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BN\_GENERATE\_PRIME(3ossl)      OpenSSL      BN\_GENERATE\_PRIME(3ossl)

NAME

BN\_generate\_prime\_ex2, BN\_generate\_prime\_ex, BN\_is\_prime\_ex,  
BN\_check\_prime, BN\_is\_prime\_fasttest\_ex, BN\_GENCB\_call, BN\_GENCB\_new,  
BN\_GENCB\_free, BN\_GENCB\_set\_old, BN\_GENCB\_set, BN\_GENCB\_get\_arg,  
BN\_generate\_prime, BN\_is\_prime, BN\_is\_prime\_fasttest - generate primes  
and test for primality

SYNOPSIS

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

int BN_generate_prime_ex2(BIGNUM *ret, int bits, int safe,
    const BIGNUM *add, const BIGNUM *rem, BN_GENCB *cb,
    BN_CTX *ctx);

int BN_generate_prime_ex(BIGNUM *ret, int bits, int safe, const BIGNUM *add,
    const BIGNUM *rem, BN_GENCB *cb);

int BN_check_prime(const BIGNUM *p, BN_CTX *ctx, BN_GENCB *cb);

int BN_GENCB_call(BN_GENCB *cb, int a, int b);

BN_GENCB *BN_GENCB_new(void);

void BN_GENCB_free(BN_GENCB *cb);
```

```

void BN_GENCB_set_old(BN_GENCB *gencb,
    void (*callback)(int, int, void *), void *cb_arg);
void BN_GENCB_set(BN_GENCB *gencb,
    int (*callback)(int, int, BN_GENCB *), void *cb_arg);
void *BN_GENCB_get_arg(BN_GENCB *cb);

```

The following functions have been deprecated since OpenSSL 0.9.8, and can be hidden entirely by defining OPENSSL\_API\_COMPAT with a suitable version value, see openssl\_user\_macros(7):

```

BIGNUM *BN_generate_prime(BIGNUM *ret, int num, int safe, BIGNUM *add,
    BIGNUM *rem, void (*callback)(int, int, void *),
    void *cb_arg);
int BN_is_prime(const BIGNUM *p, int nchecks,
    void (*callback)(int, int, void *), BN_CTX *ctx, void *cb_arg);
int BN_is_prime_fasttest(const BIGNUM *p, int nchecks,
    void (*callback)(int, int, void *), BN_CTX *ctx,
    void *cb_arg, int do_trial_division);

```

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):

