Dear David,

I have a feeling I might have been one of the 57 people you mentioned
who ordered your "IDL Programming Techniques" book on the same day. I
have received it, and have been really enjoying it, as well as the
associated examples. It is a nice peice of craftsmanship, both
aesthetically and technically.

Now, I can't help but notice that you've been doing a lot of posting
here lately. This causes me to wonder if you might have time to start
in on a new book. Could I put in a request for your next book? I
would entitle it:
"The Coyote Cookbook: an IDL Project Building Block System"
It would come with a complete set of building blocks, similar to your
example programs; but it would be a complete set, with which one could
easily build up an application. In a way, it would be an alternative
to IDL's GUI builder - or maybe I should say the opposite of, since it
would consist of content, instead of an attempt at the outward form.
Example building blocks would be a file selection menu, a plotting
tool like XWindow, a floating point slider, object data handling
tools, and numerous other small blocks, that could be assembled easily
into an application where the data flow is handled well and the whole
things integrates into a clean application. Thus it would get people
up and running faster at building mid- to large-size projects.

Thanks again for a nice piece of workmanship,

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