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Mark Hadfield (m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz) writes:

> And David does it for free!

No, no, ssshhhh. Please, Mark, my wife may be listening. :-)

Which reminds me. I've only been able to spend as much time here as I do because Dick Jackson, my long-time associate, has been chained to a desk writing IDL code night and day. He really is the one you have to thank for all the free help.

Dick has been a huge part of this company's success, but he has decided the time has finally come for him to head out on his own and start his own IDL consulting business. He will be leaving the company and starting his own business on December 13th, his birthday. He will be sorely missed.

One of the joys of the work I do is seeing people become successful IDL programmers. Not many are in Dick's league, to be sure, but we have both learned an awful lot about IDL programming in the two years we have been working together, and we have had a lot of fun doing it. I wish him all the success in the world and welcome him to the tenuous world of IDL programming consultants. May our ranks continue to be fruitful and multiply.

Cheers,

David

P.S. "Life is change," the poet said, but my wife was more to the point. "You'd better get it in gear," she pointed out. So--just so I can mark the box on the unemployment form that says I tried this week--I do make a living by IDL consulting. Just so you know ... :-)

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