
Subject: Re: Top 10 IDL Requests

Posted by [Joseph B. Gurman](#) on Wed, 26 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <MPG.13e75cd8534ddf9a989b63@news.frii.com>,
davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Joseph B. Gurman (gurman@gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:

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>> 3. with NO object interfaces, since it's scientists who are doing a lot
>> of the programming, and I can't see why we're paying for features we
>> never use (however gnarly).

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> Uh, Joe. Don't look now, but that kid walking behind
> you has his eye on *your* job. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

David -

No, that kid can get a _real_ job as a programmer for a dot.com, and doesn't have to work the same hours for beans as a civil servant scientist. Since programmers are now worth more to society than scientists (as measured purely by salaries), it's clearly a waste of a high-demand resource to have real programmers write code for scientific research. ;-)

And I'm very serious about the point above. I may be stuck knowing a bunch of old farts (not, actually), but maybe one person in twenty here actually uses the object capabilities when given a choice.

Best,

Joe

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