
Subject: Re: A Plea for Fair Behavior

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 09 Feb 2011 16:57:44 GMT

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Paul van Delst writes:

- > I'm confused. I have several times thought to donate to your website for the work you do/services you provide, but I
- > always interpreted the donation button as "any \$\$ donated will be forwarded onto a charity, with matching \$\$.
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- > The two things that occur to me are:
- > 1) If I wanted to donate to a charity, I would do it myself.
- > 2) If you are matching any donations, you obviously don't need any donations for your IDL efforts to begin with.
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- > Oh, and yes, I have become a total curmudgeon (I blame living in DC for 10+ years :o)

I believe the work I do for the IDL community is "community service" and I feel guilty being paid for it. My idea was that if people appreciated the contributions I made to the community and felt like they wanted to donate to that effort then I would "play that donation forward" and try to make a contribution to an even larger community.

I guess I envisioned ripples spreading in a pond.

I understand where you are coming from, though. I kind of like the idea of "paying" for on-going development effort. I'm thinking currently of having several buttons in the new store:

Check the appropriate box:

- ☐ Donate XXX to buy beers for Coyote on Friday Nights.
- ☐ Donate XXX to spread joy and comfort around the World.
- ☐ Donate XXX just for the hell of it and hope it will be used for something I care about.

Choice three is sort of like paying IDL maintenance on your IDL license. Maybe people will actually go for that. :-)

Cheers,

David

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