

NIST SP 800-32, Part 3 Digital Random Number Generators (DRBGs)

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IV Section Review (ons 1-5)

- **Definitions**
 - Define what is included in the registry documents?
- **Terms and Definitions**
- **Symbols and Abbreviated Terms**
 - Only math notation is included; variables are identified in each DRBG section

Sections 6-7

RBG and Organization Objectives and

Differences between Part 1 and 3

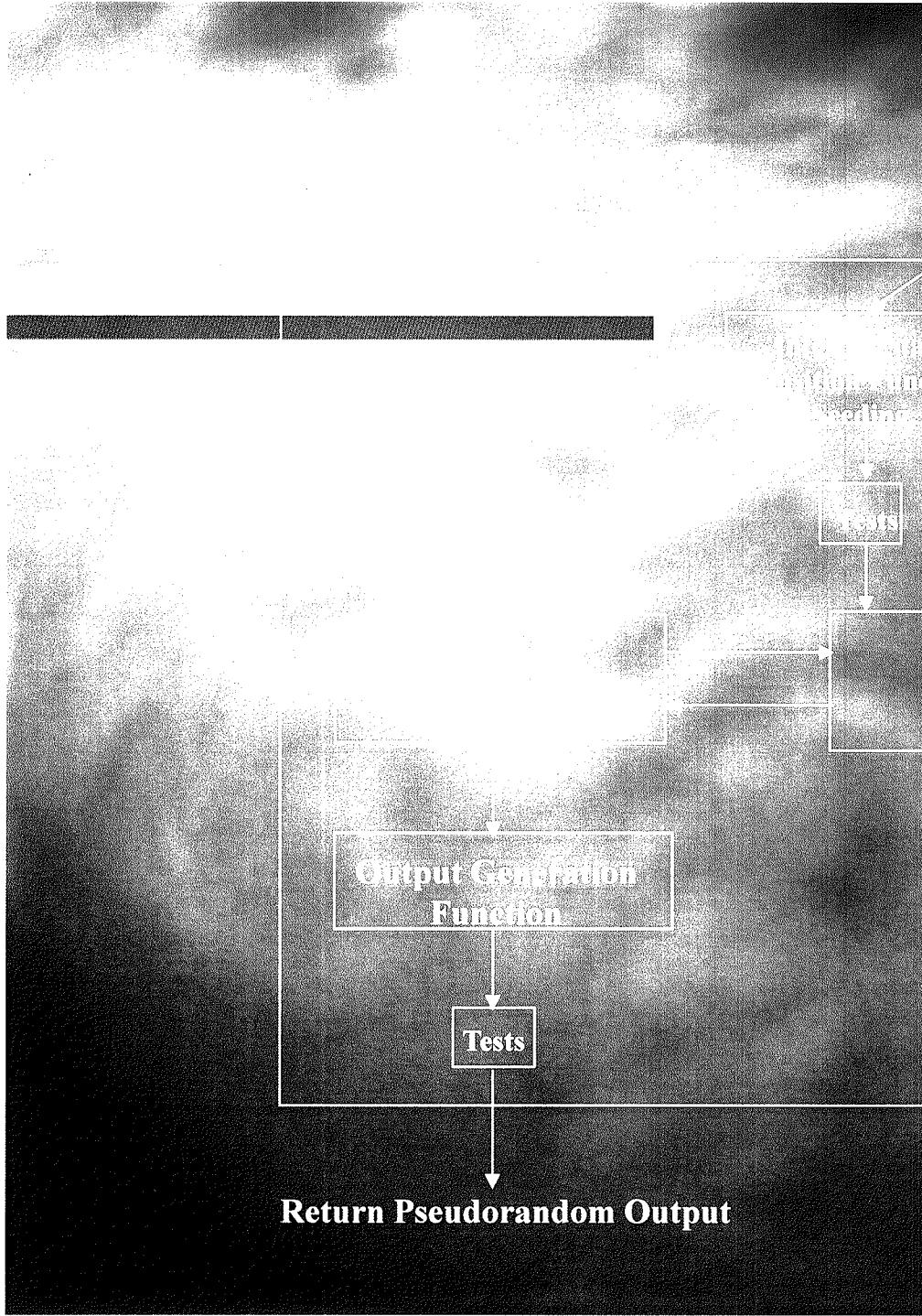
Part 3 has nearly the same requirements and objectives as Part 1.

