

X9.82, Part 3

Differences from the Previous Version

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General

- Title: DRBGs → DRBG Mechanisms
- Reorganization of Sections 8, 9 and 10

Section 8: Concepts and General Requirements

- Removed references to FIPS 140-2 cryptomodules
- Removed the 80-bit security level
- Entropy requirements for seeds:
 - Instantiation: security level + 64
 - Reseed: security level
 - Full entropy for cipher-based DRBGs
- More text on personalization strings

Section 9: Procedures

- Now specified at a higher level than before
 - Instantiate, reseed, generate, uninstantiate, test
 - Calls the algorithms
- Specifies different sources of input and output:
 - I/O from/to a consuming application
 - Other input (e.g., from an entropy source)
 - Output retained within the DRBG
- Block Cipher derivation function – NEW!

Section 9 (contd.)

- Self testing
 - Defined four configurations within DRBG boundaries
 - * Instantiate, generate, uninstantiate & test
 - * Generate and test
 - * Reseed, generate and test
 - * Instantiate, generate, reseed, uninstantiate and test

Section 9 (contd.)

■ Self testing (contd.)

Health Testing Intervals and Levels of Testing

When to Test	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Prior to first instantiation	Non-Time-Critical	Time-Critical	Non-Time-Critical
Periodic	Time-Critical	Non-Time-Critical	Non-Time-Critical
On-demand	Non-Time-Critical	Non-Time-Critical	Non-Time-Critical

Section 9 (contd.)

- Self testing (contd.)
 - For each procedure, non-time-critical and time-critical testing is specified
 - For each configuration, the general testing process is specified

Section 9 (contd.)

■ Self testing (contd.)

- Example (Instantiate, Generate, Uninstantiate within a single DRBG boundary):
 - * Select instantiate and generate parameters
 - * Request instantiation
 - * Request generation
 - * Compare with expected results
 - * Repeat as needed (if non-time-critical testing)
 - * Test error handling
 - * Uninstantiate

Section 10: DRBG Algorithm

Specifications

- Six algorithms:
 - Hash-based: Hash_DRBG & HMAC_DRBG
 - Block-cipher-based: CTR_DRBG & OFB_DRBG (KHF_DRBG removed)
 - Number theoretic: Dual_EC_DRBG & MS_DRBG
- Tables of definitions (e.g., seed length, reseed_interval, etc.)

Section 10 (contd.)

- Internal state defined as working state and administrative information
- All DRBGs rewritten as “algorithms”
- Hash_DRBG: Instantiate and reseed use Hash_df.
- Diagrams provided for CTR_DRBG & OFB_DRBG

Section 11: Assurances

- Minimum documentation requirements:
revised per functional requirements
- Operational/health testing: FIPS 140-2
(only) requirements removed

Annexes

- B: Four conversion routines
- D: Functional requirements per Part 1
- E: Revised number theoretic text
- F: Scenario examples for each DRBG

Attack on Hash_DRBG

- Explanation
 - Ignore?
 - Surgery?
 - Remove?

Schedule

- Written comments by Dec. 1
- Discuss comment resolution at January teleconference
- Stable document by March (tweaks only thereafter?)