

Random Number Reviews

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Hello, there! In this article I will be doing something very strange, but you could say that I will be 'pushing the boundaries'. Boundaries in a totally pointless way as well as weird, maybe, but let's just see where it goes. Yep, you guessed it, I will be reviewing numbers coming from a random number generator! Here goes!

First up, we have 136923: A very forgettable number. The two 3s create a tiny bit of consistency, but their placing just isn't satisfying. If one 3 was at the start with the other 3 remaining at the end, that would be more symmetrical and therefore better, but pretty much everything is well... random. This number gets a disappointing 2 out of 10.

627246: This one isn't that bad. The 6s are placed very nicely, and the way you get a 2 after the first 6 and a 2 before the second one is refreshing. A two IMMEDIATELY before the last 6, in other words '627426' would be a small improvement, but the original is still a fair effort. 5/10.

683821: Oh dear, just when I thought things were improving. Other than the two imperfectly but moderately positioned 8s, there is little consistency here. The way you get a descending 3, 2 and 1 isn't bad, but that damn 8 got in the way of the 2, spoiling things. 3.5/10

274548: Another 2/10. You probably can guess why, now you have been educated.

861574: In my opinion, the worst number yet. No repetition, poor structure, no memorability, no good traits whatsoever. 1/10.

703462: 1/10. Next.

259923: This one has some pretty admirable characteristics. Not only do you get two of the same number next to each other and bang in the middle, the numbers are also the highest possible. If the last 2 followed the 3, this number would be borderline outstanding, but as it stands, it gets a still impressive 6/10.

914477: If this one was 994477 instead, it would be reasonably good looking. Even then though, the separate pairs of numbers wouldn't get consistently higher or lower, (as in 447799) so it wouldn't be in the very good category. 914477 on the other hand, with the two double digits gets an average 5/10.

(I have to be honest, I skipped a load of generated numbers because they were pretty dull)...

233444: Now THIS is an interesting example, I swear to God I didn't make it up. Not only do the individual parts of it get higher by step, the amount of identical numbers gets bigger by step, too. (As in you get one 2, two 3s, and three 4s). It's a shame you don't get two 2s and three 3s etc.

like in the perfect number 122333, but hey. 233444 gets a very decent 8.5/10.

(More you know what get skipped).

30600: Other than the three 0s this case doesn't look like anything special on the surface. Unless you're a guitarist. Play a note on the 3rd fret, then play an open string, then the 6th fret, etc. Consider the numbers as 'tab', basically. If you do so, you get a diminished arpeggio riff! For that reason, this one gets a perhaps surprising 6/10.

(Skip, skip, skip).

52403: Back to playing guitars again. Is this short piece of tablature a minor scale, or is it major? (If you consider 0 to be the root note, that is). Here we have the enigmatic mystery number. 5/10.

(Skip. A lot).

240529: This 'tune' is actually quite musical. Try it out! (7/10)

(... Skip).

234999: Here we have that classic ascending pattern, followed by a satisfying three 9s, again, the highest number possible. A fair effort. 7/10.

I'm going to stop things here, as I've been clicking random digits for ages, and haven't come across any attractive numbers that I was hoping to find. So let's just lie, and say that I didn't make the following up...

111111: A clear 10/10. No explanation is needed, I'm sure.

123456: 10/10.

123321: Not quite as stunning as the preceding, but still very strong. Perfectly ascending, descending and flip-roundable? 9.5/10

And that's all from me, I hope you will think of numbers a little differently from now on. Bye!