recommended for hashing files from disk or network.

The sha2 family of algorithms (sha224, sha256, sha384 and sha512) is generally recommended for sensitive information. While sha1 and md5 are usually sufficient for collision-resistant identifiers, they are no longer considered secure for cryptographic purposes.

In applications where hashes should be irreversible (such as names or passwords) it is often recommended to use a random *key* for HMAC hashing. This prevents attacks where we can lookup hashes of common and/or short strings. See examples. A common special case is adding a random salt to a large number of records to test for uniqueness within the dataset, while simultaneously rendering the results incomparable to other datasets.

The blake2b and blake2s algorithms are only available if your system has libssl 1.1 or newer.

NB R base `file()` function has a poor default `raw = FALSE` which causes files to get altered (e.g. decompressed) when reading. Use `file(path, raw = TRUE)` to get the hash of the file as it exists on your disk.

## References

Digest types: <https://docs.openssl.org/1.1.1/man1/dgst/>

## Examples

```
# Support both strings and binary
md5(c("foo", "bar"))
md5("foo", key = "secret")

hash <- md5(charToRaw("foo"))
as.character(hash, sep = ":")

# Compare to digest
digest::digest("foo", "md5", serialize = FALSE)

# Other way around
digest::digest(cars, skip = 0)
md5(serialize(cars, NULL))

# Stream-verify from connections (including files)
myfile <- system.file("CITATION")
md5(file(myfile, raw = TRUE))
md5(file(myfile, raw = TRUE), key = "secret")

## Not run: check md5 from: http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/base/old/3.1.1/md5sum.txt
md5(url("http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/base/old/3.1.1/R-3.1.1-win.exe"))
## End(Not run)

# Use a salt to prevent dictionary attacks
sha1("admin") # googleable
sha1("admin", key = "random_salt_value") #not googleable

# Use a random salt to identify duplicates while anonymizing values
sha256("john") # googleable
sha256(c("john", "mary", "john"), key = "random_salt_value")
```

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|--------|--------------------------|
| keygen | <i>Generate Key pair</i> |
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### Description

The keygen functions generate a random private key. Use `as.list(key)$pubkey` to derive the corresponding public key. Use [write\\_pem](#) to save a private key to a file, optionally with a password.

### Usage

```
rsa_keygen(bits = 2048)

dsa_keygen(bits = 1024)

ec_keygen(curve = c("P-256", "P-384", "P-521"))

x25519_keygen()

ed25519_keygen()
```

### Arguments

|       |                                      |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| bits  | bitsize of the generated RSA/DSA key |
| curve | which NIST curve to use              |

### Examples

```
# Generate keypair
key <- rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- as.list(key)$pubkey

# Write/read the key with a passphrase
write_pem(key, "id_rsa", password = "supersecret")
read_key("id_rsa", password = "supersecret")
unlink("id_rsa")
```

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| my_key | <i>Default key</i> |
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### Description

The default user key can be set in the `USER_KEY` variable and otherwise is `~/.ssh/id_rsa`. Note that on Windows we treat `~` as the windows user home (and not the documents folder).

## Usage

`my_key()`

`my_pubkey()`

## Details

The `my_pubkey()` function looks for the public key by appending `.pub` to the above key path. If this file does not exist, it reads the private key file and automatically derives the corresponding pubkey. In the latter case the user may be prompted for a passphrase if the private key is protected.

