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Preface

This preface introduces the *ARM® TrustZone® True Random Number Generator Software Integrator's Manual*.

It contains the following:

- [About this book on page 6.](#)

About this book

This book is for the ARM® TrustZone® TRNG True Random Number Generator. This document describes the true-random-number-generator driver that is provided by ARM. It provides the required information to integrate and use the ARM TrustZone TRNG library.

Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1 Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the ARM TrustZone® TRNG.

Chapter 2 TRNG driver algorithm

This chapter describes the TRNG driver algorithm.

Chapter 3 The ARM® TrustZone® TRNG API

This chapter describes the ARM TrustZone TRNG API.

Chapter 4 Product deliverables

This chapter lists ARM TrustZone TRNG product deliverables and describes its build environment.

Chapter 5 Supported TRNG driver modes

This chapter describes the TRNG driver modes supported by ARM TrustZone TRNG.

Chapter 6 Integrating ARM® TrustZone® TRNG

This chapter describes the steps that are required to integrate ARM TrustZone TRNG software into a SoC.

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```

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the ARM TrustZone® TRNG.

It contains the following sections:

- [1.1 Overview on page 1-9.](#)
- [1.2 Compliance on page 1-10.](#)

1.1 Overview

The ARM TrustZone TRNG enables generation and collection of a truly random bit stream from a digital logic. The TRNG is designed for simple SoC integration. The typical usage of a TRNG is key generation or for seeding approved deterministic random numbers.

———— **Note** ————

ARM TrustZone TRNG supports 32-bit systems.

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1.2 Compliance

ARM TrustZone TRNG complies with the following specifications:

- AIS-31: *Functionality Classes and Evaluation Methodology for True Random Number Generators*, version 3.1, Version 3.1, September 2001, compliant in an implementation using FETRNG driver.
- SP 800-90B Second DRAFT: *Recommendation for the Entropy Sources Used for Random Bit Generation*, January 2016, compliant with section 4.4 Approved Continuous Health Tests.

Chapter 2

TRNG driver algorithm

This chapter describes the TRNG driver algorithm.

It contains the following section:

- [2.1 TRNG driver algorithm workflow](#) on page 2-12.

2.1 TRNG driver algorithm workflow

ARM TrustZone TRNG supports both FE and 800-90B TRNG driver modes.

The TRNG driver implements the following algorithm for random-bit collection:

1. Sets `SAMPLE_CNT` according to the value that is received by the ARM characterization process.
2. Sets `RND_SRC_SEL` to the fastest inverter-chain (ROSC).
3. Collects N bytes from the hardware.
4. TRNG driver samples the following errors through `RNG_ISR`:
 - The 800-90B driver aborts after 12 CRNGT errors.
 - The FE driver aborts in the following situations:
 - After 12 CRNGT errors.
 - Autocorrelation error.
 - VN error.
5. If random-bit collection did not complete due to one of the error conditions that are listed in 4:
 - a. The TRNG driver selects the next-fastest enabled inverter-chain (ROSC).
 - b. Returns to step 3. If no inverter-chains remain, the driver returns an error indication.

Note

If the TRNG driver returns an error, do not attempt to use ARM TrustZone TRNG to collect more bits until you reset the system.

Chapter 3

The ARM® TrustZone® TRNG API

This chapter describes the ARM TrustZone TRNG API.

It contains the following section:

- [3.1 API parameters on page 3-14.](#)

3.1 API parameters

The API lets you define the number of random bits to be collected and returns the number of actual bytes.

The API takes the following format:

```
uint32_t CC_TrngGetSource(unsigned long rngRegBase, uint8_t *outAddr, size_t *outLen, size_t reqBits)
```

Table 3-1 cc_TrngGetSource Parameters

Name	I/O	Description
rngRegBase	I	ARM TrustZone TRNG logical base register address.
outAddr	O	Result buffer.
outLen	O	Number of collected bytes.
reqBits	I	Number of random bits to collect.

Chapter 4

Product deliverables

This chapter lists ARM TrustZone TRNG product deliverables and describes its build environment.

It contains the following sections:

- [4.1 Deliverable components on page 4-16.](#)
- [4.2 Project tree on page 4-17.](#)
- [4.3 Host code build environment on page 4-18.](#)

4.1 Deliverable components

The following components are supplied with the software release package:

Software Package

The ARM TrustZone TRNG driver.

