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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.*

Try gender + number [1..600 billion]

Where gender = [M ^ F ^ C]

M = male

F = female

C = corporate, including companies, government agencies and trusts

Generate the number by adding 1 to the previous number. First come first served. This is possible if you have got a centralised registry.

Examples

M100 0

F234 567

C500 123 456 789

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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