

Ruby master - Feature #16827

C API for writing custom random number generator that can be used as Random objects

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Target version:		
Description		
<p>I want to write custom random number generators (RNGs) that can be used as an alternative to a Random object. Now custom RNGs with #rand method can be used for that purpose, but there is the method call overhead in the current implementation because #rand method is called through rb_funcallv_public.</p> <p>I want C API for writing RNGs because all of the random number generator algorithms I want to write are originally written in C.</p> <p>Nobu already created a pull-request for such purpose.</p>		

History

#1 - 05/14/2020 08:08 AM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

Sounds OK. Go ahead.

Matz.

#2 - 05/14/2020 12:33 PM - Eregon (Benoit Daloze)

IMHO it's not nice to replace a nice Ruby-level API by a C API one.
Is there a benchmark of how much is it slower with rb_funcallv_public?

Also, will it still work when passing a custom object understanding rand?
If so, there are two ways to dispatch, doesn't seem nice either API-wise.