

NAME

EVP_sha224, EVP_sha256, EVP_sha512_224, EVP_sha512_256, EVP_sha384, EVP_sha512 – SHA-2
For EVP

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/evp.h>

const EVP_MD *EVP_sha224(void);
const EVP_MD *EVP_sha256(void);
const EVP_MD *EVP_sha512_224(void);
const EVP_MD *EVP_sha512_256(void);
const EVP_MD *EVP_sha384(void);
const EVP_MD *EVP_sha512(void);
```

DESCRIPTION

SHA-2 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2) is a family of cryptographic hash functions standardized in NIST FIPS 180-4, first published in 2001.

EVP_sha224(), **EVP_sha256()**, **EVP_sha512_224**, **EVP_sha512_256**, **EVP_sha384()**, **EVP_sha512()**

The SHA-2 SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-512/224, SHA512/256, SHA-384 and SHA-512 algorithms, which generate 224, 256, 224, 256, 384 and 512 bits respectively of output from a given input.

The two algorithms: SHA-512/224 and SHA512/256 are truncated forms of the SHA-512 algorithm. They are distinct from SHA-224 and SHA-256 even though their outputs are of the same size.

RETURN VALUES

These functions return a **EVP_MD** structure that contains the implementation of the symmetric cipher. See [EVP_MD_meth_new\(3\)](#) for details of the **EVP_MD** structure.

CONFORMING TO

NIST FIPS 180-4.

SEE ALSO

[evp\(7\)](#), [EVP_DigestInit\(3\)](#)

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