
Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [meron](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 06:14:25 GMT

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In article <MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

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Don't worry, Dave, there are at least 11 people reading this NG:-)

Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,
meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [plugge](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 07:32:20 GMT

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In article <5B8c6.133\$X3.2384@uchinews>, meron@cars3.uchicago.edu writes:

|>In article <MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com

|>(David Fanning) writes:

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Michael Plugge

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Niclas H M Tylli](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 09:11:58 GMT

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niclas

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [colin](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 09:42:46 GMT

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Colin Rosenthal
Astrophysics Institute
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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Roman Schreiber](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 09:57:09 GMT

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Roman Schreiber

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [richard hilton](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 10:32:00 GMT
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Add me to that list too.

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Posted by [dominik](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 10:42:17 GMT
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>>>> > "CR" == Colin Rosenthal <colinr@toliman.uio.no> writes:

CR> Perhaps it reflects the fact that IDL is so wonderfully written and
CR> documented that nobody has any questions to ask.

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA.

To be sure, I like IDL a lot, but it has many strange features and unexpected behaviours which makes reading this group a vital daily exercise for me. So count me in as a lurker, even though I post occasionally.

- Carsten

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Chris Rennie](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 11:08:25 GMT
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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Vincent Fournier-Sicr\[1\]](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 11:08:28 GMT
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Thanks to all for all the great infos that I find on this newsgroup!!!!.

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Vincent Fournier-Sicr\[1\]](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 11:08:59 GMT
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Posted by [David Welsh](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 13:42:01 GMT
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I am new to IDL and have found this news group very helpful. Please keep

up the good work.

--

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Karsten Rodenacker](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 13:59:38 GMT
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Hmm, interesting thread.

I did not find lurker neither in the idl master index nor on David Fannings pages or even his new book. Is it an undocumented feature or a new chapter in the next edition?

Karsten

Chris Rennie schrieb:

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [sandeep.dalal](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 14:22:29 GMT
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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote in
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> Cheers,
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> David
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I appreciate all the useful information that this newsgroup generates. IDL has always been a great tool but its the added value of all you "regulars" that makes it so invaluable. I must admit that I visit your websites regularly to get all the updates to your library of routines. Its a great learning experience. Thanks.

Sandeep Dalal

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [wilms](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 15:51:52 GMT
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In article <MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com>,
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and yup, Joern at the univ. of Tuebingen is listening to you:-)
No dog, no cat.
and not too many postings since most answers are already there
once the questions cross the Atlantic.

Cheers,

J.

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [steve](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 16:23:33 GMT
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Hey! Keep my dog out of this! ;^) !!!!

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Kenneth Mankoff](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 17:03:59 GMT
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umm... i'm borderline. I think i posted multiple times in the past three months. Not sure. Probably six to ten times a year.

ken mankoff

(Eiger and Lolo are my mutts names)

-k.

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Paul Woodford](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 17:38:04 GMT
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A post with two purposes:

- 1) I usually lurk, with some rare posts thrown in.
- 2) In article <3A713F5E.3385C876@SPAM.ethz.ch>, Niclas H M Tylli <niclas.tylli.ZERO@SPAM.ethz.ch> wrote:

> Is there really any reason to use IDL instead of, for
> instance, Matlab? I like IDL, but that is only because I happened to
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We migrated from Matlab to IDL because IDL handles arrays with more than two dimensions better, has better support for different data types, and supports the Macintosh.

--

Paul Woodford, Ph.D.
Essex Corporation

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Frank Eparvier](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 17:44:37 GMT
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David,

I confess. My name is Frank and I've been a user since 1986.

At times my IDL habit is so bad that I have to use it every day. Of course my synapses are so fried that sometimes I try to start an IDL session by typing "xidl" (only old users will get that one), and try to use !HI and !LO to set my plot range (only really, really old users will remember that).

David, tell your wife that you really do have millions of admiring IDL-head fans, and we're all coming over to your house to watch the Super Bowl this Sunday. Better get extra bean dip! Will David Stern be there?

Now pull that three dollars out of your wallet and go get a latte. The rest of us are too busy lurking...

Frank
p.s. My dog's name is Tess, but she's dead.

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Robert S. Hill](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 18:07:49 GMT
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Hi,

I mostly lurk. I have posted sparingly from time to time, but don't believe I have done so in the last three months.

