A Terse Description of Two New Hash-Based DRBGs John Kelsey, NIST, January 2004

1 Notation

Both DRBGs call the hash function as hash(inputString).

N is the number of bytes of output of the hash compression function output. (For SHA1, N=20) N = hash outlen

M is the number of bytes of message block input in the compression function. (For SHA1, M=64) M = hash inlen

The claimed security level of the DRBG is the number of bits in the hash function output.

X||Y is concatenation

Integers are assumed to be encoded in network byte order when they're hashed.

X[a:b] is bytes a..b-1 of byte string X

X[a:] is all of X from byte a forward.

X[:a] is the leftmost a bytes of X

2 HMAC DRBG

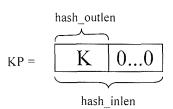
HMAC DRBG has the following working state:

X (N bytes) X consists of hash_outlen bytes K (N bytes) Y consists of hash_outlen bytes

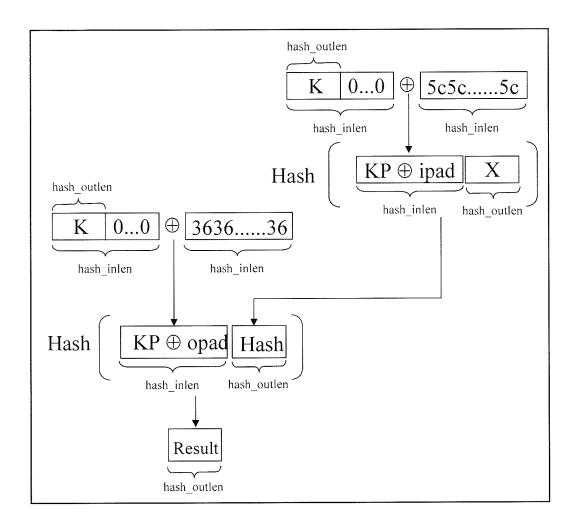
It uses one external function besides the hash function:

HMAC(K,X):

PAD = $0x00\ 0x00\ ...\ 0x00\ (M-N\ bytes)$ opad = $0x36\ 0x36\ ...\ 0x36\ (M\ bytes)$ ipad = $0x5c\ 0x5c\ ...\ 0x5c\ (M\ bytes)$ $KP = K \parallel PAD$



return hash(KP xor opad || hash(KP xor ipad || X))



It supports three public functions:

Initialize(seedString): Note: seedString is a function of the entropy bits and the personalization string

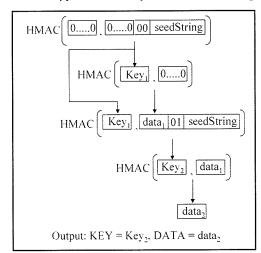
data = $0x00 \ 0x00 \dots 0x00$ (hash_outlen bytes) Key = $0x00 \ 0x00 \dots 0x00$ (hash_outlen bytes)

 $Key_1 = HMAC(Key, data || 0x00 || seedString)$

 $data_1 = HMAC(Key_1, data)$

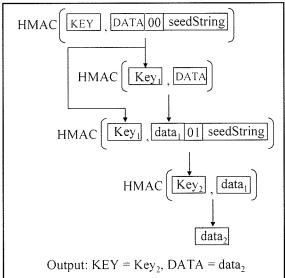
 $key_2 = HMAC(Key_1, data_1 \parallel 0x01 \parallel seedString)$

 $data_2 = HMAC(Key, data)$



Reseed(seedString) Note: seedString is a function of the entropy bits and the personalization string Key = HMAC(Key, data $\parallel 0x00 \parallel$ seedString) data = HMAC(Key, data)

Key = HMAC(Key, data || 0x01 || seedString)data = HMAC(Key, data)



Note: optionalString is the optional additional data? Generate(bytes,optionalString): if bytes>2^{32}: raise error condition

if optionalString exists:

Key = HMAC(Key, data || 0x00 || optionalString)

data = HMAC(Key, data)

Key = HMAC(Key, data || 0x01 || optionalString)

data = HMAC(Key, data)

Reseed (optionalString)

tmp = ""

while len (tmp) <bytes:

DATA = HMAC(KEY, DATA)

 $tmp = tmp \parallel DATA$

Note: this step provides backtracking resistance if optionalString exists:

