

**Specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and  
Integrity Algorithms 128-EEA3 & 128-EIA3.  
Document 1: 128-EEA3 and 128-EIA3 Specification**

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## PREFACE

This specification has been prepared by the 3GPP Task Force, and gives a detailed specification of the 3GPP confidentiality algorithm **128-EEA3** and the 3GPP integrity algorithm **128-EIA3**. This document is the first of three, which between them form the entire specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and Integrity Algorithms:

- Specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and Integrity Algorithms **128-EEA3 & 128-EIA3**.  
Document 1: **128-EEA3** and **128-EIA3** Specifications.
- Specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and Integrity Algorithms **128-EEA3 & 128-EIA3**.  
Document 2: **ZUC** Specification.
- Specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and Integrity Algorithms **128-EEA3 & 128-EIA3**.  
Document 3: Implementor's Test Data.

The normative part of the specification of the **128-EEA3** (confidentiality) and **128-EIA3** (integrity) algorithms is in the main body of this document. The annexes to this document are purely informative, and contain implementation program listings of the cryptographic algorithms specified in the main body of this document, written in the programming language C.

The normative section of the specification of the stream cipher (**ZUC**) on which **128-EEA3** and **128-EIA3** are based is in the main body of Document 2.

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- [3] Specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and Integrity Algorithms 128-EEA3 & 128-EIA3. Document 2: ZUC Specification.

## **NORMATIVE SECTION**

This part of the document contains the normative specification of the Confidentiality and Integrity algorithms.

# 1 OUTLINE OF THE NORMATIVE PART

Section 2 introduces the algorithm and describes the notation used in the subsequent sections.

Section 3 specifies the confidentiality algorithm **128-EEA3**.

Section 4 specifies the integrity algorithm **128-EIA3**.

## 2 INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

### 2.1 Introduction

Within the security architecture of the LTE system there are standardized algorithms for confidentiality and integrity. Two sets of algorithms 128-EEA1/128-EIA1 and 128-EEA2/128-EIA2 have already been specified [1-2]. In this document the third set of these algorithms (**128-EEA3/128-EIA3**) based on ZUC [3] are proposed.

The confidentiality algorithm **128-EEA3** is a stream cipher that is used to encrypt/decrypt blocks of data using a confidentiality key **CK**. The block of data may be between 1 and  $2^{32}$  bits long. The algorithm uses **ZUC** as a keystream generator.

The integrity algorithm **128-EIA3** computes a 32-bit MAC (Message Authentication Code) of a given input message using an integrity key **IK**. The core algorithms adopted by the MAC are a universal hash and **ZUC**.

### 2.2 Notations

#### 2.2.1 Radix

In this document, integers are represented as decimal numbers unless specified otherwise. We use the prefix “0x” to indicate hexadecimal numbers and the subscript “2” to indicate a number in binary representation.

**Example 1.** Integer  $a$  can be written in different representations:

```
a = 1234567890      // decimal representation  
= 0x499602D2      // hexadecimal representation  
= 10010011001011000000010110100102 //binary representation
```

#### 2.2.2 Bit/Byte ordering

All data variables in this document are presented with the most significant bit/byte on the left and the least significant bit/byte on the right. When a variable is broken down into a number of substrings, the leftmost substring is numbered by 0, the next most significant substring is numbered by 1 and so on throughout to the least significant substring.

**Example 2.** Let  $a=1001001100101100000001011010010_2$ . Then the leftmost bit 1 of integer  $a$  represents its most significant bit, and the rightmost bit 0 represents its least significant bit.

**Example 3.** Let  $a=10010010100101100000001011010010_2$ . If  $a$  is subdivided into 4 of 8-bit substrings  $a[0]$ ,  $a[1]$ ,  $a[2]$  and  $a[3]$ , then we have

$$a[0] = 10010010_2, \quad a[1] = 10010110_2, \quad a[2] = 00000010_2, \quad a[3] = 11010010_2.$$

#### 2.2.3 Operation notations

In this document, operation notations are defined as follows:

$a \parallel b$  Concatenation of substrings  $a$  and  $b$

$\lceil x \rceil$  The smallest integer no less than  $x$

$\oplus$  Exclusive-OR

$a \ll t$  Left shift of integer  $a$  by  $t$  bits

**Example 4.** For two substrings  $a = 0x1234$  and  $b = 0x5678$ , then their concatenation will be  
 $c = a \parallel b = 0x12345678$ .

