
Subject: Re: !p.symsize

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 25 Jan 2001 23:36:08 GMT

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Mark Fardal (fardal@weka.astro.umass.edu) writes:

- > these lurkers are often mentioned. do we have empirical evidence that
- > they exist?

I think they are a myth. The only time I ever feel their presence is in that sort of hair-on-the-back-of-your-neck way that you sometimes feel when you imagine your stern old grandmother is there looking over your shoulder. But that's only when I say something unflattering about IDL on the newsgroup, which is almost never. :-)

- > Or is a widespread irrational belief in their existence
- > and efficacy perhaps responsible for the unfortunate persistence of IDL bugs?

I'm afraid this may be the case. It's not really their responsibility to fix bugs until you report them. I feel the same way about the IDL programs I make available on my web page. To think otherwise is to doom yourself to a life of grind and drudgery.

- > Lurkers, feel free to de-lurk here. It would be as exciting as God
- > deciding to present unambiguous proof of her existence. (well, not quite.)

Indeed. But recent conversations with a few of them convinces me its not going to happen. To bad, in my view, because we could all use their insights.

Cheers,

David

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