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Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 05:36:48 GMT
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David

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Peter Mason](#) on Sun, 28 Jan 2001 20:55:19 GMT
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Peter Mason reporting for lurking. I have a fish ...?

Peter Mason
CSIRO Division of Exploration & Mining, Sydney, Australia

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<http://www.deja.com/>

Subject: SEC : U Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 02:21:42 GMT
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If Peter Mason's game enough to admit to lurking, then so will I...

But David, I've got two dogs - is that doubly good or doubly bad?

Next time you're in Oz you must try our "Twodogs" alcoholic lemon
cider.

Why two dogs, you ask... ;-)

Andrew Cool

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Posted by [Vincenzo Positano](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 09:14:11 GMT
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Vincenzo Positano - PISA (ITALY)

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Vernon L. Stark](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 13:05:10 GMT
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Yes David, you do have a following. I even pick up a books now and then from yourself and Ronn Kling. Keep up the good work.

Vern

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Posted by [Craig Hamilton](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 16:10:59 GMT
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another lurker,

Craig
Winston-Salem, NC, USA
(no dog, but if I had one, I would name it David)

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [jmcfee](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 19:28:21 GMT
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In article <MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com
(David Fanning) writes:

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...[stuff omitted]...
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I lurk a lot, I post occassionally. My posts always seem to be for help, not to
give it. Being inept at IDL programming is likely the reason.

But it could just be that "I will post no whine before its time".

John (Vectorize This!) McFee

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Renata McCoy](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2001 20:52:31 GMT
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Count me too. This is really great newsgroup!!!
I try to check this newsgroup nearly every day,
I learned a lot from the postings and get new ideas. Unfortunately I am
not using IDL at work anymore :(
- changed jobs, but still want to know what's going on.
David and others - you really are doing incredible job,
thanks! I am sure there is a lot of people checking this group.

Renata

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Paul Krummel](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 04:00:42 GMT
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Another Australian lurker here!
I read this newsgroup daily and post very occasionally!
Love histogram with reverse indices.
We have about 10-15 users of IDL here.
No dog or cat.
Cheers,
Paul Krummel
CSIRO Atmospheric Research

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<http://www.deja.com/>

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Gernot Reishofer](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 11:28:48 GMT
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greetings from lurkers headquarter austria

Gernot Reishofer
TU-Graz

"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> schrieb im Newsbeitrag
news:MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com...

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Posted by [pertti](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 15:45:16 GMT
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Hi, my name is Pertti and I'm an alc..., sorry, a lurker. I have used IDL since 1991 or something, and I read this newsgroup few times a week. I think you, Ronn et al. do wonderful work by answering questions in this group.

Pertti Rautiainen

Astronomy Division
Department of Physical Sciences
University of Oulu
Finland

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [wrb1000](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 18:11:21 GMT
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95% lurker, 5% poster checking in. Not currently on an active IDL job, but still use it for quickie custom graphics manipulations.

-Bill B.

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"They don't think it be like it is, but it do."

Oscar Gamble, NY Yankees

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [rother](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 18:15:09 GMT
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David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:
> tell us where you live. Throw in the name of your
> dog if you feel like really living dangerously.
> Just a note to let us know you are out there.

I found this newsgroup and the discussions very helpfull.
keep them alive, please. thanks for all the suggestions.

(using IDL since moving from PVI Wave in 1994 (?),
now 5.4 on sparc/solaris 2.7 within the powerfull idlwave
emacs-mode..., oops, no dog, no cat)

:-)

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GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam, Germany

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Jeffrey Newmark](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2001 22:51:57 GMT
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I lurk therefore I am....

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Jeff Guerber](#) on Wed, 31 Jan 2001 04:28:22 GMT
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IDL> ship->SetProperty, cloaked=0

I'm Jeff, and mostly I lurk although I have on occasion been known to
actually post, so I guess that makes me a semilurker or something. Live
in Virginia, work in Maryland, no dogs, no cats.

(Even just lurking, the information I've picked up from this group has

been extremely useful. Thanks everyone!)

Jeff Guerber
Raytheon ITSS
NASA/Goddard, code 971

IDL> ship->SetProperty, cloaked=1

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [msienkiewicz](#) on Wed, 31 Jan 2001 05:47:14 GMT
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In article <MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com>,
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Well, I only posted in one thread - does that count?
Oops, delurked, revealed. I live in Maryland and have no pets.
I was in an IDL course Dave taught about 8 years ago and have
used IDL on and off since then. I scan the newsgroup regularly
for tips, and a few laughs...

Meta Sienkiewicz

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Robert Dahni](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2001 02:45:50 GMT
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Another Australian lurker who has the pleasure
of using IDL practical everyday over the last 7 years.

Never succesfully posted (until now?) but always here
to promote the use of IDL, particularly in Australia.

I can claim to read this newsgroup almost daily from TWO
different news feeds (ISP and work) not to miss a message!

Many thanks to all those who post, particularly David Fanning...

Robert Dahni (r.dahni@bom.gov.au)
Bureau of Meteorology, Melbourne, Victoria AUSTRALIA

PS Please take a look at my personal IDL website at
www.metvis.com.au/idl (excuse the business wrapping), you may
find it very useful?