## 2.2.4 List of Variables

COUNT	The 32-bit counter.
BEARER	The 5-bit bearer identity.
DIRECTION	The 1-bit input indicating the direction of transmission.
CK	The 128-bit confidentiality key.
IK	The 128-bit integrity key.
LENGTH	The number of bits to be encrypted/decrypted.
M	The input message.
C	The output message.
KEY	The 128-bit initial key to ZUC.
IV	The 128-bit initial vector to ZUC.
L	The number of key words generated by ZUC.
$z[i]$	The $i$ -th key bit of keystream generated by ZUC.

### 3 CONFIDENTIALITY ALGORITHM 128-EEA3

#### 3.1 Introduction

The confidentiality algorithm **128-EEA3** is a stream cipher that is used to encrypt/decrypt blocks of data under a confidentiality key. The block of data can be between 1 and  $2^{32}$  bits in length.

#### 3.2 Inputs and Outputs

The inputs to the algorithm are given in Table 1, the output in Table 2.

Table 1 The inputs to 128-EEA3

Parameter	Size(bits)	Remark
COUNT	32	The counter
BEARER	5	The bearer identity
DIRECTION	1	The direction of transmission
CK	128	Confidentiality key
LENGTH	32	The length of the input message
M	LENGTH	The input bit stream

Table 2 The output of 128-EEA3

Parameter	Size(bits)	Remark
C	LENGTH	The output bit stream

#### 3.3 Initialisation

In this section we define how ZUC's parameters, the initial key KEY and the initial vector IV, are initialized with the confidentiality key CK and initialization variables before the generation of keystream.

Let

$$CK=CK[0] \parallel CK[1] \parallel CK[2] \parallel \dots \parallel CK[15]$$

be the 128-bit confidentiality key, where  $CK[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are bytes. We set the 128-bit initial key KEY to ZUC as

$$KEY = KEY[0] \parallel KEY[1] \parallel KEY[2] \parallel \dots \parallel KEY[15],$$

where  $KEY[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are bytes. Then

$$KEY[i]=CK[i], i=0,1,2,\dots,15.$$

Let

$$COUNT=COUNT[0] \parallel COUNT[1] \parallel COUNT[2] \parallel COUNT[3]$$

be the 32-bit counter, where  $COUNT[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 3$ ) are bytes. We set the 128-bit initial vector to ZUC as

$$IV = IV[0] \parallel IV[1] \parallel IV[2] \parallel \dots \parallel IV[15],$$

where  $IV[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are bytes. Then

$$IV[0] = COUNT[0], IV[1] = COUNT[1],$$

$$IV[2] = COUNT[2], IV[3] = COUNT[3],$$

$$IV[4] = BEARER \parallel DIRECTION \parallel 00_2,$$

$$IV[5] = IV[6] = IV[7] = 00000000_2,$$

$$IV[8] = IV[0], IV[9] = IV[1],$$

$$IV[10] = IV[2], IV[11] = IV[3],$$

$$IV[12] = IV[4], IV[13] = IV[5],$$

$$IV[14] = IV[6], IV[15] = IV[7].$$

### 3.4 Keystream Generation

Let ZUC generate keystream of L words. When each of the word is expanded into a 32-bit string, then we get a binary string  $z[0], z[1], \dots, z[32 \times L - 1]$ , where  $z[0]$  is the most significant bit of the first output word of ZUC and  $z[31]$  is the least significant bit. To encrypt a message of LENGTH bits, it is required that  $L = \lceil \text{LENGTH}/32 \rceil$ .

### 3.5 Encryption/Decryption

Encryption/decryption operations are identical operations and are performed by the exclusive-OR of the input message M with the generated keystream z.

