
Subject: Now... (Random Numbers)

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G Karas wrote:

>
> I was trying to make some unique filenames...
>
> first I tried the randomn() function, but it always gave
> back the same number for the same seed...

I use something like this to generate a random number...

```
seed  = LONG( (SYSTIME(1) - LONG(SYSTIME(1))) * 1.e6 )  
randnum = RANDOMU(seed, 1)  
print, randnum, format='(f27.25)'
```

For your purpose, the value of "seed" might be used in the filename.

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