
Subject: Re: Book Tour Report

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 30 Apr 2011 20:59:58 GMT

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

> 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. :-)
>
> 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!

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! :-)

Craig

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.
