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Subject: Re: Good text for beginners?

Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Mon, 19 Feb 2001 22:18:11 GMT

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Hello,

In addition to the recommendations for David's book (to which I add my own) , I think that Ronn Kling's book, 'Application Development with IDL' should be included. It's target audience is mid-level programmers. I found it helpful when I got into the down-and-dirty of making object-based widget applications.

Each book represents money well spent.

Ben

P.S. Ronn's book makes use of the Reverse\_indices from histogram. Everytime JD or Craig post something using the histogram and reverse indices I dig out Ronn's book.

Dan Drew wrote:

> I'm trying to learn IDL 5.2 for Windows and I'm a beginner, and have  
> discovered quickly that this is no easy language. I used Mathematica quite  
> a bit as well as a little Macsyma. Do any of you have a recommendation for  
> a beginning text? I suppose the Fanning book would be the natural choice,  
> but I'm not sure. Thanks.  
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> Dan

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