

Folks,

I am making progress on my new book. A draft is finished. All the chapters have been spell-checked. And I have had a quick read through the entire book, fixing things as I went. Now the real fun begins: chasing errors!

If you have downloaded one of the book chapters from my web page, you have been invited to participate in the Feedback Frenzy, wherein people get to read a chapter and unload (metaphorically, of course) on what an idiot the author is. More points are scored with wit than invective, but I'm willing to take any kind of feedback to make this book better. :-)

If you would like to participate, I am happy to have you. You can find a table of contents for the book here:

http://www.dfanning.com/misc/guide_toc.pdf

Contact me and let me know which chapter you would like to review. I'll send it to you, when you return it with comments, you can select another, etc. There are 11 chapters in the book.

My goal would be to have 8-10 people look at each chapter, so the chapter you prefer may not be available. I'll do my best to see you get what you want, but the earlier you respond, the better your chances are.

Here are the things I am looking for:

1. Typos (lots of these, I am sure)
2. Code that doesn't work as described in the book. (You will need to download the very latest Coyote Library release to check the book's code. You can find it at <http://www.dfanning.com/programs/coyoteprograms.zip>.)
3. Badly explained or poorly written explanations, or anything that in your opinion I have just gotten wrong.
4. Figures that are missing, strange, or have other problems.
5. Any unresolved cross-reference, or a cross-reference to something that doesn't seem to exist.
6. Evidence of bad jokes, ill-temper, or dubious cultural

sensitivity.

7. Anything you think I have missed that should have gone into a chapter.

What I am NOT looking for:

1. Effusive praise. Please be as critical as possible. You will not hurt my feelings in any way.
2. Bad page breaks. These are always resolved right before the book goes to print.

Thank you very much for your help. This kind of book cannot be, and would not be, written without the unbelievable support of the IDL community. I greatly appreciate it.

Cheers,

David (first_name AT coyote's place of residence)

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