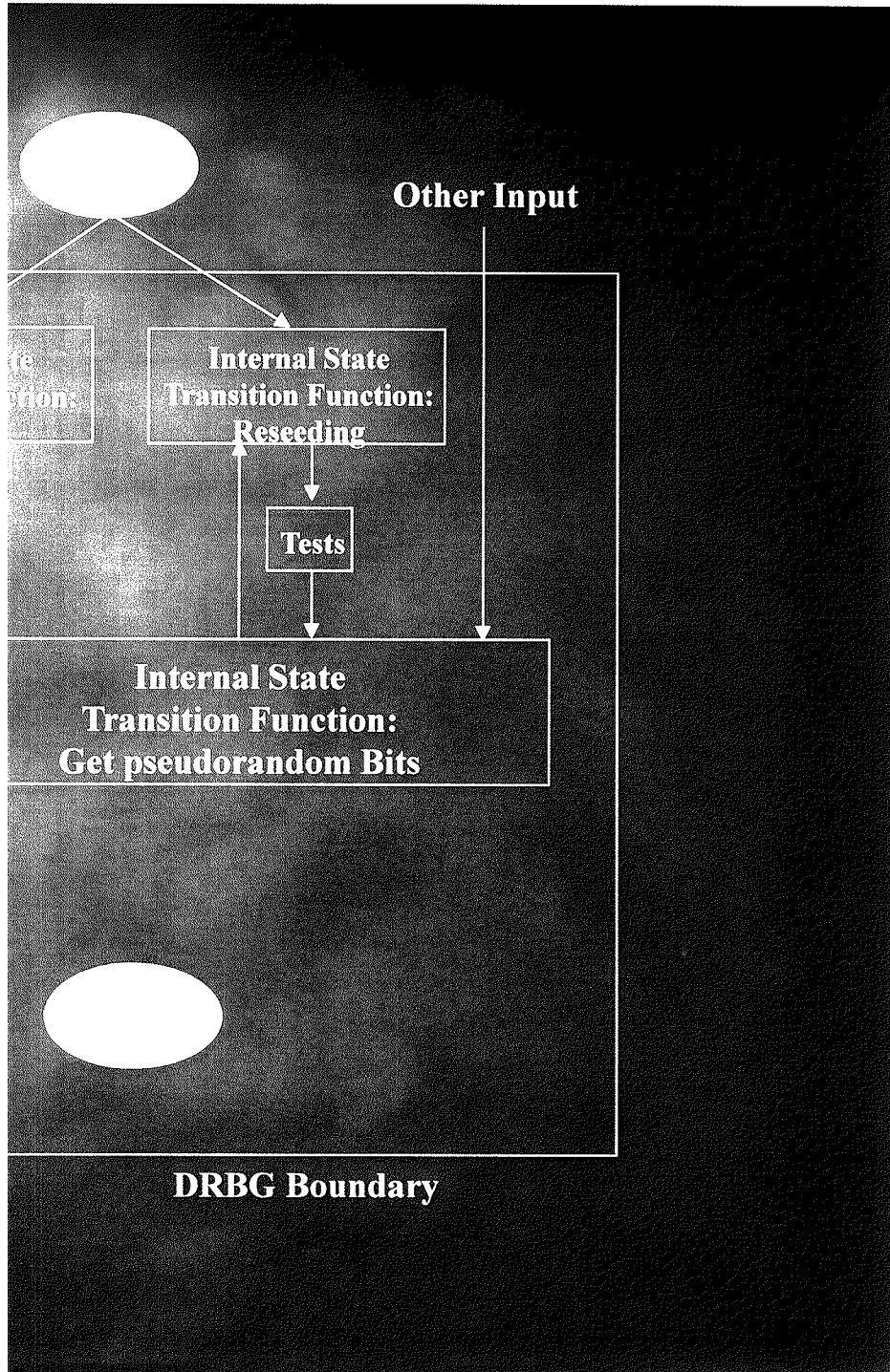
■ RBG Properties and Operation

- Part 1 testable req. 4 (re protection boundary) not in Part 3.
- Part 1 testable req. 3 (re backward secrecy) and optional feature 2 (re forward secrecy) are combined as Part 3 objective 3.

Section 8

and General Requirements





Ques 8 (Contd.)

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Guidelines on Part 2, NRBGs)

- Outer Input?
 - Outer Input: Information
 - Input parameters
 - Time-variant information
 - User input?
 - Internal State
 - Depends on the DRBG

Part 2 (Contd.)

PRNGs... (contd.)

PRNG Transition Functions

- Initialize, Reseeding, & Generate output

PRNG Generation Function

- Test output and secret output

- Separation: Stated as separating test and operational output; do we need to separate output that will be public from output that remains secret (I.e., separate DRBG instances)?

