Subject: RANDOM question

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I would like to save the state of the pseudorandom-number generator in a
file so that I can resume (or reproduce) a calculation at a later time.
Does anyone know if the state variable ("seed") is always a 36-element
long vector? The docs say that "seed" is "a named variable that
contains a longword array of the proper length", but does not give the
"proper length".

Thanks, Ken


```
IDL> seed = 19
IDL> x = randomn(seed)
IDL> print, x
    0.774932
IDL> help, seed
SEED          LONG     = Array[36]
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