This is a real good newsgroup, both for tone and for content. The discussion of details by the regular essayists is illuminating, and this is also the place to keep being reminded about all the stuff one can download from the Websites of generous programmers.

-- Bob

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker

Posted by [Harald von der Osten-\[1\]](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 18:26:20 GMT

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no - at least 12 people.. Here is also one guy working with IDL from time to time and who is extremely

happy knowing Coyotes' Homepage and getting his tips and answers - when I am getting more and more

grey hairs sitting in front of the monitor, glancing at my programming code and loosing the feelings for the day and for the night...

Harald

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker

Posted by [Brian Jackel](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 18:34:11 GMT

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It's been a while since I posted anything,
but I read the NG almost daily.

That must mean -gasp- that I'm a lurker!
My parents will be so disappointed...

Brian Jackel

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker

Posted by [rkj](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 23:17:29 GMT

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I am not exactly a lurker but I feel like one most days
because I am 1 of the 4 PV-Wave users who reads this
newsgroup ;-P I read the posts concerning IDL widgets
and objects just to pass the time . . . I really ought to
figure out how to use HISTOGRAM because I could probably
actually use it once in a while.

Kyle

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [mohamed_nur](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 23:28:35 GMT
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Heres one more to add to the list, posted only 2 or 3 times since I found this NG and got great help from the people here, but haven't posted anything in the last 3 months mostly just coming in twice a week to see what people are saying and posting.

no cat or dog

And about the NG's following don't worry its there just a quiet following.
:)

Mohamed Nur
Toronto, Canada
York Univ.

Sent via Deja.com
<http://www.deja.com/>

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Steve Ready](#) on Sat, 27 Jan 2001 00:20:08 GMT
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Steve Ready
Xerox PARC

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Posted by [Chris Bull](#) on Sat, 27 Jan 2001 14:52:37 GMT
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UK based lurking alert

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Posted by [Kristian Kjaer](#) on Sat, 27 Jan 2001 22:14:52 GMT
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I check this newsgroup once or twice a week, and I usually learn something new!
Thanks, gurus and other posters!

Kristian Kjær, Risø Natl. Laboratory, Denmark

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Stephen Serjeant](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 13:08:07 GMT
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Hello David,

I too am a lurker. I also download the stuff I read about here for our department (eg textoidl, curvefit, and many other things) and there are / have been ~10 active IDL-ers in our dept.

Many thanks to all for a very useful and illuminating group

steve

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Gwyn Fireman](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 16:30:19 GMT
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I'm not a lurker, but I play one on TV.

Gwyn

In article <qzuu26mtx12.fsf@antares.astro.uva.nl>, Carsten Dominik
<dominik@astro.uva.nl> wrote:

> So count me in as a lurker, even though I post occasionally.

Sorry, Carsten, nobody who makes such substantive contribution to the
IDL community can be counted as a lurker!

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Wed, 07 Feb 2001 20:54:02 GMT
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I guess I'm not even a very good lurker, because I missed the original
message. I finally got back to catching up on the newsgroup today,
though, and appreciated seeing the whole message in Steve's reply.

I post occasionally, but not recently because I haven't been doing much
IDL work recently.

Phillip

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [George Constantinides](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2001 00:08:43 GMT
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I have posted a couple of times in the last year but I read this newsgroup regularly. I suppose that makes me a lurker.
I have made direct use of tips from Mark Hadfield, David Fanning, Greg Markwardt so thanks guys.
Other people's input has also influenced my programming habits (for the better) indirectly.

I don't have a dog.
I want to add a family picture to this post but it contravenes newsgroup regulations.

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2001 00:42:24 GMT
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Hi David and co,

I've been trying to quit but have relapsed and am lurking again. I've been programming in IDL for 6 years now. Long time ago (no not 18 years!) I posted a very poor emacs hack for wave-mode, which has happily been superseded by people who understand lisp! I now use Windows which ain't soo bad except I miss version control - as does anyone who reads my code! (since like David I suffer from diving in and "improving" stuff on a moments inspiration.)

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> Hi,

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> I mostly lurk. I have posted sparingly from time to time, but don't
> believe I have done so in the last three months.
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> This is a real good newsgroup, both for tone and for content. The
> discussion of details by the regular essayists is illuminating, and this
> is also the place to keep being reminded about all the stuff one can
> download from the Websites of generous programmers.
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