## Examples

```
# Set random RSA key as default
key <- rsa_keygen()
write_pem(key, tmp <- tempfile(), password = "")
rm(key)
Sys.setenv("USER_KEY" = tmp)

# Check the new keys
print(my_key())
print(my_pubkey())
```

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openssl

*Toolkit for Encryption, Signatures and Certificates based on OpenSSL*

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## Description

Bindings to OpenSSL libssl and libcrypto, plus custom SSH [pubkey](#) parsers. Supports RSA, DSA and NIST curves P-256, P-384 and P-521. Cryptographic [signatures](#) can either be created and verified manually or via x509 [certificates](#). The [AES block cipher](#) is used in CBC mode for symmetric encryption; RSA for [asymmetric \(public key\)](#) encryption. High-level [envelope](#) methods combine RSA and AES for encrypting arbitrary sized data. Other utilities include [key generators](#), hash functions (`md5()`, `sha1()`, `sha256()`, etc), `base64()` encoder, a secure [random number generator](#), and `bignum()` math methods for manually performing crypto calculations on large multibyte integers.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://jeroen.r-universe.dev/openssl>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/jeroen/openssl/issues>

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| openssl_config | <i>OpenSSL Configuration Info</i> |
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**Description**

Shows libssl version and configuration information.

**Usage**

```
openssl_config()
```

```
fips_mode()
```

**Details**

Note that the "fips" flag in openssl\_config means that FIPS is supported, but it does not mean that it is currently enforced. If supported, it can be enabled in several ways, such as a kernel option, or setting an environment variable OPENSSL\_FORCE\_FIPS\_MODE=1. The fips\_mode() function shows if FIPS is currently enforced.

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| pkcs7_encrypt | <i>Encrypt/decrypt pkcs7 messages</i> |
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**Description**

Encrypt or decrypt messages using PKCS7 smime format. Note PKCS7 only supports RSA keys.

**Usage**

```
pkcs7_encrypt(message, cert, pem = TRUE)
```

```
pkcs7_decrypt(input, key, der = is.raw(input))
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| message | text or raw vector with data to encrypt                  |
| cert    | the certificate with public key to use for encryption    |
| pem     | convert output pkcs7 data to PEM format                  |
| input   | file path or string with PEM or raw vector with p7b data |
| key     | private key to decrypt data                              |
| der     | assume input is in DER format (rather than PEM)          |

**See Also**

[encrypt\\_envelope](#)

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`rand_bytes`*Generate random bytes and numbers with OpenSSL*

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### Description

this set of functions generates random bytes or numbers from OpenSSL. This provides a cryptographically secure alternative to R's default random number generator. `rand_bytes` generates `n` random cryptographically secure bytes

### Usage

```
rand_bytes(n = 1)
```

```
rand_num(n = 1)
```

### Arguments

`n`                      number of random bytes or numbers to generate

### References

OpenSSL manual: [https://docs.openssl.org/1.1.1/man3/RAND\\_bytes/](https://docs.openssl.org/1.1.1/man3/RAND_bytes/)

### Examples

```
rnd <- rand_bytes(10)
as.numeric(rnd)
as.character(rnd)
as.logical(rawToBits(rnd))

# bytes range from 0 to 255
rnd <- rand_bytes(100000)
hist(as.numeric(rnd), breaks=-1:255)

# Generate random doubles between 0 and 1
rand_num(5)

# Use CDF to map [0,1] into random draws from a distribution
x <- qnorm(rand_num(1000), mean=100, sd=15)
hist(x)

y <- qbinom(rand_num(1000), size=10, prob=0.3)
hist(y)
```

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| read_key | <i>Parsing keys and certificates</i> |
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**Description**

The `read_key` function (private keys) and `read_pubkey` (public keys) support both SSH pubkey format and OpenSSL PEM format (base64 data with a `--BEGIN` and `---END` header), and automatically convert where necessary. The functions assume a single key per file except for `read_cert_bundle` which supports PEM files with multiple certificates.

**Usage**

