
Subject: Re: Catalyst Library Going Open Source
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 21:21:39 GMT
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Robbie writes:

> I really wish I had have bought the Catalyst library. At the very
> least, it would have given me ideas on how to churn out at least half
> useful applications.

Oh, it's an idea generator, all right! Ask ITTVIS, if you don't believe me, but the main problem with objects is that you think of so **many** neat ideas that if you are not **extremely** careful the complexity just gets completely out of hand.

The idea, it seems to me, is to be boring, boring, boring as a programmer. Restrict yourself to one great idea a day. That way, you see steady progress, but the programs don't become so hopeless you throw up your hands in exasperation. You can see the consequence of having too many great ideas if you look at the code for any of the iTools. :-)

Cheers,

David

--

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.")
