
Subject: SEND button experience

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Phil Williams writes:

> Became instantly obvious once the send button was
> pushed and I admitted my stupidity!!! :)

I have been aware of this phenomenon myself. In fact, it happened to me yesterday when I wrote a program with a loop in it. The minute I touched that SEND button I knew that a vector operation was required and that I was due for a blizzard of e-mail this morning! :-)

But I have a theory. I don't think that any significant learning can occur without an element of risk. Most of the time what we risk is looking stupid or foolish if what we write, what we commit to, is wrong.

But so what? I don't think it is any accident that I have learned more about IDL in the past 3-4 months since I started posting on this newsgroup than I had in the previous two years. It is perhaps not too much of a leap to think that posting on this newsgroup can be the way to IDL enlightenment. :-)

So I just wanted to ask more of you to post. There are an awful lot of talented IDL programmers out there. We all have a lot we can learn from each other. And with IDL 5.0 due to be released soon, God knows we are going to need all the help we can get. :-(

So here's my hat off to Phil Williams, Mitchell Grunes, Peter Mason, Mark Rivers, Stein Vidar, Andy Loughe, David Foster, Brian Jackel, William Thompson, Christian Soeller, R. Bauer, and all the others who are willing to look that SEND button in the eye and share their knowledge with others! I appreciate it and I know others do too.

Best Regards,

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