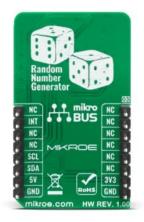


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# RNG Click





PID: MIKROE-4090

**RNG Click** is a random number generator (RNG) is a device that generates a sequence of numbers or symbols that cannot be reasonably predicted better than by a random chance. This Click board<sup>™</sup> is true hardware random-number generator (HRNG), which generate genuinely random numbers. Random number generators have applications in gambling, statistical sampling, computer simulation, cryptography, completely randomized design, and various other areas.

RNG Click is supported by a mikroSDK compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. This Click board<sup>™</sup> comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the mikroBUS<sup>™</sup> socket.

### How does it work?

In computing, a hardware random number generator (HRNG) or true random number generator (TRNG) is a device that generates random numbers from a physical process, rather than by means of an algorithm. Such devices are often based on microscopic phenomena that generate low-level, statistically random "noise" signals, which is the case in this Click board<sup>™</sup>. That process is, in theory, completely unpredictable, and the theory's assertions of unpredictability are subject to experimental test. This is in contrast to the paradigm of pseudo-random number generation, which is commonly implemented by the software.

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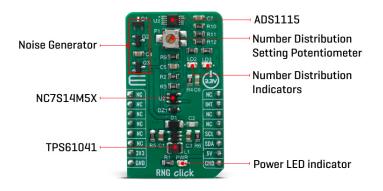
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The heart of the RNG click is the avalanche noise generated from an internal diode of the transistor Q1 (BC846B). Avalanche breakdown is a phenomenon that can occur in both insulating and semiconducting materials. It is a form of electric current multiplication that can allow very large currents within materials which are otherwise good insulators. The avalanche process occurs when carriers in the transition region are accelerated by the electric field to energies sufficient to create mobile or free electron-hole pairs via collisions with bound electrons. In order to achieve that, RNG click has also boost converter onboard, which is based on TPS61041, from Texas Instruments, and it creates the +18V power supply for the job.

The noise signal, created by the transistors Q1 and Q2 is then amplified with Q3, voltagelimited using the Zener diode and digitalized using the NC7S14M5X inverter, from Fairchild Semiconductor. After that, the string of random ones and zeros is achieved, which is brought to the ADS1115 - 16BIT sigma-delta ADC, from Texas Instruments. The potentiometer P1 is used to set as near as possible distribution of ones and zeros, which is indicated by the LD2 and LD3 LED diodes. The potentiometer P1 should be set in a way that the LD2 and LD3 diodes illuminate as equally as possible. That way, when the single-shot measurement is performed using the ADS1115, over the I2C protocol, the true, 16-bit random number is obtained.

This Click Board<sup>™</sup> uses both I2C communication interface. It is designed to be operated only with 3.3V logic levels. A proper logic voltage level conversion should be performed before the Click board<sup>™</sup> is used with MCUs with logic levels of 5V.

# Specifications

Туре	Encryption
Applications	Gambling, statistical sampling, computer simulation, cryptography, completely randomized design, and various other areas.
On-board modules	RNG Click uses the noise generator analog circuitry, NC7S14M5X inverter, from Fairchild Semiconductor and the ADS1115 - 16BIT sigma-delta ADC, from Texas Instruments
Key Features	Random number generator from the analogue signal input. Range of +18V power supply for the number generator range.
Interface	12C

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Feature	No ClickID
Compatibility	mikroBUS™
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V,5V

# **Pinout diagram**

This table shows how the pinout on 6DOF IMU 5 Click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS<sup>m</sup> socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin	● ● mikro* ● ● ● BUS				Pin	Notes
	NC	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	INT	Interrupt
	NC	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	SCL	I2C Clock
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	SDA	I2C Data
Power Supply	3.3V	7	3.3V	5V	10	NC	
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

# **Onboard settings and indicators**

Label	Name	Default	Description	
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator	
JP2-JP3	-		Ones and zeros distribution indicators	

# **RS485 4 Click electrical specifications**

Description	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Receiver inputs voltage range	-	16	-	bit
Receiver inputs voltage range	8	-	860	SPS

# Software Support

We provide a library for the Rng Click on our <u>LibStock</u> page, as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika <u>compilers</u>. The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika <u>development boards</u>.

#### **Library Description**

Library contains functions for reading voltage.

Key functions:

- void rng\_write\_data ( uint8\_t reg\_addr, uint16\_t reg\_data ); Generic funcion for writing.
- void rng\_set\_config ( uint16\_t conf\_data ); Function used for set configuration.
- float rng\_get\_voltage (); Function used for get voltage.

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#### Examples description

The application is composed of three sections :

- System Initialization Initializes i2c module
- Application Initialization Initializes driver, set configuration and voltage reference.
- Application Task (code snippet) Measures voltage every seconds.

The full application code, and ready to use projects can be found on our <u>LibStock</u> page.

Other mikroE Libraries used in the example:

- Conversions
- I2C
- UART

#### Additional notes and informations

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need <u>USB UART click</u>, <u>USB UART</u> <u>2 click</u> or <u>RS232 click</u> to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. The terminal available in all MikroElektronika <u>compilers</u>, or any other terminal application of your choice, can be used to read the message.

# mikroSDK

This Click board<sup>m</sup> is supported with <u>mikroSDK</u> - MikroElektronika Software Development Kit. To ensure proper operation of mikroSDK compliant Click board<sup>m</sup> demo applications, mikroSDK should be downloaded from the <u>LibStock</u> and installed for the compiler you are using.

For more information about mikroSDK, visit the official page.

#### Resources

<u>mikroBUS</u>™

**mikroSDK** 

<u>Click board™ Catalog</u>

Click Boards<sup>™</sup>

#### **Downloads**

RNG click example on Libstock

RNG click 2D and 3D files

TPS61040 datasheet

#### ADS1113 datasheet

**RNG click schematic** 

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