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Subject: Re: How does one become an IDL/WAVE consultant?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 06 Dec 2005 17:06:30 GMT

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idlwizard-1@yahoo.com writes:

- > I think my ideal job would be part-time and have flexible scheduling,
- > and would allow me to do other work on my own

Here is how it works in real life.

I knocked off a little early yesterday afternoon to go play some tennis with the guys. Got home about 7:30 or so and felt tired. I read a new book for an hour (The Misunderstood Gene), the hit the sack at 9. Consulting is the life!

I woke up at 11PM thinking of my rapidly declining bank account and the outline of the 3rd Edition of my book I've been kicking around in my head. Couldn't sleep. Lay there for 20 minutes before I decided "What the hell" and got up. I spent the entire night working on my outline and writing the first chapter. It's 10 AM. I've had no sleep, I have to walk to the shop in 12 degree (Fahrenheit) weather to get the car that won't run and I'm trying to decide if it is worth shaving and taking a shower or not to do it. Ah, the life of the self-employed!

Cheers,

David

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