- Support Functions

- No requirements in Part 1

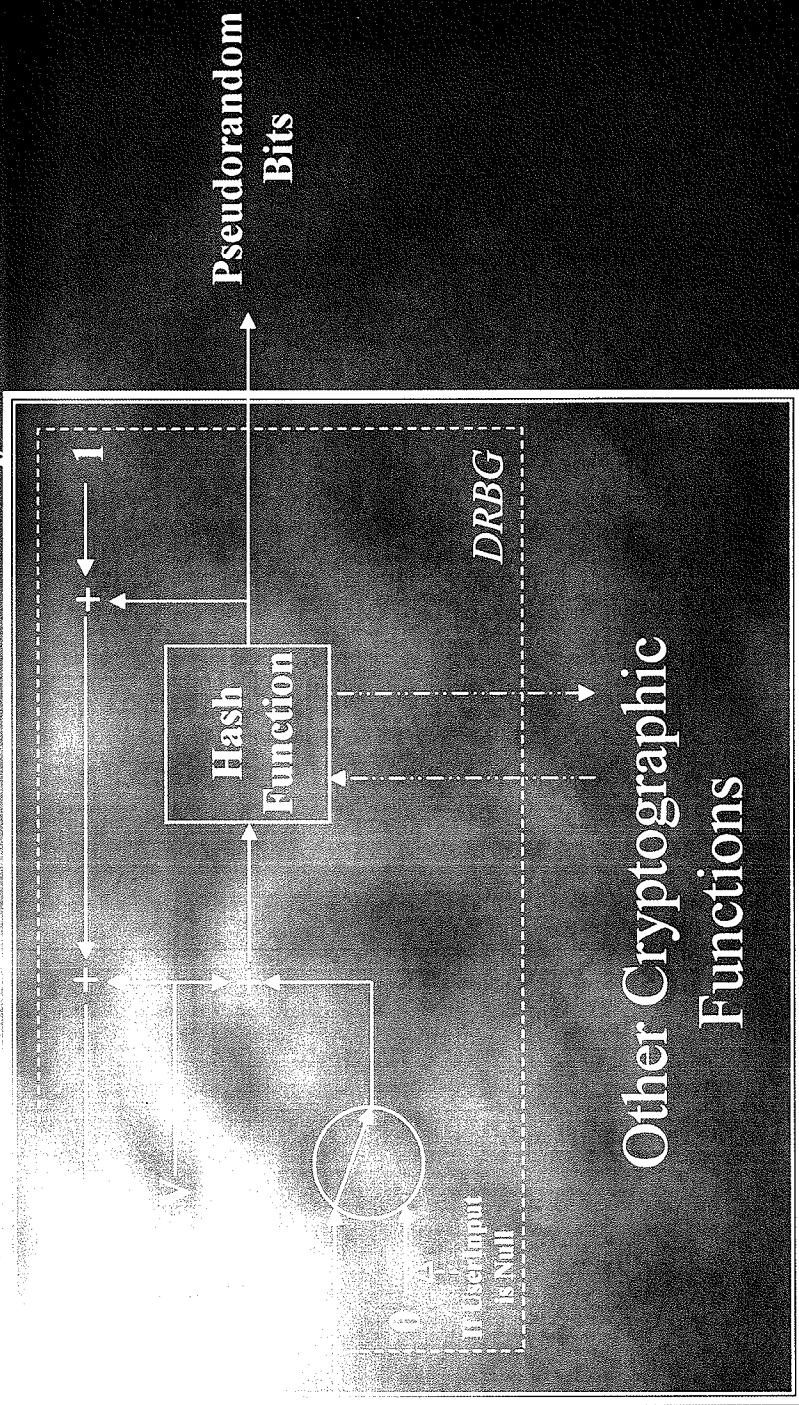
Section 9 – Additional Requirements

- be in a DRBG boundary
- inner inputs **shall not** be the boundary
- the boundary **shall** be the same as the crypto module boundary or contained within the boundary