```
read_key(file, password = askpass, der = is.raw(file))

read_pubkey(file, der = is.raw(file))

read_cert(file, der = is.raw(file))

read_cert_bundle(file)

read_pem(file)
```

**Arguments**

|                       |                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>file</code>     | Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (a string for pem/ssh format, or a raw vector in der format) |
| <code>password</code> | A string or callback function to read protected keys                                                                |
| <code>der</code>      | set to TRUE if file is in binary DER format                                                                         |

**Details**

Most versions of OpenSSL support at least RSA, DSA and ECDSA keys. Certificates must conform to the X509 standard.

The `password` argument is needed when reading keys that are protected with a passphrase. It can either be a string containing the passphrase, or a custom callback function that will be called by OpenSSL to read the passphrase. The function should take one argument (a string with a message) and return a string. The default is to use `readline` which will prompt the user in an interactive R session.

**Value**

An object of class `cert`, `key` or `pubkey` which holds the data in binary DER format and can be decomposed using `as.list`.

**See Also**

[download\\_ssl\\_cert](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run: # Read private key
key <- read_key("~/ssh/id_rsa")
str(key)

# Read public key
pubkey <- read_pubkey("~/ssh/id_rsa.pub")
str(pubkey)

# Read certificates
txt <- readLines("https://curl.haxx.se/ca/cacert.pem")
bundle <- read_cert_bundle(txt)
print(bundle)

## End(Not run)
```

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rsa\_encrypt

*Low-level RSA encryption*


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## Description

Asymmetric encryption and decryption with RSA. Because RSA can only encrypt messages smaller than the size of the key, it is typically used only for exchanging a random session-key. This session key is used to encipher arbitrary sized data via a stream cipher such as [aes\\_cbc](#). See [encrypt\\_envelope](#) or [pkcs7\\_encrypt](#) for a high-level wrappers combining RSA and AES in this way.

## Usage

```
rsa_encrypt(data, pubkey = my_pubkey(), oaep = FALSE)

rsa_decrypt(data, key = my_key(), password = askpass, oaep = FALSE)

rsa_sign(hash, key = my_key(), password = askpass)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                               |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data     | raw vector of max 245 bytes (for 2048 bit keys) with data to encrypt/decrypt  |
| pubkey   | public key or file path. See <a href="#">read_pubkey()</a> .                  |
| oaep     | if TRUE, changes padding to EME-OAEP as defined in PKCS #1 v2.0               |
| key      | private key or file path. See <a href="#">read_key()</a> .                    |
| password | string or a function to read protected keys. See <a href="#">read_key()</a> . |
| hash     | raw vector of length 16, 20, or 32 (md5/sha1/sha256)                          |

## Details

Note that [rsa\\_sign](#) is a legacy function that does not enforce FIPS-mode. It is safer to the more general [signature\\_create](#), unless you specifically want to bypass FIPS.

**Examples**

```
# Generate test keys
key <- rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- key$pubkey

# Encrypt data with AES
tempkey <- rand_bytes(32)
iv <- rand_bytes(16)
blob <- aes_cbc_encrypt(system.file("CITATION"), tempkey, iv = iv)

# Encrypt tempkey using receivers public RSA key
ciphertext <- rsa_encrypt(tempkey, pubkey)

# Receiver decrypts tempkey from private RSA key
tempkey <- rsa_decrypt(ciphertext, key)
message <- aes_cbc_decrypt(blob, tempkey, iv)
out <- rawToChar(message)
```

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| signature_create | <i>Signatures</i> |
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**Description**

Sign and verify a message digest. RSA supports both MD5 and SHA signatures whereas DSA and EC keys only support SHA. ED25591 can sign any payload so you can set hash to NULL to sign the raw input data.

**Usage**

```
signature_create(data, hash = sha1, key = my_key(), password = askpass)

signature_verify(data, sig, hash = sha1, pubkey = my_pubkey())

ecdsa_parse(sig)

ecdsa_write(r, s)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data     | raw data vector or file path for message to be signed. If hash == NULL then data must be a hash string or raw vector.                                    |
| hash     | the digest function to use. Must be one of <a href="#">md5()</a> , <a href="#">sha1()</a> , <a href="#">sha256()</a> , <a href="#">sha512()</a> or NULL. |
| key      | private key or file path. See <a href="#">read_key()</a> .                                                                                               |
| password | string or a function to read protected keys. See <a href="#">read_key()</a> .                                                                            |
| sig      | raw vector or file path for the signature data.                                                                                                          |

|        |                                                              |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| pubkey | public key or file path. See <a href="#">read_pubkey()</a> . |
| r      | bignum value for r parameter                                 |
| s      | bignum value for s parameter                                 |

## Details

The `ecdsa_parse` and `ecdsa_write` functions convert (EC)DSA signatures between the conventional DER format and the raw (r,s) bignum pair. Most users won't need this, it is mostly here to support the JWT format (which does not use DER).

