

Random numbers

The Tin framework provides two versions of a function called `random`, that will produce “random numbers.” The first accepts one argument.

```
random(max: Double)
```

The argument `max` is the ceiling for a range from 0 up to the value of `max`. `Random` will return a `Double` value that is in this range. The value could be 0, but it will always be less than the value of `max`.

```
random(min: Double, max: Double)
```

The second version accepts two arguments, `min` and `max`. The argument `min` defines the lower bound of the range, while `max` defines the ceiling.

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```
let chanceAngle = random(max: 360.0)
```

This example creates a constant `chanceAngle` that will be set to a random value in the range 0 to 360.

```
let offset = random(min: -10.0, max: 10.0)
```

This example creates a constant `offset` that will be set to a random value in the range -10 to 10.

Some Functions Return a Value

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The value returned in this example is assigned to a new constant named luckyNumber.

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The random function generates a random Double value. Each time random is called, it produces a new number that appears to be “random”. In other words, if you recorded a sequence of values produced from random, the numbers produced would not appear to be in any order or pattern. In reality, a pseudorandom sequence is created, based on a finite sequence of numbers that appear to have no order or structure. Eventually, the sequence will repeat.

It is important to note, the probability for any number in the range is uniform for the entire sequence. In other words, there is equal chance to get any number in the range.

There are many different algorithms used to generate random numbers, that make different tradeoffs regarding how much computation is required (eg. speed) vs the quality of the random sequence. This function uses the “Linear Congruential Random Source” in the GameplayKit framework - which prioritizes speed.