

## Re: A unique number for every "person" – can it be done?

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Andrew Swallow wrote:

> *Ioannis wrote:*

> *[snip]*

> >> *I came up with plenty of ideas, but they were either too complicated or*

> >> *creating collisions was too likely, that are not easily resolved.*

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> *Try gender + number [1..600 billion]*

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> *Where gender = [M ^ F ^ C ]*

> *M = male*

> *F = female*

> *C = corporate, including companies, government agencies*

and

> *trusts*

This taxonomy would discriminate against transgendered people and at a minimum needs a fourth category of "indeterminate" for gender.

Companies, governments, trusts and other gangs should not be included in the system, because this would embed the American assumption that a company is a "legal person". By no means all cultures share this assumption and it has caused a lot of damage, along with a lot of good in the form of economic progress, in America.

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> *Generate the number by adding 1 to the previous number. First come*

> *first served. This is possible if you have got a centralised registry.*

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> *Examples*

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> *M100 0*

> *F234 567*

> *C500 123 456 789*

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- > *If you forget your number just search the database by your name, date*
- of*
- > *birth and place of birth. There is no reason why the database cannot*
  
- > *hold both the old place name and the new place name.*
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- > *Andrew Swallow*