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Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 10:35:03 GMT

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Although we've seen it coming, I still cannot believe it! No, I don't think this can happen, sorry ;-)

Do you think this means IDL is dead? Even David now goes to Python...

On 05/08/2012 12:08 AM, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,  
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> I am looking for someone who might find it fun, entertaining,  
> interesting, or simply a learning experience to take over  
> the care and feeding of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming.  
>  
> I'm retiring. No, really, this time I'm really retiring. :-)  
>  
> I've been thinking about this for some time now. I've grown  
> pretty cynical and this job is not as much fun as it used  
> to be for me. I'm going to turn my creative energy in  
> other directions. I hope to write more e-books, do more  
> travel, spend more time in the mountains.  
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> Having death touch the family this week is one reason.  
> Publishing my first "real" book, even if no one wants  
> to read it, is another. (Available on Amazon and other  
> outlets momentarily.) I've taken on a larger role in  
> the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, patrolling the wilderness  
> trails near where I live. And I have been talking to  
> a local science group about a larger role in a new tool  
> development effort they are just getting started. This  
> was a big IDL shop that has decided to do all their new  
> tool development in Python. Since I'm pretty much headed  
> that way myself, it seems like a no-brainer.  
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> I leave with a few regrets. I burned too many bridges  
> in my day. I wish I hadn't done that. I wish, once in a while,  
> that I had been issued a diplomatic gene. But, this has been  
> one hell of a lot of fun, too, and that's the part I am going  
> to remember the rest of my life. This community, and this  
> newsgroup in particular, was the best ever. I'm pretty sure  
> it will never be surpassed. I've made many friends here and  
> I will miss all of you, for sure.  
>  
> I'll hang around for awhile, answering questions about

> Coyote Graphics if no one else can. But, I don't think I'll  
> be writing IDL articles for my web page anymore, and I won't  
> be paying attention to this newsgroup each and every minute  
> of each and every day anymore either. :-)  
>  
> My best wishes to all of you. It's been a grand time, and  
> Coyote and I will be hoisting a couple of cold ones soon  
> in your honor.  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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