
Subject: Re: David Fanning's IDL Programming Techniques Book
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In article <34D0B1F9.3FE0@mhl.nsw.gov.au>,
DMottershead@mhl.nsw.gov.au wrote:

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> David,
> I got your book yesterday (and yes, it is in one peice). It looks
> great and it has already been helpful in the short time I have had it.
> Thanks again.
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> Regards
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I had a harrowing realization after going through the book. About 80% of the stuff in the book was familiar to me, 20% not. Now, David says, that the book teaches you about 80% of the stuff you need to know about IDL. Now, I imagine he knows about 80% of all the IDL stuff. That means that I know only about $.8^3$ of IDL stuff, or about 50%.

Wish I hadn't bought the thing :-). Ignorance is bliss.

but seriously, the book is a great buy.

mirko

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