Subject: Re: Ghost object
Posted by davidf on Wed, 16 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Theo Brauers (th.brauers@fz-juelich.de) writes:

> An engineer, a physicist, and a programmer are driving in a car
> when it suddenly stops in the middle of nowhere. The engineer:
> 'Shoot, we ran out of gas!' The physicist: 'This is probably an
> engine problem.' The programmer: 'Let's exit the car, we enter
> again, and everything will be fine.'

There is a power or force in the Universe that cannot
be unleashed without exiting the program. I can't explain
it, but I have observed it too many times not to be a
firm believer in it.

I think Pavel's original explanation is pretty close
to the truth. Software that runs in heated conditions
for hours at 400 Hz can get flustered. Exiting the
program gives the software a chance to compose itself.
It is sort of like taking the screaming baby out of
the hands of a young mother for five minutes. It puts
the Universe back in order and makes it possible to
move forward.

An alternative technique is to have the instructor come
up and look over your shoulder while you demonstrate the
problem. The downfall of this technique is that it only
has a 75-80% success rate.

Of course, the over-the-shoulder technique works in reverse
too. Try to demo a perfectly working program to anyone
higher than you on the food chain and there is at least
a 75-80% chance that the program will crash in the first
30 seconds.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say life is a Mystery, and I like it
that way. :-)

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