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Subject: Re: Free IDL Software  
Posted by [Phil Aldis](#) on Tue, 09 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT  
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In article <MPG.114ee503df2a0f25989711@news.frii.com>,  
davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:  
> Jon Kimber writes:

Well, actually Phil Aldis writes, an associated problem of several different people using one machine to post messages I accidentally forgot to change the signature file.

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>> I think that is certainly better than a goto in that circumstance. I  
>> had to use that several times in the ptr\_free program I wrote (see  
>> post of 04/03/'99), but then no-one would know about that been as not  
>> one person has loooked at it - oh well I'll leave programs that are of  
>> use to others to the likes of DWF.

>  
> I wouldn't get discouraged that no one bothers to download your  
> software, Jon. Like any advertising, you have to let people know  
> five or six times that it is available before anyone stirs themselves  
> to check it out. Then I would estimate 95% of the people who check  
> it out won't use it. Not because they don't need it, but because  
> they perceive they don't have time to learn it. (Sometimes this  
> is the fault of the software author who doesn't provide a LOT  
> of help in the documentation.)

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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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