

**NAME**

EVP RAND-SEED-SRC – The randomness seed source EVP RAND implementation

**DESCRIPTION**

Support for deterministic random number generator seeding through the **EVP RAND** API.

The seed sources used are specified at the time OpenSSL is configured for building using the **--with-rand=seed=** option. By default, operating system randomness sources are used.

**Identity**

“SEED-SRC” is the name for this implementation; it can be used with the **EVP RAND\_fetch()** function.

**Supported parameters**

The supported parameters are:

“state” (**OSSL RAND\_PARAM\_STATE**) <integer>

“strength” (**OSSL RAND\_PARAM\_STRENGTH**) <unsigned integer>

“max\_request” (**OSSL RAND\_PARAM\_MAX\_REQUEST**) <unsigned integer>

These parameters work as described in “PARAMETERS” in **EVP RAND** (3).

**NOTES**

A context for the seed source can be obtained by calling:

```
EVP RAND *rand = EVP RAND_fetch(NULL, "SEED-SRC", NULL);
EVP RAND_CTX *rctx = EVP RAND_CTX_new(rand);
```

**EXAMPLES**

```
EVP RAND *rand;
EVP RAND_CTX *seed, *rctx;
unsigned char bytes[100];
OSSL_PARAM params[2], *p = params;
unsigned int strength = 128;

/* Create a seed source */
rand = EVP RAND_fetch(NULL, "SEED-SRC", NULL);
seed = EVP RAND_CTX_new(rand, NULL);
EVP RAND_free(rand);

/* Feed this into a DRBG */
rand = EVP RAND_fetch(NULL, "CTR-DRBG", NULL);
rctx = EVP RAND_CTX_new(rand, seed);
EVP RAND_free(rand);

/* Configure the DRBG */
*p++ = OSSL_PARAM_construct_utf8_string(OSSL_DRBG_PARAM_CIPHER,
                                         SN_aes_256_ctr, 0);

*p = OSSL_PARAM_construct_end();
EVP RAND_instantiate(rctx, strength, 0, NULL, 0, params);

EVP RAND_generate(rctx, bytes, sizeof(bytes), strength, 0, NULL, 0);

EVP RAND_CTX_free(rctx);
EVP RAND_CTX_free(seed);
```

**SEE ALSO**

**EVP RAND** (3), “PARAMETERS” in **EVP RAND** (3)

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