 $Key_1 = HMAC(KEY, DATA \parallel 0x00 \parallel optionalString)$

 $data_1 = HMAC(Key_1, DATA)$

 $KEY = HMAC(Key_1, data_1 || 0x01 || optionalString)$

 $DATA = HMAC(KEY, data_1)$

else:

KEY = HMAC(KEY, DATA || 0x00)

DATA = HMAC(KEY, DATA)

return tmp[:bytes]

Note: return the leftmost bytes

3 KHF DRBG

KHF DRBG has the following working state:

K0 (N bytes)

K0 is hash outlen bytes long

K1 (M-9 bytes) K1 is hash_inlen - 9 bytes long

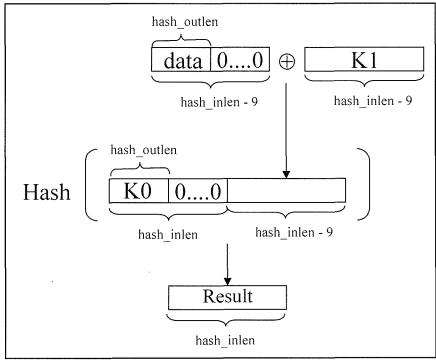
data (N bytes)

data is hash_outlen bytes long

KHF DRBG uses two external functions besides the hash function:

hash df(seed,bytes):

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tmp = ""
i = 0 \quad ls \ this \ a \ string?
while \ len(tmp) < bytes:
tmp = tmp \parallel hash(\ bytes \parallel i \parallel seed\ )
return \ tmp[:bytes]
KHF(K0,K1,X):
PAD_0 = 0x00\ 0x00\ ...\ 0x00\ (M-N \ bytes)
PAD_1 = 0x00\ 0x00\ ...\ 0x00\ (M-N-9 \ bytes)
return \ hash(K0 \parallel PAD_0 \parallel (X \parallel PAD_1) \ xor\ K1\ )
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KHF_DRBG supports three public functions:

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Note: seedString is a function of the entropy bits and the personalization string
Initialize(seedString):
         K0 = 0x00 0x00 \dots 0x00 (hash outlen bytes)
         K1 = 0x01 \ 0x01 \dots 0x01 (hash inlen - 9 bytes)
         data = 0x02 \ 0x02 \dots 0x02 (hash outlen bytes)
         T = ""
         while len(tmp)<hash_outlen + hash_inlen - 9:
             data = KHF(K0,K1,data)
             T = T \parallel data
         T = T[:N+M-9] \oplus hash df(hash inlen + hash outlen - 9, seedString)
         K0 = T[:N]
         K1 = T[N:]
         DATA = KHF(K0,K1,data)
Reseed(seedString):
                           Note: seedString is a function of the entropy bits and the personalization string
         T = ""
         while len(tmp) \le N + M - 9:
             DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
             T = T \parallel DATA
         T = T[:N+M-9] \oplus hash df(hash inlen + hash outlen - 9, seedString)
         K0 = T[:N]
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K1 = T[N:]
        DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
Generate(bytes, optional String):
        if bytes>2^{32}: raise error condition
                                  Note: This is a reseed using optionalString
        if optionalString exists:
             T = ""
                 while len(tmp) < N+M-9:
                     DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
                         T = T \parallel DATA
             T = T[:N+M-9] \oplus hash\_df(hash\_outpen + hash\_inlen - 9,optionalString)
                 K0 = T[:N]
                 K1 = T[N:]
                 DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
     tmp = ""
        while len(tmp)<br/>bytes:
             DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
                 tmp = tmp || DATA
     if optionalString exists
                 while len(tmp) < N+M-9:
                      DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
                         T = T \parallel DATA
             T = T[:N+M-9] \oplus hash\_df(hash\_outpen + hash\_inlen - 9,optionalString)
                 K0 = T[:N]
                 K1 = T[N:]
                 DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
        else:
                 while len(tmp)<hash outlen + hash_inlen - 9:
                      DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
                         T = T \parallel DATA
             T = T[:N+M-9] \oplus hash df(hash_outpen + hash_inlen - 9,,"")
                 K0 = T[:N]
                 K1 = T[N:]
                 DATA = KHF(K0,K1,DATA)
         return tmp[:bytes]
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