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Subject: Re: New book: "Practical IDL Programming"  
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Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu writes:

> I am pleased to announce that my book "Practical IDL Programming" will be  
> published by Morgan Kaufmann on July 6, 2001.

Congratulations, Liam!

I remember well the first release of my book. I was exhausted from working 20 hour days for weeks on end, sick of reading the damn thing, depressed from the accusative stares of my loved ones, and exhilarated at having seen the thing through. Mostly, I was glad the whole ordeal was over, although in retrospect I realize now that it is never over, the typos just go on and on... :-)

My point is that it takes a hell of a lot of work to write a book and anyone who has a go at it should be commended. Anyone who actually finishes a book should be lionized. (And, need I even mention it, read from cover to cover.) I look forward to seeing this book and doing just that.

Thank you for your excellent service to the IDL community through this newsgroup and, now, with this book. We all greatly appreciate it.

Best Regards,

David

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