Requirements (Contd.)

Same as cryptomodule):

Module Boundary



DRBG Boundary

Requirements (Contd.)

as cryptomodule)

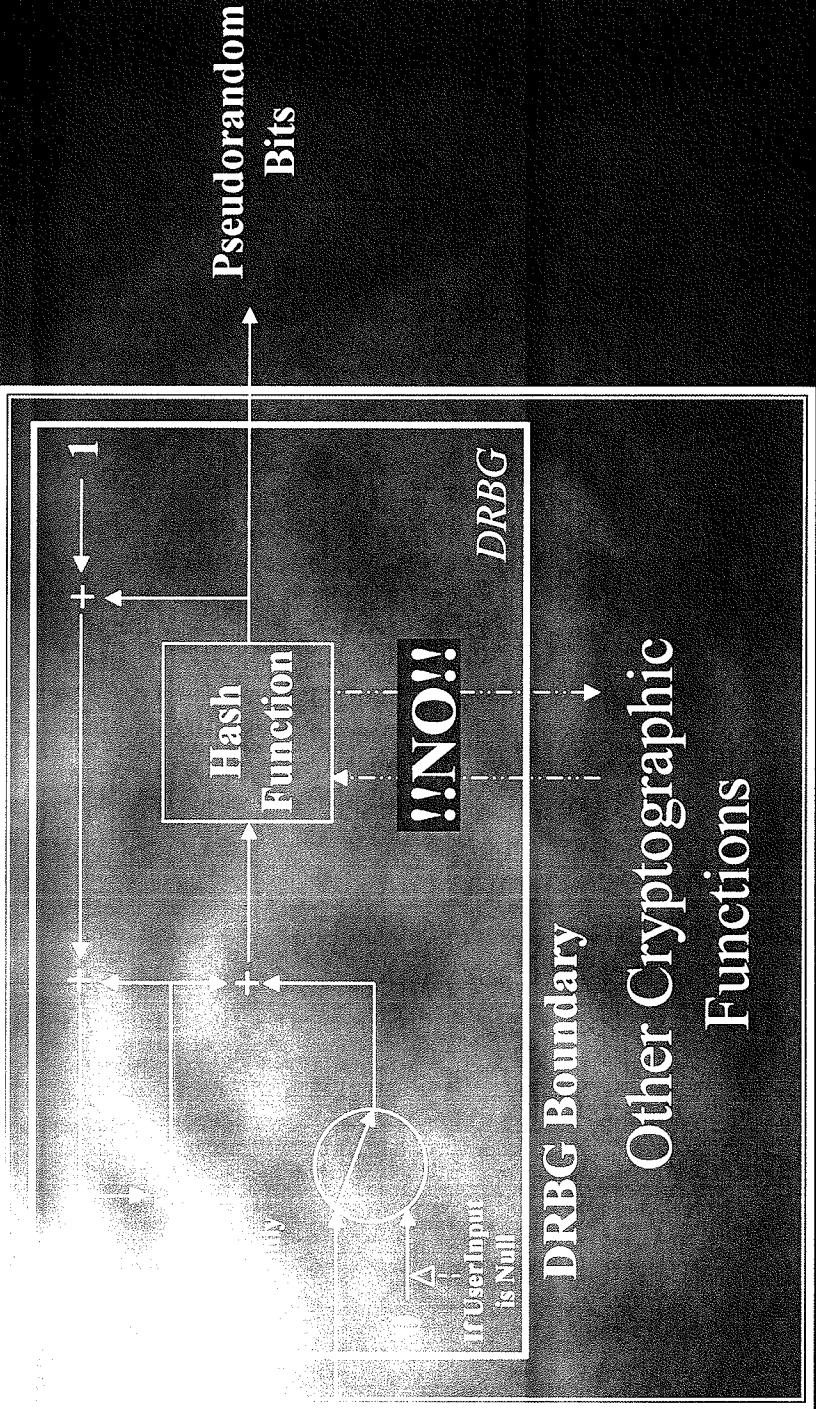
- **Operations of the DRBG may be used functions within the boundary [el sub] shall not be affected by the arrangement of functions**



