
Subject: Re: anything new?

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2012 20:01:39 GMT

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On 7/16/12 11:47 AM, David Fanning wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

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>> Well, Coyote "retired".

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> Maybe "finally got a life" is a better description. :-)

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> I've spent the past two weekends cutting fallen trees

> off the trails in one of my favorite wilderness areas

> near here (170 trees cut on 12 miles of trail in the

> past 10 days!). We still have many miles of trail we

> haven't been on yet, so "logger" is on my resume now.

> I'm getting pretty good with an axe and a two-man saw.

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> I've also taken a job with Michael Lefsky in the Center

> for Ecological Applications of Lidar (CEAL) at Colorado State

> University. We are working on algorithm development

> and visualization tools for the ICESAT-2 mission,

> scheduled to fly in 2016. At the moment, we are working

> with MABEL data, which is the airborne simulator data

> for a new photon-counting Lidar instrument to be flown

> on the mission.

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> Although our plans are to eventually write visualization

> tools in Python, it is sometimes too easy to avail ourselves

> of the many advantages IDL offers for fast development.

> When we need a data browser, we need a data browser.

> Sometimes we don't have the leisure to spend two months

> learning how to do this in another language. (And I'm

> pretty sure what I wanted to do with panning and zooming,

> at the speed I wanted to do it, is not yet available in

> Python, anyway.)

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> Michael Lefsky is a long-time IDL user and is committed

> to making the tools we build available to the wider IDL

> community, so my name might pop-up on IDL software

> from time to time. And, of course, this means I am

> committed to maintaining the Coyote Library for a long

> time into the foreseeable future, since all the tools

> we are building currently are built on top of this fast and

> flexible library of routines. The cgGoogleMapWidget

> object-widget I introduced last week is an example of

> this kind of shared development effort. As is the

> MabelBrower itself, which can be found here:

>
> <http://sourceforge.net/projects/mabelidl/>
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> So, I'll still be around for awhile longer, although
> leaving all the heavy lifting to the younger members
> of the newsgroup, who will find that researching
> and answering questions on the newsgroup is the fastest
> method available for becoming an IDL expert. :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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Well, I'm glad to hear you're doing fun stuff... sorry to hear that you
won't be around so much!

-Jeremy.
