
Subject: Re: Book Tour Report

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 01 May 2011 00:14:05 GMT

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Craig and Gray write:

>> P.S. My vote for a book would be a way to turn files into objects.
>> The current situation with logical unit numbers harkens back to the
>> FORTRAN of the 1970s.
>
> Or, speaking of files, how about a nice and neat way of dealing with
> parameter files?

Humm, I like these suggestions, both of which I have implemented before in the DataViewer application I wrote for NSIDC. Which--coincidence!!--is written with the Catalyst Library.

Perhaps an "Application Programming in IDL" book that starts with GUI fundamentals, which leads naturally to objects and the Catalyst Library, which leads to all manner of neat and useful applications and tools you can build with objects.

Humm. I guess I better go order Ronn Kling's new book. Maybe he has beat me to this idea. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. The fact that Craig is suggesting objects has me REALLY excited! ;-)

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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