Integration test

The ARM TrustZone TRNG integration test package verifies that the ARM TrustZone TRNG software library is integrated correctly.

TRNG characterization

The ARM TrustZone TRNG characterization core code, for you to adapt for the H/W characterization process.

4.2 Project tree

Each product package contains one or more components as applicable.

This table lists the possible components (directories).

Table 4-1 Project tree structure

Path	Description
host/src/tztrng_lib	Host-library domain source code, which is the primary directory for building the release.
shared/hw/include	Header files of inter-domain APIs and Source code that can be used on different domains simultaneously.

The Host source code also contains the integration tests directory: `host/src/tests/tztrng_test`.

4.3 Host code build environment

ARM TrustZone TRNG software supports multiple compile-time configurations.

These configurations are controlled using the `CC_CONFIG_TRNG_MODE` configuration flag, which resides in the `proj.ext.cfg` file in the root folder. This flag sets the mode of execution (800-90B or FE). For more information, see [6.2 TRNG characterization on page 6-23](#).

The following makefile operations are available:

Build host components.

Run `make` from `host/src/tztrng_lib` to recursively build all host elements, and to copy them into the output directories: `host/lib`, `host/include`, and `host/bin`.

Clean old builds.

Run `make clean` from `host/src/tztrng_lib`.

Note

If the element depends on a specific library, build and export the library to `host/lib`.

The build environment depends on the following environment variables, effective in the current shell session:

Table 4-2 Build environment variables

Environment variable	Supported values	Description
ARCH	arm	The target Host architecture of the processor.
OS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> linux FreeRTOS 	<p>The target OS. The partner must define and implement the relevant OS.</p> <p>————— Note —————</p> <p>Linux can be used only on the ARM platform. Only FreeRTOS must be used on the platform of a partner in a production environment.</p> <p>—————</p>
CROSS_COMPILE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> arm-ds5 arm-xilinx-linux-gnueabi- arm-none-eabi- 	The cross-compiler toolchain prefix, same as the prefix used to compile the Linux kernel.

Chapter 5

Supported TRNG driver modes

This chapter describes the TRNG driver modes supported by ARM TrustZone TRNG.

It contains the following section:

- [5.1 Overview of modes on page 5-20.](#)

5.1 Overview of modes

ARM TrustZone TRNG supports the following TRNG driver modes:

800-90B TRNG driver

Supports the SP 800-90B Second DRAFT: *Recommendation for the Entropy Sources Used for Random Bit Generation* standard.

FE TRNG driver (default value)

Supports the AIS-31: *Functionality Classes and Evaluation Methodology for True Random Number Generators* standard.

The ARM TrustZone TRNG can be configured to:

- Collect random bits according to the current 800-90B publication.
- Collect random bits in FE mode according to the AIS-31 standard.

For more information, see [4.3 Host code build environment on page 4-18](#).

Chapter 6

Integrating ARM® TrustZone® TRNG

This chapter describes the steps that are required to integrate ARM TrustZone TRNG software into a SoC.

It contains the following sections:

- [6.1 PAL and HAL layers on page 6-22.](#)
- [6.2 TRNG characterization on page 6-23.](#)

6.1 PAL and HAL layers

You are expected to set up the Platform Abstraction Layer (PAL) and Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL).

These layers enable access to the ARM TrustZone TRNG. After you set the layers, you can extract the driver code into the SoC software tree and compile the code.

6.2 TRNG characterization

The characterization process determines the sample count for each inverter-chain (ROSC).

Before you can use the ARM TrustZone TRNG, you must perform the characterization process.

Setting the TRNG Type

Set the TRNG type in `proj.ext.cfg`:

- For FE TRNG driver, set `CC_CONFIG_TRNG_MODE = 0`.
- For 800-90B TRNG driver, set `CC_CONFIG_TRNG_MODE = 1`.

Customizing the 800-90B TRNG driver

Configure the `host/src/tztrng_lib/include/config_trng90b.h` file for the target platform, according to the characterization process.

Customizing the FE TRNG driver

Configure the `host/src/tztrng_lib/include/config_fetrng.h` file for the target platform, according to the characterization process.