
Subject: Re: alcohol correlation...

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Randall Skelton wrote:

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- > "... For example, there may be a
- > high degree of correlation between the number of scientists using IDL to
- > study atmospheric phenomena and the consumption of alcohol in Russia, but
- > the two events are *clearly* unrelated."

Highly irresponsible statement. Requires further investigation. I am applying for a grant from Kodak to conduct a study, and will request matching federal funds :-)

- > While I am not Russian, I can claim that my alcohol consumption has
- > increased since I began using IDL to study atmospheric phenomena 3 months
- > ago... is there a possible correlation here after all?

I think the link is there indeed and is purely physiological. I mean, IDL programming involves brain cells that lie next to those controlling your alcohol demand. The more irritated you are with incomprehensible code, the higher your risk of having a beer. The more beers you have, the more incomprehensible your code looks the next day (but it sometimes works, amazingly enough). I also noticed that those brain cells that deal with objects lie the closest to the beer cells :-)

Cheers,
Pavel

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Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Indeed. My own research efforts have revealed that even IDL object graphics programming makes sense (more or less) after a brew or two late in the evening. :-)

Cheers,

David

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