## Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job Posted by ben bighair on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 22:12:49 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On Aug 29, 12:30 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote: > Folks, > I just wanted to let you know that today is my last day > on the job as an IDL consultant. Next week I start a > full-time job elsewhere. > I will still be doing a bit of IDL programming, but my plan is to re-invent myself as a JAVA programmer, eventually.:-) > > It will be nearly impossible, I am sure, to get out of > the habit of reading this newsgroup every 10 minutes or > so, but gradually, over time I plan to learn to do so > and to leave the answering to the young hotshots who can actually understand the questions that are being asked these days. > I'll continue to maintain Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming > for as long as it supports itself. And I might even add an > article from time to time if I encounter something that > I know I better write down if I don't want to forget it. But this will no longer be the focus of my professional life. > > It has been a wonderful 15 years here. It has been my > joy and privilege to participate with and learn from so > many knowledgeable people. (I won't name names, because it > would just never end, but I hope all of you know who you > are.) I have always believed this was THE best newsgroup > in the Usenet universe. Your capacity to share your knowledge > and good humor is unsurpassed. In 15 years, I'll bet I > can count the number of flames in this newsgroup on one > hand. And most of those were written by me in one of my > cranky moods when the dog wasn't easily available to kick. > Thank you for all the wonderful times. You were my joy and > passion for a long, long time. I will never forget you or > how much I always looked forward to waking up and checking this newsgroup as the first official act of every morning. > Vaya con Dios, > > David

>

- > P.S. Let's just say Coyote is paying 10 to 1 on any bet that
- > says this new job will last longer than two weeks. :-(

>

- > David Fanning, Ph.D.
- > Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
- > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:http://www.dfanning.com/
- > Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Wow!

Does your wife know about this?

Like all of the other posters, here I want you to know how much I appreciate and admire you and all you have done for me and others. I am quite sure that IDL is a viable language because of your efforts.

Out of curiosity, I checked your profile ala google and discovered that you made 2062 posts over the last 23 months... now let's see...

What the heck? Nearly 90 posts a month over the last 23 months! If you sustained that over 15 years that's about 16000 posts filled with wit, goodwill and wisdom.

Thanks and best wishes!

Ben