Subject: Re: IDL and sqlite
Posted by Rick Towler on Sat, 15 Nov 2008 01:09:49 GMT

David Fanning wrote:
> Rick Towler writes:
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>> And maybe they *are* seeing this in sales as there are 10 new users for
>> every one like me so IDL sales will only grow
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> Any conspiracy buffs out there?
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<snip>

> So, here is what I think. Homeland Security has a HUGE contract
> with ITTVIS to produce some super-secret software (probably with
> ENVI).

I've suspected something like this for a while. The few notable core
features they have added recently to IDL are image processing and
analysis routines. I haven't been to the Boulder office in years so I
am completely unaware of the changes there but even I could put together
  IDL + IMINT = big money for ITTVIS
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IMINT). And I'm not a big conspiracy
theorist (except for those fake moon landings :)

I guess we can hope that some of that money is directed into developing
generally useful additions to IDL's core that everybody benefits from.

-Rick