

# Re: best approach to generate random number in java

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Matt Humphrey wrote:

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- >> *Yes, all fine, but my point is that "random" is a superlative term.*
- >> *Therefore saying "more random" is like saying "more perfect".*
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- > *I agree that the lay definition of random as meaning without design or*
- > *arbitrary is superlative, but when speaking of random number generators*
- > *there are many grades of randomness (e.g. perfectly, truly) and so in this*
- > *context the term is not superlative.*

Even here, random means random, and in the past I have been called on using "random" to mean sort of random, many times. But your point is appropriate for everyday use.

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