
Subject: Re: Book Tour Report

Posted by [Gray](#) on Sat, 30 Apr 2011 23:58:43 GMT

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On Apr 30, 4:59 pm, Craig Markwardt <craig.markwa...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Apr 28, 2:14 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

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>> Folks,

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>> Just thought some of you might be interested in hearing
>> about the recent "book tour" I was on, mostly visiting
>> national labs in the Washington, D.C. and Virginia areas.

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>> The turn-out for these seminars was overwhelming. In one
>> case, literally, as we couldn't fit more chairs into the
>> room and people were forced to stand in the hall where
>> they couldn't see the screen to listen to the presentation!
>> I sold all the books I had with me (all I could carry!) and
>> more besides. I am *extremely* grateful to the folks who
>> helped me set these seminars up. It was a lot of fun
>> meeting old friends and people I had only known previously
>> via e-mail and this newsgroup.

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>> Coyote had to get involved, of course, and it wasn't
>> until I got to the rental car counter that I realized
>> he had switched my driver's license with one that had
>> expired six months ago when I was on my long walk in
>> Oregon! Yikes! Let's just say I am *extremely* grateful
>> to a certain Chinese bus company who picked me up in
>> front of a Chinese grocery in Washington and dumped
>> me in front of a similar location in Virginia Beach.
>> (Not to mention in-laws who have, unfortunately, come
>> to expect this kind of behavior from me.) Live the
>> adventure, I always say. :-)

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>> Anyway, all this activity has pushed the book
>> (briefly) above the 25,000th most popular on Amazon
>> yesterday. I have a ways to go to catch Slaughter
>> House Five, but I'm making progress, and it's clear
>> that *someone* is buying the darn thing, and hopefully

>> reading it! If you are someone who *has* read it, please
>> consider writing an Amazon review of the book. You don't
>> have to have purchased the book at Amazon to write a
>> review, by the way.
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>> I have been thinking a great deal about the next book
>> I hope to work on, and I think I am extremely close
>> to making a decision about this. If you have strong
>> views on this topic, this would be a good time to
>> voice them. This one may take some time to write and
>> may have to be written in a less sustained way,
>> as people are asking for courses to be taught in
>> far-off and exotic lands and I find it very hard to
>> pass these kinds of opportunities up. :-)
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>> Mostly, though, I want to say thanks again to the
>> folks on this newsgroup whose overwhelming support
>> and encouragement makes it possible for me to do this
>> work. You really are the best!
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> Hi David, It was great seeing you at NASA, hearing your talk, and then
> having lunch with you. I'm glad you made it out to the right
> coast! :-)
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> Craig
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> 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?
