Zign RNG

Intrinsic ID Zign® RNG is an embedded software IP solution that enables device manufacturers and designers to add a random number generator to their products without the need for hardware modifications. Random number generators are essential in many cryptographic operations, for example, to secure connections in settings such as IoT, automotive or datacenter. The Zign RNG product is compliant with the NIST SP 800-90 standard. It implements a deterministic random bit generator (DRBG) as specified in NIST SP 800-90A. The DRBG is seeded by a true random seed that is harvested from the noise in the SRAM physical unclonable function (PUF). This construction follows the NIST SP 800-90B specification.

Zign RNG is an embedded software implementation that leverages existing SRAM as a PUF, so it is the only hardware entropy source that does not need to be loaded at silicon fabrication. Zign RNG can be installed later in the supply chain, and even retrofitted on already-deployed devices. This enables a never-before-possible “brownfield” deployment of a cryptographically secure, NIST-certified RNG.

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Harvests noise in standard SRAM to extract a true random seed

DRBG uses seed to generate a random bit stream

Entropy Source Processing (NIST SP800-90B)

Health Tests

Digitization

Conditioning

Get_Noise

Get_Entropy

Get_Random

Get_Random
**Features**

- Uses standard SRAM start-up values as a true random source
- Passes NIST SP 800-22 statistical test suite for randomness
- Direct access to digitized noise and NIST-compliant entropy via API
- NIST CAVP certified for DRBG and AES
- Compliant with NIST SP 800-90
- Compliant with BSI AIS 20/31
- Supports FIPS 140-3 certification

**Benefits**

- No need for additional or modified silicon
- Can be added at any point in the supply chain
- Can be used as a NIST-compliant entropy source – i.e. for users who want to use their own DRBG
- Fits in resource-constrained embedded devices
- Portable across different technologies
- The Intrinsic ID SRAM PUF-based random number generators are post-quantum secure

**Operational Range**

The Intrinsic ID PUF-based solutions have been deployed on MCUs/SoCs/ASICs in a diverse set of foundry/process node combinations. SRAM PUF responses across this diverse array have been qualified for use in a wide range of operational environments, over years of field operation.

- All major fabs from 0.35 µm to 5 nm
- Temperature range from -55°C to 150°C
- Voltage supply variation +/- 20%
- Lifetime > 25 years

**Deliverables**

Zign RNG deliverables include:

- Library compiled for a specific target chip
- Reference manual
- Code examples, e.g. integration with mbed TLS, WolfSSL, and OpenSSL

### Table: Zign RNG Specifications

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* On Arm Cortex M4 (STM32L476RG-NUCLEO)

# To be run once after power-up