Requirements (Contd.)

Using a cryptomodule

Module Boundary



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Requirements (Contd.)

within a cryptomodule

d.):

Requirements **shall not** be accessible
outside the DRBG boundary
in the cryptomodule boundary)

Requirements (Contd.)

Prior to producing DRBG

- Select class
 - Input point(s) from the seed(s) depending on the DRBG
 - Secure information
- DRBG
 - Security strength provided
 - Transformation of seed or initial state
 - **Shall not** be accessible outside the DRBG
 - Transitions on demand; may transition in response to events or continuously

Requirements (Contd.)

Requirements prior to the generation of DRBG

Secret

- ~~DRBG shall not~~ be used to generate both secret and public values
- **Shall not** be reused (including use for another instantiation)
- Need to add: DRBG ~~shall not~~ provide output until a seed(s) is available and initial state is determined
- Seed entropy
 - Needs to be reworded: $\text{entropy} \geq \text{security strength}$

Requirements (Contd.)

• Worded: seed size $\geq 2 \times$ security

Source

• An Approved NRBG, or an Approved DRBG
seeded by an Approved NRBG

Seed Privacy

- Handling consistent with security required for target data

Requirements (Contd.)

Specified seedlife
→ successive seeds aren't the
one-way transformation on the
state

Seed Generation

- Different seeds should be used for different types of data (i.e., different instances)

Requirements (Contd.)

• Generated from seeds or provided
by external source

• Device shall not provide output until a key(s) is

- **Key entropy**
 - Need to rewrite: Entropy **shall** be \geq security strength

Requirements (Contd.)

o support the desired security

■ Initial state is determined from a seed

■ Keys shall be independent of the rest of the initial state determined by the seed (Has this been accomplished in 3BlockCipher_DRBG?)

■ Depending on the DRBG

- Initial state (including all keys) is determined from a single seed, or
- Multiple seeds are used to determine different parts of the initial state

Requirements (Contd.)

- Keys must be generated from an external source
 - Must have full entropy (How do we enforce this?)
 - Keys must be generated in accordance with SP 800-57
 - Keys must be stored outside the cryptomodule and DRBG
 - (Can we refer to a NIST special pub?)
- Rekeying
 - Keys **shall** have a finite keylife
- Key separation
 - DRBG keys **shall not** be used for any other purpose
 - Different DRBG instances **should** use different keys
 - (consider problem when using externally provided keys)

Security Requirements (Contd.)

