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Overview

Package rand implements a cryptographically secure random number generator.

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```
var Reader io.Reader
```

Reader is a global, shared instance of a cryptographically secure random number generator.

On Linux, FreeBSD, Dragonfly and Solaris, Reader uses `getrandom(2)` if available, `/dev/urandom` otherwise. On OpenBSD and macOS, Reader uses `getentropy(2)`. On other Unix-like systems, Reader reads from `/dev/urandom`. On Windows systems, Reader uses the `RtlGenRandom` API. On Wasm, Reader uses the Web Crypto API.

Functions

func `Int`

```
func Int(rand io.Reader, max \*big.Int) (n \*big.Int, err error)
```

`Int` returns a uniform random value in `[0, max)`. It panics if `max <= 0`.

func `Prime`

```
func Prime(rand io.Reader, bits int) (\*big.Int, error)
```

`Prime` returns a number of the given bit length that is prime with high probability. `Prime` will return error for any error returned by `rand.Read` or if `bits < 2`.

func `Read`

```
func Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
```

`Read` is a helper function that calls `Reader.Read` using `io.ReadFull`. On return, `n == len(b)` if and only if `err == nil`.

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