## Examples

```
# Generate a keypair
key <- rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- key$pubkey

# Sign a file
data <- system.file("DESCRIPTION")
sig <- signature_create(data, sha256, key = key)
stopifnot(signature_verify(data, sig, sha256, pubkey = pubkey))

# Sign raw data
data <- serialize(iris, NULL)
sig <- signature_create(data, sha256, key = key)
stopifnot(signature_verify(data, sig, sha256, pubkey = pubkey))

# Sign a hash
md <- md5(data)
sig <- signature_create(md, hash = sha256, key = key)
stopifnot(signature_verify(md, sig, hash = sha256, pubkey = pubkey))
#
# ECDSA example
data <- serialize(iris, NULL)
key <- ec_keygen()
pubkey <- key$pubkey
sig <- signature_create(data, sha256, key = key)
stopifnot(signature_verify(data, sig, sha256, pubkey = pubkey))

# Convert signature to (r, s) parameters and then back
params <- ecdsa_parse(sig)
out <- ecdsa_write(params$r, params$s)
identical(sig, out)
```

## Description

These functions allow for manipulating the SSL context from inside the `CURLOPT_SSL_CTX_FUNCTION` callback using the curl R package. Note that this is not fully portable and will only work on installations that use matching versions of libssl (see details). It is recommended to only use this locally and if what you need cannot be accomplished using standard libcurl TLS options, e.g. those listed in `curl::curl_options('ssl')` or `curl::curl_options('tls')`.

## Usage

```
ssl_ctx_add_cert_to_store(ssl_ctx, cert)
```

```
ssl_ctx_set_verify_callback(ssl_ctx, cb)
```

```
ssl_ctx_curl_version_match()
```

## Arguments

|                      |                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>ssl_ctx</code> | pointer object to the SSL context provided in the <code>ssl_ctx_function</code> callback.                              |
| <code>cert</code>    | certificate object, e.g from <a href="#">read_cert</a> or <a href="#">download_ssl_cert</a> .                          |
| <code>cb</code>      | callback function with 1 parameter (the server certificate) and which returns TRUE (for proceed) or FALSE (for abort). |

## Details

Curl allows for setting an [option](#) called `ssl_ctx_function`: this is a callback function that is triggered during the TLS initiation, before any https connection has been made. This serves as a hook to let you manipulate the TLS configuration (called `SSL_CTX` for historical reasons), in order to control how to curl will validate the authenticity of server certificates for upcoming TLS connections.

Currently we provide 2 such functions: [ssl\\_ctx\\_add\\_cert\\_to\\_store](#) injects a custom certificate into the trust-store of the current TLS connection. But most flexibility is provided via [ssl\\_ctx\\_set\\_verify\\_callback](#) which allows you to override the function that is used by validate if a server certificate should be trusted. The callback will receive one argument `cert` and has to return TRUE or FALSE to decide if the cert should be trusted.

By default libcurl re-uses connections, hence the cert validation is only performed in the first request to a given host. Subsequent requests use the already established TLS connection. For testing, it can be useful to set `forbid_reuse` in order to make a new connection for each request, as done in the examples below.