Let

$$M = M[0] \parallel M[1] \parallel M[2] \parallel \dots \parallel M[\text{LENGTH}-1]$$

be the input bit stream of length LENGTH and

$$C = C[0] \parallel C[1] \parallel C[2] \parallel \dots \parallel C[\text{LENGTH}-1]$$

be the corresponding output bit stream of length LENGTH, where  $M[i]$  and  $C[i]$  are bits,  $i=0,1,2,\dots,\text{LENGTH}-1$ . Then

$$C[i] = M[i] \oplus z[i], i=0,1,2,\dots,\text{LENGTH}-1.$$

## 4 INTEGRITY ALGORITHM 128-EIA3

### 4.1 Introduction

The integrity algorithm **128-EIA3** is a message authentication code (MAC) function that is used to compute the MAC of an input message using an integrity key IK. The message can be between 1 and  $2^{32}$  bits in length.

### 4.2 Inputs and Outputs

The inputs to the algorithm are given in Table 3, and the output is in Table 4.

Table 3 The inputs to 128-EIA3

Parameter	Size (bits)	Remark
COUNT	32	The counter
BEARER	5	The bearer identity
DIRECTION	1	The direction of transmission
IK	128	The integrity key
LENGTH	32	The bits of the input message
M	LENGTH	The input message

Table 4 The output of 128-EIA3

Parameter	Size(bits)	Remark
MAC	32	The MAC

### 4.3 Initialisation

In this section we define how ZUC's parameters, the initial key KEY and the initial vector IV, are initialized with the integrity key IK and initialization variables before the generation of keystream. Let

$$IK = IK[0] \parallel IK[1] \parallel IK[2] \parallel \dots \parallel IK[15]$$

be the 128-bit integrity key, where  $IK[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are bytes. We set the 128-bit initial key KEY to ZUC as

$$KEY = KEY[0] \parallel KEY[1] \parallel KEY[2] \parallel \dots \parallel KEY[15]$$

where  $KEY[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are bytes. Then

$$KEY[i] = IK[i], i=0,1,2,\dots,15.$$

Let the 32-bit counter COUNT be

$$COUNT = COUNT[0] \parallel COUNT[1] \parallel COUNT[2] \parallel COUNT[3]$$

where  $COUNT[i]$  are bytes,  $i=0,1,2,3$ . We set the 128-bit initial vector IV to ZUC as

$$IV = IV[0] \parallel IV[1] \parallel IV[2] \parallel \dots \parallel IV[15],$$

where  $IV[i]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are bytes. Then

$$IV[0] = COUNT[0], IV[1] = COUNT[1],$$

$$IV[2] = COUNT[2], IV[3] = COUNT[3],$$

$$IV[4] = BEARER \parallel 000_2, IV[5] = 00000000_2,$$

$$IV[6] = 00000000_2, IV[7] = 00000000_2,$$

$$IV[8] = IV[0] \oplus (DIRECTION \ll 7), IV[9] = IV[1],$$

$$IV[10] = IV[2], IV[11] = IV[3],$$

$$IV[12] = IV[4], IV[13] = IV[5],$$

$$IV[14] = IV[6] \oplus (DIRECTION \ll 7), IV[15] = IV[7].$$

### 4.4 Generating the keystream

Let ZUC generate a keystream of  $L = \lceil LENGTH/32 \rceil + 2$  words. Denote the generated bit string by  $z[0], z[1], \dots, z[32 \times L - 1]$ , where  $z[0]$  is the most significant bit of the first output word of ZUC and  $z[31]$

is the least significant bit.

For each  $i=0,1,2,\dots,32 \times (L-1)$ , let

$$z_i = z[i] \parallel z[i+1] \parallel \dots \parallel z[i+31].$$

Then each  $z_i$  is a 32-bit word.

#### 4.5 Compute the MAC

Let  $T$  be a 32-bit word. Set  $T = 0$ .

For each  $i=0,1,2,\dots,\text{LENGTH}-1$ , if  $M[i] = 1$ , then

$$T = T \oplus z_i.$$

Set

$$T = T \oplus z_{\text{LENGTH}}.$$

Finally we take  $T \oplus z_{32 \times (L-1)}$  as the output MAC, i.e.

$$\text{MAC} = T \oplus z_{32 \times (L-1)}.$$

## **INFORMATIVE SECTION**

This part of the document is purely informative and does not form part of the normative specification of the Confidentiality and Integrity algorithms.

