
Subject: Wasting Time with Books

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Folks,

Tired of writing IDL programs? Need something to do at work that *looks* like work, but isn't? Then you've come to the right place!

I was cleaning though one of my drawers the other day and came upon a list of books I had read in 1976. Very illuminating. (Well, for me, anyway. I'm not sure about you.) In any case, I've decided to keep a list for 2007, too, so I can compare it to 30 years ago.

But, of course, now I can do it in a public way so that those of you who care about books can make suggestions about what I should be reading. Consider this an experiment to see what in the world the nerds actual read when they aren't writing IDL programs. :-)

I've put the 2007 list here:

http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote_reading.html

And the 1976 list here:

http://www.dfanning.com/reading/list_1976.html

What I would like to have is a page where famous people in the IDL community (I.e, anyone who has ever posted an article on this newsgroup) lists their top five favorite books (on ANY subject), along with a short note, if they like, about the books. I think it would be extremely interesting to see the result. You can publish anonymously if you like, but I would prefer that you give me permission to publish your name along with your list. (No contact information, however.) Send me your list!

Cheers,

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