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Subject: Re: Active tab problem?

Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:08:15 GMT

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On Nov 12, 2:02 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Rongchang Chen writes:

>> By the way, when 'IDL Programming Techniques 3rd Edition' will

>> publish? I want to buy one.

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> When I get all the boys out of university. Unfortunately,

> at least two of them are heading to graduate school,

> so it probably won't be Real Soon Now. :-(

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> P.S. Let's just say if I had known those boys were going

> to turn out like their Dad and spend their lives in school,

> I might have tried harder for girls. I've been trying to

> match a few of them up with Andrew Cool's daughters and

> let him take over the financing, but so far no interest. :-(

David,

There's a word for that - pedophilia.

But seriously, here in Oz you don't pay to go to University, up front that is.

There's a scheme called Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) under which you are billed

when you graduate, and you pay back a certain percentage each year from your salary as a newly

minted professional, once you earn over a certain lower limit.

It does mean you start out with a whopping great debt hanging over your head that can take forever to pay off.

However, from age 17/18 when you enter Uni to 26 when you walk out with your PhD under your arm, all you need do is feed and clothe yourself, and make some beer money via part-time work.

Which means many students still live at home.

It could be another 18 years before the youngest Dr Cool flies the coop, which is a sobering thought. :-(

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