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Ioannis wrote:

-) The simplest idea I can come up with would be to find a way to
-) mathematically encode one's fingerprints, since they are unique

Not absolutely unique, it's just that collisions are so unlikely that we can treat them as unique for present day purposes.

If the population size increases a few orders of magnitude (i.e. we will have colonized most our galaxy) then you're bound to have collisions.

My idea is to have a code that is made up of your name, your mother's name, your grandmother's name, etcetera, until it is unique. That is, if your code happens to collide, you can add names until it is unique.

(This assumes that no parent will name two of their kids exactly the same.)

SaSW, Willem

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Disclaimer: I am in no way responsible for any of the statements made in the above text. For all I know I might be drugged or something..
No I'm not paranoid. You all think I'm paranoid, don't you !

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