
Subject: Re: RSI's Priorities (was: GUI Builder...)
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In article <364DDB7F.C8531805@io.harvard.edu>, Martin Schultz
<mgs@io.harvard.edu> wrote:

> David Fanning wrote:
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>> Brian Jackel (jackel@danlon.physics.uwo.ca) writes:
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>> [...]
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>>> New bells and whistles at \$1500 a pop or
>>> Freeze development and deliver an ``IDL Classic" at
>>> \$500 per head.
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[Long comments omitted so my new client will let me post!]

Frankly, I just pulled down the objects manual and the 5.1 changes manual the other day for the first time, to try to see if it was a better way to write MPEG movies than I was using (should I cross post to that thread?). Applying Occam's razor (the one that slits your throat if you try doing things elegantly when you already have three job titles and a family to boot), I will probably decide to make do with what I know how to do instead.... but I'm intrigued. Maybe next time.

More to the point, the folks here who do have time all prefer objects, and have written some very powerful analysis tools built around them. (See, for example,

<http://orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov/~zarro/idl/maps.html> .)

And they're even scientists.... and even got their degrees more than 10 years ago. Guess I'll go with the opinions of those who write the most and best code here.

Joe Gurman

P.S. And on the subject of MPEG movies and 3 x m x n arrays (why did RSI have to make that the default for MPEG_PUT if you want color?), I'm spoiled by a machine that's fast enough that I don't really have to worry about the speed difference between intelligent and silly index ordering. Now that's spoiled.

P.P.S. And yes, sigh, scientists do work weekends. I understand Ken Burns used the "The intellect of man is forced to chose / Perfection of the life or of the work" line of Yeats in his show on Frank Lloyd Wright. I wonder

if he used the next line: "and if it take the second must refuse a heavenly mansion, raging in the dark."

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