- **Output length** are arbitrary
- **Backward Secrecy**
 - observed from outside the DRBG boundary (black box view)
- **From inside the DRBG boundary**
 - Each DRBG provides backward secrecy (as viewed from inside the DRBG boundary) – Is this really true?
 - Some level of forward secrecy provided when new entropy provided

PGS Based on Hash Combinations

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PGS
KRBG

Hash_DRBG

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or 80 bits of security

State: seed **shall** have entropy \geq

- State: purpose, V , initial value t for the hash function, seed entropy, seed transformation
- Specifications for initializing and reseeding the state, and generating output
- DRBG strength and attributes: ???
- Reseeding: How often?

DRBG

hash function

different security levels

- Use same hash functions: **Shall** be the same
- Need a seed: seed **shall** have entropy \geq desired security strength
- State: purpose, V , C , counter, application-specific constant t , security strength, transformed seed

DRBG (Contd.)

Initializing and
state, and Generating
output.

- Show functions be written for the case where multiple hash functions are available?
- DRBG strength and attributes: ???
- Reseeding: How often?

IdSh_DRBG

- DRBG with 1-3 keys
 - for V and each different selected key
 - the seeds **shall** have entropy \geq strength
- All keys provided externally, or all keys generated internally – reasonable?
 - Can we check the entropy of externally provided keys?
 - Should we allow some keys to be the same (see “*which_keys*” table on page 67)?

DRBG (Contd.)

- Counter, application security strength, keys, seed and keys for initializing and reseeding the generator
- Should the functions be written for the case where multiple hash functions are available?
- DRBG strength and attributes: ???
- Reseeding and rekeying: How often?

Based On Block Ciphers

DRBG

of the RNG in X9.17 and

- Uses an approved block cipher (i.e., TDES or AES)
- Uses 3 instances of the same block cipher (including key sizes) – reasonable?

DRBG (Contd.)

key sets), one for each

DES; not allowed

- 112 bits of key per key set
- 168 bits of key per key set
- AES-X: X bits for each key

■ Keys (key sets) may all be the same or some (or all) may be different

- All keys shall be generated internally (see comment [ebb25])

DRBG (Contd.)

seeds **shall** have
xed security strength
ys derived from a single

- AES key wrap algorithm adapted as key derivation function (for now)
- State: purpose, V, counter, keys or key sets, security strength, transformed seed

DRBG (Contd.)

initializing and
state, and generating

DT has been changed

- TDES counter
- AES: date/time || counter (allow date/time to be a constant?)
- DRBG strength and attributes: ???
- Reseeding and rekeying: How often?

Number Based On Number SIC Problems

ECC_DRBG

- Blotter
- IIC curve logarithm problem
- Requires 2 points P and Q: P is assigned to G (the generating point) – OK?
- Need to rewrite: seeds shall have entropy \geq desired security strength

DRBG (Contd.)

- prime modulus P ,
parameters (includes P), Q ,
length, transformed seed
- specification for initializing and
reseeding the state, and generating
output
- DRBG strength and attributes: ???
- Reseeding and rekeying: How often?

DRBG

problem of integer

DRBG specification still to be
developed.

4 - Assurance

- Evaluated prior to X9.82 (including statistical tests)
- Accuracy may be asserted or, if necessary, may be validated.
- Validation
 - DRBG shall be within a FIPS 140-2 cryptomodule
 - DRBG shall be designed to be tested
 - Validation process to be specified in a TG?

Performance (Contd.)

DRBG shall perform self tests at power-up and under various operating conditions.

DRBG shall not shall be inhibited during testing.

- Results from known-answer tests shall not be used as operational DRBG output
- Enter an error state upon test failure
 - DRBG shall not output data
 - User intervention required to exit the error state

Test Cases (Contd.)

Algorithm: perform known-answer

- Verify integrity test during power up (MAC signatures, EDCCs)
- Critical functions tested during power-up and on demand
- Software/firmware load test on all software and firmware that is loaded from an external source

Test Cases (Contd.)

- Entry test
- In EDC (at least 16 bits) or provide currencies (Is an EDC good enough?)
- Continuous RBG test (Is this appropriate for a DRBG?)