
Subject: Re: AND statements

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rmlongfield@my-dejanews.com writes:

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> Hi Jon, Please don't feel bad if you don't think people are using
> your programs. I've been hanging around this newsgroup for almost a year now
> and I've collected quite a lot of programs and web pages. Some I use, some
> not. I do use pointers frequently and even worse, pointers to pointers. When
> I've got a problem, I first search the Deja-News archives for this group for
> a solution. I may not use your program now but I did have a look at it and I
> know where it is for when and if I need it in the future.
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> I do appreciate the sharing of tricks and ideas about how to
> handle certain problems.
> Rose

Here is what I have seen from my personal experience, based on my IDL web page:

Number of IDL page hits per month - about 450
Number of program downloads per month - about 250
Number of feedback messages per month - about 1

So, to Phil: there may be a lot of people using your program but you won't necessarily know about it. Feedback ratios seem to be less than 1%. Consider that: (a) only a fraction of people will download your code; (b) a fraction of them will try to use it; (c) a fraction of them will use it successfully; and (d) a fraction of them will then be motivated to respond to the author.

Advertisement is also key. I see a noticeable increase in hits when I mention my web page here on the newsgroup, based on informal polling.

To users of contributed software: feedback is always welcome! Whether it's a bug report, a feature request, or a "thank you", I am sure that the David's, Liam's, Phil's appreciate the interaction and knowing that they don't live in a vacuum.

Craig

P.S. My IDL web page is <http://astrog.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>

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