```

int BN_is_prime_ex(const BIGNUM *p, int nchecks, BN_CTX *ctx, BN_GENCB *cb);
int BN_is_prime_fasttest_ex(const BIGNUM *p, int nchecks, BN_CTX *ctx,
    int do_trial_division, BN_GENCB *cb);

```

## DESCRIPTION

BN\_generate\_prime\_ex2() generates a pseudo-random prime number of at least bit length bits using the BN\_CTX provided in ctx. The value of ctx must not be NULL.

The returned number is probably prime with a negligible error. The maximum error rate is  $2^{-128}$ . It's  $2^{-287}$  for a 512 bit prime,  $2^{-435}$  for a 1024 bit prime,  $2^{-648}$  for a 2048 bit prime, and lower than  $2^{-882}$  for primes larger than 2048 bit.

If add is NULL the returned prime number will have exact bit length bits with the top most two bits set.

If ret is not NULL, it will be used to store the number.

If `cb` is not `NULL`, it is used as follows:

? `BN_GENCB_call(cb, 0, i)` is called after generating the  $i$ -th potential prime number.

? While the number is being tested for primality, `BN_GENCB_call(cb, 1, j)` is called as described below.

? When a prime has been found, `BN_GENCB_call(cb, 2, i)` is called.

? The callers of `BN_generate_prime_ex()` may call `BN_GENCB_call(cb, i, j)` with other values as described in their respective man pages; see "SEE ALSO".

The prime may have to fulfill additional requirements for use in Diffie-Hellman key exchange:

If `add` is not `NULL`, the prime will fulfill the condition  $p \% add == rem$  ( $p \% add == 1$  if `rem == NULL`) in order to suit a given generator.

If `safe` is true, it will be a safe prime (i.e. a prime  $p$  so that  $(p-1)/2$  is also prime). If `safe` is true, and `rem == NULL` the condition will be  $p \% add == 3$ . It is recommended that `add` is a multiple of 4.

The random generator must be seeded prior to calling `BN_generate_prime_ex()`. If the automatic seeding or reseeding of the OpenSSL CSPRNG fails due to external circumstances (see `RAND(7)`), the operation will fail. The random number generator configured for the `OSSL_LIB_CTX` associated with `ctx` will be used.

`BN_generate_prime_ex()` is the same as `BN_generate_prime_ex2()` except that no `ctx` parameter is passed. In this case the random number generator associated with the default `OSSL_LIB_CTX` will be used.

`BN_check_prime()`, `BN_is_prime_ex()`, `BN_is_prime_fasttest_ex()`, `BN_is_prime()` and `BN_is_prime_fasttest()` test if the number  $p$  is prime.

The functions tests until one of the tests shows that  $p$  is composite, or all the tests passed. If  $p$  passes all these tests, it is considered a probable prime.

The test performed on  $p$  are trial division by a number of small primes and rounds of the of the Miller-Rabin probabilistic primality test.

The functions do at least 64 rounds of the Miller-Rabin test giving a maximum false positive rate of  $2^{-128}$ . If the size of  $p$  is more than

2048 bits, they do at least 128 rounds giving a maximum false positive rate of  $2^{-256}$ .

If `nchecks` is larger than the minimum above (64 or 128), `nchecks` rounds of the Miller-Rabin test will be done.

If `do_trial_division` set to 0, the trial division will be skipped.

`BN_is_prime_ex()` and `BN_is_prime()` always skip the trial division.

`BN_is_prime_ex()`, `BN_is_prime_fasttest_ex()`, `BN_is_prime()` and `BN_is_prime_fasttest()` are deprecated.

`BN_is_prime_fasttest()` and `BN_is_prime()` behave just like

`BN_is_prime_fasttest_ex()` and `BN_is_prime_ex()` respectively, but with the old style call back.

`ctx` is a preallocated `BN_CTX` (to save the overhead of allocating and freeing the structure in a loop), or `NULL`.

If the trial division is done, and no divisors are found and `cb` is not `NULL`, `BN_GENCB_call(cb, 1, -1)` is called.

After each round of the Miller-Rabin probabilistic primality test, if `cb` is not `NULL`, `BN_GENCB_call(cb, 1, j)` is called with `j` the iteration (`j = 0, 1, ...`).

`BN_GENCB_call()` calls the callback function held in the `BN_GENCB` structure and passes the ints `a` and `b` as arguments. There are two types of `BN_GENCB` structure that are supported: "new" style and "old" style.

New programs should prefer the "new" style, whilst the "old" style is provided for backwards compatibility purposes.

A `BN_GENCB` structure should be created through a call to `BN_GENCB_new()`, and freed through a call to `BN_GENCB_free()`.

For "new" style callbacks a `BN_GENCB` structure should be initialised with a call to `BN_GENCB_set()`, where `gencb` is a `BN_GENCB *`, `callback` is of type `int (*callback)(int, int, BN_GENCB *)` and `cb_arg` is a `void *`.

"Old" style callbacks are the same except they are initialised with a call to `BN_GENCB_set_old()` and `callback` is of type `void (*callback)(int, int, void *)`.

A callback is invoked through a call to `BN_GENCB_call`. This will check the type of the callback and will invoke `callback(a, b, gencb)` for new

style callbacks or `callback(a, b, cb_arg)` for old style.

It is possible to obtain the argument associated with a `BN_GENCB` structure (set via a call to `BN_GENCB_set` or `BN_GENCB_set_old`) using `BN_GENCB_get_arg`.

`BN_generate_prime()` (deprecated) works in the same way as `BN_generate_prime_ex()` but expects an old-style callback function directly in the callback parameter, and an argument to pass to it in the `cb_arg`. `BN_is_prime()` and `BN_is_prime_fasttest()` can similarly be compared to `BN_is_prime_ex()` and `BN_is_prime_fasttest_ex()`, respectively.

## RETURN VALUES

`BN_generate_prime_ex()` return 1 on success or 0 on error.

`BN_is_prime_ex()`, `BN_is_prime_fasttest_ex()`, `BN_is_prime()`,

`BN_is_prime_fasttest()` and `BN_check_prime` return 0 if the number is composite, 1 if it is prime with an error probability of less than  $0.25^n$  checks, and -1 on error.

`BN_generate_prime()` returns the prime number on success, NULL otherwise.

`BN_GENCB_new` returns a pointer to a `BN_GENCB` structure on success, or NULL otherwise.

`BN_GENCB_get_arg` returns the argument previously associated with a `BN_GENCB` structure.

Callback functions should return 1 on success or 0 on error.

The error codes can be obtained by `ERR_get_error(3)`.

## REMOVED FUNCTIONALITY

As of OpenSSL 1.1.0 it is no longer possible to create a `BN_GENCB` structure directly, as in:

```
BN_GENCB callback;
```

Instead applications should create a `BN_GENCB` structure using

```
BN_GENCB_new:
```

```
BN_GENCB *callback;
```

```
callback = BN_GENCB_new();
```

```
if (!callback)
```

```
/* error */
```

```
...
```

```
BN_GENCB_free(callback);
```

#### SEE ALSO

DH\_generate\_parameters(3), DSA\_generate\_parameters(3),  
RSA\_generate\_key(3), ERR\_get\_error(3), RAND\_bytes(3), RAND(7)

#### HISTORY

The BN\_is\_prime\_ex() and BN\_is\_prime\_fasttest\_ex() functions were deprecated in OpenSSL 3.0.

The BN\_GENCB\_new(), BN\_GENCB\_free(), and BN\_GENCB\_get\_arg() functions were added in OpenSSL 1.1.0.

BN\_check\_prime() was added in OpenSSL 3.0.

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