Inter-Packet Network Delays as a Time-Series Random Generator:

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History of Random

Figure 1: Ancient bone die used by Roman Empire circa 100-300 AD



- In ancient times, random values used for gambling, forecasting and fortune-telling
- In modern times, they are used for **Security and Simulation**
- Process random iff all outcomes have equal probability of occurrence.

Random \Ran"dom\. a. 1. Going at random or by chance: done or made at hazard, or without settled direction, aim, or purpose; hazarded without previous calculation: left to chance: haphazard: as, a random quess. [1913 Webster] Some random truths he can impart. --Wordsworth. [1913 Webster] So sharp a spur to the lazy, and so strong a bridle --H. Spencer. to the random. [1913 Webster] 2. (Statistics) Of, pertaining to, or resulting from ales us process of selection from a starting set of items, in which the probability of selecting any one object in the starting set is equal to the probability of selecting any 3. (Construction) of unequal size or shape: made from components of unequal size or shape. {at random} in a manner so that all possible results have an equal probability of occurrence; for processes, each possible result is counted separately although the same type of result may occur more than once . {Random courses} (Masonry), courses of stone of unequal thickness. {Random shot}, a shot not directed or aimed toward any particular object, or a shot with the muzzle of the gun much elevated. {Random work} (Masonry), stonework consisting of stones of unequal sizes fitted together, but not in courses nor always with flat beds.

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