## ANNEX 1

### A C implementation of *128-EEA3*

```

typedef unsigned char u8;
typedef unsigned int u32;

/* The ZUC algorithm, see ref. [3]*/
void ZUC(u8* k, u8* iv, u32* ks, int len)
{
    /* The initialization of ZUC, see page 17 of ref. [3]*/
    Initialization(k, iv);

    /* The procedure of generating keystream of ZUC, see page 18 of ref. [3]*/
    GenerateKeystream(ks, len);
}

void EEA3(u8* CK,u32 COUNT,u32 BEARER,u32 DIRECTION,u32 LENGTH,u32* M,u32* C)
{
    u32 *z, L, i;
    u8 IV[16];

    L = (LENGTH+31)/32;
    z = (u32 *) malloc(L*sizeof(u32));

    IV[0] = (COUNT>>24) & 0xFF;
    IV[1] = (COUNT>>16) & 0xFF;
    IV[2] = (COUNT>>8) & 0xFF;
    IV[3] = COUNT & 0xFF;

    IV[4] = ((BEARER << 3) | ((DIRECTION&1)<<2)) & 0xFC;
    IV[5] = 0;
    IV[6] = 0;
    IV[7] = 0;

    IV[8] = IV[0];
    IV[9] = IV[1];
    IV[10] = IV[2];
    IV[11] = IV[3];

    IV[12] = IV[4];
    IV[13] = IV[5];
    IV[14] = IV[6];
    IV[15] = IV[7];

    ZUC(CK,IV,z,L);

    for (i=0; i<L; i++)
    {
        C[i] = M[i] ^ z[i];
    }

    free(z);
}

```

## ANNEX 2

### A C implementation of 128-EIA3

```

typedef unsigned char u8;
typedef unsigned int u32;
void ZUC(u8* k, u8* iv, u32* keystream, int length); /*see Annex 1*/
u32 GET_WORD(u32 * DATA, u32 i)
{
    u32 WORD, ti;

    ti = i % 32;
    if (ti == 0) {
        WORD = DATA[i/32];
    }
    else {
        WORD = (DATA[i/32]<<ti) | (DATA[i/32+1]>>(32-ti));
    }

    return WORD;
}
u8 GET_BIT(u32 * DATA, u32 i)
{
    return (DATA[i/32] & (1<<(31-(i%32)))) ? 1 : 0;
}
void EIA3(u8* IK, u32 COUNT, u32 DIRECTION, u32 BEARER, u32 LENGTH, u32* M, u32* MAC)
{
    u32 *z, N, L, T, i;
    u8 IV[16];

    IV[0] = (COUNT>>24) & 0xFF;
    IV[1] = (COUNT>>16) & 0xFF;
    IV[2] = (COUNT>>8) & 0xFF;
    IV[3] = COUNT & 0xFF;

    IV[4] = (BEARER << 3) & 0xF8;
    IV[5] = IV[6] = IV[7] = 0;

    IV[8] = ((COUNT>>24) & 0xFF) ^ ((DIRECTION&1)<<7);
    IV[9] = (COUNT>>16) & 0xFF;
    IV[10] = (COUNT>>8) & 0xFF;
    IV[11] = COUNT & 0xFF;

    IV[12] = IV[4];
    IV[13] = IV[5];
    IV[14] = IV[6] ^ ((DIRECTION&1)<<7);
    IV[15] = IV[7];

    N = LENGTH + 64;
    L = (N + 31) / 32;
    z = (u32 *) malloc(L*sizeof(u32));
    ZUC(IK, IV, z, L);

    T = 0;
    for (i=0; i<LENGTH; i++) {
        if (GET_BIT(M,i)) {
            T ^= GET_WORD(z,i);
        }
    }
    T ^= GET_WORD(z,LENGTH);

    *MAC = T ^ z[L-1];
    free(z);
}

```