
Subject: Re: Book Review: Object-Oriented Programming with IDL

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On 1/16/11 5:38 PM, wlandsman wrote:

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> Some readers of this newsgroup might be interested in the recent (July 10) book
> by Ronn Kling "Object-Oriented Programming with IDL". This book is written
> for "an average IDL programmer who knows the basics of procedures and functions
> and who is familiar with structures", but who may not be completely comfortable
> with object-oriented programming. I found it refreshing to read a book about
> objects focussed on scientists (and even astronomers!) with examples in IDL.
> The table of contents is available at
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> <http://www.kilvarock.com/ooptableofcomments.htm>
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> The book is recent enough to include a chapter on the IDL 8.0 enhancements
> including garbage collection, operator overloading, and the new object syntax.
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> The book shouldn't be thought of as a reference, but more of an extended essay
> on when and how to use objects in IDL. But the most important advice I can
> give to those considering buying this book is to *not* buy it from Amazon, but
> to look at <http://www.kilvarock.com/books-on-idl.htm> . (Hint: there is a
> substantial price difference.)
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> --Wayne

I agree, this is a great book to start learning about objects in IDL. I
have been meaning to write a review of this book for awhile.

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