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Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job

Posted by [Paul.Bowyer@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Bowyer@gmail.com) on Mon, 01 Sep 2008 12:46:12 GMT

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On Aug 29, 5:30 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.  
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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.  
>  
> 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  
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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.")

David,

It's an enormous loss in many ways. Thank you for the huge amount of help and insight you have provided. All the very best in your new venture.

Many many thanks,

Paul

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