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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker  
Posted by [tastasne](#) on Fri, 02 Feb 2001 06:07:49 GMT  
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Thomas, Albuquerque, New Mexico -

What if you've known about the newsgroup for some time, but only chose today to actually check it out for the first time? Lurker? Or perhaps some other term not fit for mixed company?

I've programmed with IDL for ~6 years...

And to what address should we send the \$\$\$s for the 'latte'? ;)

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Folks,

Craig's wonderful parody the other day of what most of the regulars would say to a recent question, and today's talk of lurkers has got me thinking. Are there really only 10 of us paying any attention to this newsgroup?

It occurs to me that if that really was the case that you guys ought to be getting tired of the same lame jokes I use all the time. :-)

And if my wife is right and I really don't have the "huge following" I often profess to her when I am trying to justify no income after 10 hours parked in front of a computer, then I might even be encouraged to go get a real life.

So I propose a new thread for lurkers only.

Here's the deal. You don't even have to ask an IDL question. Just give us your first name and tell us where you live. Throw in the name of your dog if you feel like really living dangerously. Just a note to let us know you are out there.

There will be two enormous benefits from this thread. Those of us who do spend quite a bit of time answering questions here can take great satisfaction and three bucks and get a latte at Starbucks. And people who hit that SEND button will discover that your fingers don't fall off, nor are you electrocuted when you do it. So a big Win/Win for everyone. :-)

What do you say? Anyone out there? Only people who have never posted, or posted no more than once in the past 3 months, please.

Cheers,

David

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