Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by pgrigis on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 20:10:16 GMT
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Well, when I am training people in IDL, I tell them that
IDL programming is a very useful skill and they can
always have a brilliant career in IDL consulting, citing
David as an example. Now what should I tell them?

Cheers,
Paolo

David Fanning wrote:
> Folks,
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> Vaya con Dios,
>
> David
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> 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. :-(
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> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")