Subject: Re: 5 Million Page Downloads for Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by Andy Sayer on Wed, 13 Mar 2013 15:21:29 GMT

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Thanks very much for all your time and effort, David! It is definitely what I'd call a 'significant resource'.

Andrew

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:16:30 AM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:
> Folks,
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> I was just glancing at the stats for Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
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> this morning. It seems like only a couple of months ago we were holding
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> a contest for the 1 millionth page download. But, I see we are
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> approaching 5 million now, and this will probably occur while I am
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> trekking in Patagonia.
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> A couple of years ago, Google made a big change in their search
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> algorithm and traffic was knocked down to about 1500 page downloads a
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> day. Now it approaches 3000 most days, and sometimes more.
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> I'm always surprised to see what the most popular pages are. It varies a
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> little bit from day to day, but not much. The Coyote Plot Gallery page
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> is always found in the top two or three now, a relative newcomer who has
>
> pushed the usual suspects around a bit.
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>
>   http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/index.html
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> But, week in and week out, the two most popular pages are the pages that
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> talk about Greek symbols:
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>   http://www.idlcoyote.com/ps_tips/greeksym.php
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>   http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics_tips/lesign.php
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> Followed almost always by the page describing how to create a histogram
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> plot:
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>   http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics_tips/histoplot.php
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> The order varies a bit from day to day, but you can always count on
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> finding these four pages in the top 10 on any given day.
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> Thanks to everyone who supports this work. It's clear that it is a
>
> significant resource to the IDL community.
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")