
Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.2 released

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2013 23:06:19 GMT

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Wayne Landsman writes:

> I happy to see a new timestamp() function in V8.2.2, but those of using David Fanning's
timestamp() function (
> <http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/timestamp.pro>) need to be careful to avoid a conflict.

To be honest, I see a LOT of things in this new version of IDL that have
been in the Coyote Library for a long time. Always exciting to me to be
recognized (if still usually unacknowledged). ;-)

I don't know if you have noticed, but when you get to be a certain age,
you become invisible to young women (at Starbuck's, for example). This
is the opposite of that. Someone is finally paying attention to what has
been happening for the past couple of years.

I'm reminded of one of my favorite lines in Barry Lopez's story,
Drought, from his book, River Notes:

As deer and coyote sipped from the same tiny pool they abrogated their
agreement, and the deer contemplated the loss of the coyote as he
would the loss of a friend; for the enemy, like the friend, made
you strong.

Anyway, I think borrowing good ideas from the Coyote Library augurs well
for the continued success of IDL. :-)

Cheers,

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Seppure ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
