

VRF Developer Tutorial

Learn how to use SecretPath on EVM to access on-chain verifiable random numbers.

Overview

[SecretVRF](#) over SecretPath enables EVM developers to access on-chain verifiable random numbers at a fraction of the cost and block time of traditional RNG oracles such as ChainlinkVRF. With fewer than 100 lines of code, you will have access to an infinite supply of randomness.

See a fullstack cross-chain SecretVRF demo [here](#) To learn how SecretVRF works underneath the hood, refer to the docs [here](#).

Getting Started

To get started, clone the [Secret Labs examples repo](#) :

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Copy gitclone `https://github.com/scribblers/examples.git`

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EVM Prerequisites

1. [Add Polygon Mumbai testnet to Metamask](#)
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3. [Fund your Mumbai wallet](#)
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Configuring Environment Variables

cd into [examples/EVM-snakepath-RNG](#) :

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Install the node dependencies:

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Copy `npm install`

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Update the `env` file with your EVM wallet private key and [infura](#) API key.

Make sure your Infura API key is configured for Polygon Matic testnet ☺

Upload & Instantiate `RandomnessReceiver.sol`

Compile your Solidity smart contract:

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Once the contract is compiled successfully, upload the contract to Polygon testnet:

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Copy `npm run deploy -- --network polygon`

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Note the contract address:

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Copy `RandomnessReceiver` deployed to: `0x08D05bC52e503C68c38A32c1fA997FB521e614C4`

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Add the `RandomnessReceiver` contract address to your `env` file:

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Execute `RandomnessReceiver.sol`

Now that you've uploaded your contract, it's time to set the SecretPath gateway address for Polygon Mumbai and then request on-chain verifiable random numbers!

Gateways are the on-chain smart contracts that handle the broadcasting, receipt, packaging, and verification of messages.

Set Gateway Contract

First, set the gateway address for Polygon Mumbai testnet. You can do this by executing `set_gateway.js` :

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Copy `npm run --network polygon run ./scripts/set_gateway.js`

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This tutorial is for Polygon testnet,, but you can find a list of additional EVM gateway contract addresses [here](#).

Create Randomness Event Listener

Next, create an event listener so you can listen to when the random numbers that you request have been fulfilled.

Open a new terminal window and cd into `examples/EVM-snakepath-RNG`:

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Then, create the event listener by executing `fulfill_randomness_event.js` :

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Request Random Numbers

Now it's time to request random numbers! Currently, request_random.js is configured to request 3 random numbers, but you can update how many numbers you would like to request [here](#) (up to 2000 for this example).

Once you have configured how many random numbers you want to request, execute request_random.js :

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Upon successful execution, your terminal will log the following:

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Copy Current gas price: 1.500000016 gwei Amount of gas: 202500002160000 Transaction hash: 0x47efe733c6b64a5c65fae68a5fa0f2eb39be107a7d4930325104dfcee36474c2 RandomNumbers requested successfully!

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Navigate to your event listener terminal to see the returned random numbers:

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Copy Random numbers fulfilled for request ID: 7 Random Numbers: 94412630379044474934232934838909700375960606882138821083837396872559692127250,113337239238407277551866961530595655396141218773986266698805816049961297644274,27428

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Congrats! You've just used SecretPath to request your first verifiable on-chain random numbers!

If you don't see your random numbers returned, it means that our testnet relayer might have dropped the transaction. See below to learn how to relay your transaction manually.

Execute SecretPath Manually with Polygonscan

To relay your random numbers manually, you can use Polygonscan and Secret.js!

After you execute request_random.js and have task_id returned, you can now execute query_secret_network for the given task_id.

Open query_secret_network.js and update the task_id to your task_id. Then execute query_secret_network.js :

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The query will return info about your transaction for the given task_id :

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Copy { source_network: 'pulsar-3', task_destination_network: '80001', task_id: '5', payload_hash: '0xad5f42b51c2d755f5427f6373a7398b9b24ba68baa17dc590f05bb83f3e0f940', result: '0xe4b051f8e4407a7b44a170cfed845b98ba9db0864e2c43eef3009d42c0e5ed05a1f2023d5de167f4f9b2c8646992b65098af109ea076f9e2d128e8975e54d1502c126a8a672bccb3c4d69034b8eb8c', packet_hash: '0x5fb0bb5e85357373b84f92b95f41cb404385165d46a58af9470bf13eb2648f7b', packet_signature: '0x815823bda4562ba7411ec5bf2de492bb377a808c1c0b17a0dfa6f5729c23af222c76e46531cee78e94730fa4a63426eb20de0cfd9389cdc45407e12a1c8ed3d51b', callback_address: '0x08d05bc52e503c68c38a32c1fa997fb521e614c4', callback_selector: '0x38ba4614', callback_gas_limit: '0x00015f90' }

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Now, open [Polygonscan for the Mumbai proxy contract](#) and then input the returned query info into the postExecution field:

Once you have entered your transaction info, select "Write" to execute the transaction.

Congrats! You've just used SecretPath to request your first verifiable on-chain random numbers!

Conclusion

Secret VRF offers an innovative and cost-effective solution for EVM developers seeking access to verifiable random numbers. By following this guide, you've successfully set up your environment, deployed the RandomnessReceiver.sol contract, and interacted with the SecretPath network to request and receive random numbers. Dive into the world of decentralized randomness with SecretPath, where security meets simplicity.

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