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Subject: Re: Astronomys` Sixth Neighbour Needs Help  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 28 Jul 2003 22:27:55 GMT  
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astronomer writes:

- > Now I have several links (the link:
- > [http://www.dfanning.com/misc\\_tips.submemory.html](http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips.submemory.html) is not working) to
- > help me in this quest!!

Right. This should be this:

[http://www.dfanning.com/misc\\_tips/submemory.html](http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/submemory.html)

- > I am at the same time updating old versions of the program by
- > implementing the changes, trying to understand the changes, and trying
- > to continue the program to get some science done (but now everytime I
- > add something to the program I can't help feeling that it must be
- > soooo inefficient! someday I'll laugh (or cry) upon reviewing my
- > code).

Don't worry about it. Everyone I've ever known who leaves an IDL programming class (including the instructor!) laments about how they are going to have to spend the next two weeks re-writing their programs. It's an on-going and never-ending process.

Do what you can, but don't dwell on it. Just try to write better programs in the future. At the end of a career no one wishes they had spent more time revising their programs. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I'm looking at some code today that has me shaking my head and wondering just what (if anything) was going on in the mind of the author when he wrote it. :-)

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