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Subject: Re: random number seed initialisation

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Bogdanovist writes:

> But what if two users init within the same second (not outside the realm of possibility in my application)? I guess I could go to microseconds, that would probably do it.

If you are running a relatively recent version of IDL, I really don't think you have to worry about this. They recently overhauled the way they generate the initial seed to make it more robust. You would have to ask the folks at ExelisVis, but if it were me, I could find a couple of hundred things more compelling to worry about, starting with high avalanche danger on my favorite skiing trails after a weekend of big snows.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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