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NAME

RAND_set_rand_method, RAND_get_rand_method, RAND_OpenSSL - select RAND method

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <openssl/rand.h>
```

The following functions have been deprecated since OpenSSL 3.0, and can be hidden entirely by defining OPENSSL_API_COMPAT with a suitable version value, see openssl_user_macros(7):

```
RAND_METHOD *RAND_OpenSSL(void);
```

```
int RAND_set_rand_method(const RAND_METHOD *meth);
```

```
const RAND_METHOD *RAND_get_rand_method(void);
```

DESCRIPTION

All of the functions described on this page are deprecated.

Applications should instead use RAND_set_DRBG_type(3), EVP RAND(3) and EVP RAND(7).

A `RAND_METHOD` specifies the functions that OpenSSL uses for random number generation.

`RAND_OpenSSL()` returns the default `RAND_METHOD` implementation by OpenSSL. This implementation ensures that the PRNG state is unique for each thread.

If an `ENGINE` is loaded that provides the `RAND` API, however, it will be used instead of the method returned by `RAND_OpenSSL()`. This is deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

`RAND_set_rand_method()` makes `meth` the method for PRNG use. If an `ENGINE` was providing the method, it will be released first.

`RAND_get_rand_method()` returns a pointer to the current `RAND_METHOD`.

THE `RAND_METHOD` STRUCTURE

```
typedef struct rand_meth_st {  
    int (*seed)(const void *buf, int num);  
    int (*bytes)(unsigned char *buf, int num);  
    void (*cleanup)(void);  
    int (*add)(const void *buf, int num, double entropy);  
    int (*pseudorand)(unsigned char *buf, int num);  
    int (*status)(void);  
} RAND_METHOD;
```

The fields point to functions that are used by, in order, `RAND_seed()`, `RAND_bytes()`, internal `RAND` cleanup, `RAND_add()`, `RAND_pseudo_rand()` and `RAND_status()`. Each pointer may be `NULL` if the function is not implemented.

RAND_set_rand_method() returns 1 on success and 0 on failure.

RAND_get_rand_method() and RAND_OpenSSL() return pointers to the respective methods.

SEE ALSO

EVP RAND(3), RAND_set_DRBG_type(3), RAND_bytes(3), ENGINE_by_id(3),
EVP RAND(7), RAND(7)

HISTORY

All of these functions were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

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