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Subject: Re: tested random # generator?

Posted by [Tim Patterson](#) on Fri, 13 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Fronefield Crawford wrote:

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> Does anyone have a random number generator written in IDL that's been  
> tested to work? I've tried linking in ran1.c (from Numerical Recipes)  
> via call\_external, but I am having trouble doing that. For me it would  
> be easiest to use a routine already written in IDL would be best. Many  
> thanks.

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In IDL 4.0.1 there are two routines RANDOMN and RANDOMU that generate random floating point numbers. I don't know if these were available in earlier versions.

Tim

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