Richard G. French (rfrench@wellesley.edu) writes:

> I'm sure they were just trying to get to the bottom of one of
> David's new object methods...... :) (only kidding - just ordered
> the 2d edition from Amazon, David, so I can be a wizard, too.)

Actually, I was kidding about Windows 3.1. But I did go
back to Windows 98 for the moment. I love a computer that
can install software you are only *thinking* about installing. :-)

Let me know about this Amazon order, Richard. I've jumped
way up on the Amazon hit charts lately, but they haven't
been buying too many books. That makes me *awfully* nervous.
Either they are starting to take that 4-6 week delivery
stuff seriously, or they have another supplier, which *REALLY*
makes me nervous. :-(

Just so you know, to get Amazon to say that the book ships
in 2-3 days, the publisher is required to give Amazon a
45% discount and free shipping. I guess that makes sense
when you are selling 40,000 copies of a book, but it
doesn't make too much sense to me, when I'm selling 10s
of copies. So I give Amazon the standard "technical
book discount" that is common in the industry. (And
I usually throw in free shipping because I like them,
and they do sell far and away more books than any other
bookstore for me.)

Anyway, Amazon usually buys books a *bit* ahead of
demand. Most people who order from them receive a book
within a week or so. But I don't know if it is the
Christmas rush or what, but I'm pretty sure they
are sitting on more orders now than they have books to
fill the orders. So I'm curious to know how long it takes to
receive your book. With information, I can sometimes
"bargin" better service for you out of it.

Of course, if it is service you want, I ship 95% of
the book orders I receive the same day I receive the
order. :-)

Cheers,

David

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