
Subject: Re: Object programming with data...

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On Sat, 18 May 2002, David Fanning wrote:

- > I can't speak for others, but one reason I haven't written a object
- > programming book because it is damn hard to write a book, and too easy
- > to play tennis and enjoy my marriage.

I know this all too well... one thesis down, one more to go...

- > Another reason is that I just
- > keep plowing on, finding all kinds of reasons to like objects,
- > amazed at their unbelievable usefulness, and completely unaware of
- > these glaring limitations.

There aren't that many glaring limitations... but I think this is certainly one of them.

- > Imagine how embarrassed I would be to write
- > a book that didn't even mention operator overloading! I would be the
- > laughing stock of the OO community. :-(

I cannot imagine you being the laughing stock of the OO or IDL community. To many of us, you are the mythical guru who lives high in the Colorado mountains... I personally plan to organize a pilgrimage.

On a slightly different topic, is it possible to define a function that takes an arbitrary number of parameters? i.e. how do I write a function 'sum' that takes 'n' variables and sums them? (yes, in this case I could use 'total' but that's not the point...)

Cheers,
Randall
