

Re: Random?

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Starbles@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

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Is this a random 12 digit number or not? :P

It is not. It is written in a publicly available source; it is **known**, which absolutely and unconditionally negates the possibility of it being random.

As for whether or not that number was generated by a random process, there is no valid answer to that — the following number: 1234567890 **could** be the outcome of a truly random source. There simply is no way to turn your question into a meaningful one. Not even when you explain what you meant by "is this a random number" — any **given** number can be both the output of a random generator, or be an arbitrarily chosen number that follows a certain pattern (and there is always some pattern for any given number)

It's not random. Want to know how I made it?

No need to — we already knew that it was not random, for reasons that have absolutely nothing to do with what you say below.

day about the digits of pi... then inspiration struck. What if the digits of pi weren't COMPLETELY random

The digits of pi **are not** completely random — they're not even partially random (if such distinction was valid, which is not).

The digits of pi are considered **randomish** in that they exhibit no obvious pattern and are (as far as I know) more or less uniformly distributed. But they are **not** random.

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My number is made up of the transformation 0->011 1->10, then changed from binary to decimal. Did you see it? I bet some of you did, and the rest of you didn't have the lateral thinking skills. Of course, that's just my humble opinion. :P

Humble and deeply mistaken opinion -- our lateral thinking skills may be within the top 0.0001% of the world's population, and still would not have guessed the transformation -- simply because your question did not trigger any interest in coming up with the sequence.

Now, answer the following question by your own definitions: Is the following number random:

3564996254

No matter what you answer, you will be proven wrong -- if you detect any pattern, I'll say that I madly slapped at the digits on my keyboard; and **really**, no matter wha