
Subject: Re: random number seed initialisation

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 Feb 2014 15:22:17 GMT

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David Fanning 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.

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> 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.

I think I was a day early in my concerns. In my Feedly reading list this morning:

<http://www.brainpickings.org/index.php/2014/02/11/brockman-what-should-we-be-worried-about/>

Cheers,

David

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