## System compatibility

Passing the `SSL_CTX` between the curl and openssl R packages only works if they are linked to the same version of libssl. Use [ssl\\_ctx\\_curl\\_version\\_match](#) to test if this is the case. On Debian / Ubuntu you need to build the R curl package against `libcurl4-openssl-dev`, which is usually the case. On Windows you would need to set `CURL_SSL_BACKEND=openssl` in your `~/.Renv` file. On MacOS things are complicated because it uses LibreSSL instead of OpenSSL by default. You can make it work by compiling the curl R package from source against the homebrew version of curl and then then set `CURL_SSL_BACKEND=openssl` in your `~/.Renv` file. If your curl and openssl

R packages use different versions of libssl, the examples may segfault due to ABI incompatibility of the SSL\_CTX structure.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example 1: accept your local snakeoil https cert
mycert <- openssl::download_ssl_cert('localhost')[[1]]

# Setup the callback
h <- curl::new_handle(ssl_ctx_function = function(ssl_ctx){
  ssl_ctx_add_cert_to_store(ssl_ctx, mycert)
}, verbose = TRUE, forbid_reuse = TRUE)

# Perform the request
req <- curl::curl_fetch_memory('https://localhost', handle = h)

# Example 2 using a custom verify function
verify_cb <- function(cert){
  id <- cert$pubkey$fingerprint
  cat("Server cert from:", as.character(id), "\n")
  TRUE # always accept cert
}

h <- curl::new_handle(ssl_ctx_function = function(ssl_ctx){
  ssl_ctx_set_verify_callback(ssl_ctx, verify_cb)
}, verbose = TRUE, forbid_reuse = TRUE)

# Perform the request
req <- curl::curl_fetch_memory('https://localhost', handle = h)

## End(Not run)
```

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write\_p12

*PKCS7 / PKCS12 bundles*

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## Description

PKCS7 and PKCS12 are container formats for storing multiple certificates and/or keys.

## Usage

```
write_p12(
  key = NULL,
  cert = NULL,
  ca = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  password = NULL,
  path = NULL
```

```

)

write_p7b(ca, path = NULL)

read_p12(file, password = askpass)

read_p7b(file, der = is.raw(file))

```

### Arguments

|          |                                                                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| key      | a private key                                                                        |
| cert     | certificate that matches key                                                         |
| ca       | a list of certificates (the CA chain)                                                |
| name     | a friendly title for the bundle                                                      |
| password | string or function to set/get the password.                                          |
| path     | a file where to write the output to. If NULL the output is returned as a raw vector. |
| file     | path or raw vector with binary PKCS12 data to parse                                  |
| der      | set to TRUE for binary files and FALSE for PEM files                                 |

### Details

The PKCS#7 or P7B format is a container for one or more certificates. It can either be stored in binary form or in a PEM file. P7B files are typically used to import and export public certificates.

The PKCS#12 or PFX format is a binary-only format for storing the server certificate, any intermediate certificates, and the private key into a single encryptable file. PFX files are usually found with the extensions .pfx and .p12. PFX files are typically used to import and export certificates with their private keys.

The PKCS formats also allow for including signatures and CRLs but this is quite rare and these are currently ignored.

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|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| write_pem | <i>Export key or certificate</i> |
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### Description

The write\_pem functions exports a key or certificate to the standard base64 PEM format. For private keys it is possible to set a password.

### Usage

```

write_pem(x, path = NULL, password = NULL)

write_der(x, path = NULL)

write_pkcs1(x, path = NULL, password = NULL)

```

```
write_ssh(pubkey, path = NULL)
```

```
write_openssh_pem(key, path = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|          |                                                                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x        | a public/private key or certificate object                                      |
| path     | file to write to. If NULL it returns the output as a string.                    |
| password | string or callback function to set password (only applicable for private keys). |
| pubkey   | a public key                                                                    |
| key      | a private key                                                                   |

### Details

The pkcs1 format is the old legacy format used by OpenSSH. PKCS1 does not support the new ed25519 keys, for which you need `write_openssh_pem`. For non-ssh clients, we recommend to simply use `write_pem` to export keys and certs into the recommended formats.

### Examples

```
# Generate RSA keypair
key <- rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- key$pubkey

# Write to output formats
write_ssh(pubkey)
write_pem(pubkey)
write_pem(key, password = "super secret")
```

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