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Thomas Launey](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2001 09:06:35 GMT
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I'm Thomas,
I confess, I also lurk daily but post (very) occasionally, mostly for
help. No dogs, no cat but a no-name salamander.
You gurus make it easier smoothen the learning curve.
(ie: color table-arrays-structure-widget-object.....HISTOGRAM!!! :-)
Thanks

Thomas Launey
Laboratory for Memory and Learning, Brain Science Institute, RIKEN
Saitama, JAPAN
e-mail: t_launey@brain.riken.go.jp

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [hugh_evans](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2001 15:25:04 GMT
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In article <MPG.14dabaddb4dbb4be989d39@news.frii.com>,
davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:
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I confess to lurk. I lurk therefore I might be.

Currently residing at/near 52N 13', 004E 29'. I'll let you try to guess the nearest town.

No dogs, but one cat, who answers principally to "FOOD!!!", and occasionally to "Psyd!" (silent 'P', as in swimming pool). He's black and white.

Been using PVWave for ~10 yrs, IDL for ~5 - fluent in both, still using both. Read the newsgroup sporadically (when time doesn't permit), but always learning new techniques (thanks R. Kling for the intro to DLM). I prefer to use the command line on an OpenVMS system (only reliable OS I've encountered) but being migrated (forcibly) to Unix (one small step for man, one giant leap backwards for kindness to a man - backwards in reliability, maintainability, usability) but relieved that it wasn't windows.

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Ok. here's the latte loot: "\$\$\$", don't spend it all at once.

Sorry, I prefer the term "VMS/VMS" to win/win!

Regards,

Hugh

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Jonathan Boswell](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2001 20:31:51 GMT
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Propagation test... Only joking!

Yes, I am a lurker. My name is Jonathan, but I have no dog. I intend to get married soon, and then I will have a cat "Bucks".

- JB

Subject: SEC : U Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2001 22:01:56 GMT
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snip..

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Hear, bloody Hear!!

Well said, that man!

Andrew D. Cool

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [tastasne](#) on Fri, 02 Feb 2001 06:07:49 GMT
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Thomas, Albuquerque, New Mexico -

What if you've known about the newsgroup for some time, but only chose today to actually check it out for the first time? Lurker? Or perhaps some other term not fit for mixed company?

I've programmed with IDL for ~6 years...

And to what address should we send the \$\$\$s for the 'latte'? ;)

Dr. Thomas A. Spencer
Senior Nuclear Engineer
Air Force Research Laboratory

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Posted by [Evelyn Durling](#) on Mon, 05 Feb 2001 16:53:33 GMT
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Hi, my name is Evelyn and I'm a Lurker too...my dog's name is Alex!

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [marc schellens\[1\]](#) on Wed, 07 Feb 2001 10:04:38 GMT
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As this became a kind of population census,
count me also please. Lurk regulary and post here and then.
And as nearly all others I found this newsgroup VERY
helpful and appreciate it a lot.

I think there are even MUCH more lurkers, as
it took me also some time until I found a postable
news server.

cheers,

:-) marc

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Doug Hart](#) on Wed, 07 Feb 2001 19:39:16 GMT
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Hi,
My name is Doug. I live in Golden, Colorado, and work in Denver. My typical use of IDL is to create some graph for inclusion in a scientific paper. I don't do to much with it otherwise. IDL is one of a suite of programs that I use for creating graphical display. Others include Mathematica, Matlab, and SPLUS.

David, as a lurker I routinely look for your postings in this newsgroup.

Although there is not much I can do to reward you for your work, let me say that I do appreciate the time you take to post informative messages. I bought the first edition of your book, IDL Programming Techniques, primarily based on the quality of your posts to this newsgroup.

Anyway, here is my contribution to your efforts: All, if your are an occasional user of IDL, in my opinion, the best reference is David Fanning's book, IDL Programming Techniques.

Hope this is helpful.

Regards,
Doug

Dr. Douglas Hart
WesternGeco R&D
Denver, Colorado

doug.hart@(REMOVE)westerngeco.com(ME) -- Remove the obvious to email.

Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Fred Walter](#) on Thu, 08 Feb 2001 04:13:26 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> ...

Hi, my name is Fred, and I lurk more than I write (and, as you can tell by this tardy reply, I don't read the

group every day).

I have been a user of IDL since 1981 (on a PDP 11-34). I still use IDL 4.0.1 on a VAX (but not often); my main machines are an alpha/VMS (5.1.1) and a PC/LINUX (5.3).

I have found many useful tricks, hints, and suggestions in this newsgroup. This is where I found David Fanning's book and Craig Markwardt's MPFIT (thanks!).

You can find my contributions to the IDL software at <http://sbast3.ess.sunysb.edu/fwalter/plan.html#SW>

To those who have more to share than I, keep up the good work.

I live on Lawnguyland, NY, and my dog is Cosmos.

Fred Walter

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Subject: Re: Hi, My Name is David. And I'm a Lurker
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Thu, 08 Feb 2001 22:59:54 GMT
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Hi,

I've been using IDL and reading The Group for about eight years, but I've obviously got behind on my reading over the last two weeks!

I put in the occasional posting here and there, usually to nag yet again if anyone would be able and interested to develop a Windows executable (employing Callable IDL, I guess) that acts as a command-line IDL process. If this were available, Windows IDL users can use the *wonderful* Emacs IDLWAVE shell mode. I find the IDLWAVE editing mode to be great, even on its own! Any takers? Please contact me.

Oh, and in our family are Pepper the dog, and the cats Dizzy, Jerry and Robbin! (the cats demanded equal time)

Thanks again to all contributors to this wonderful newsgroup.

Cheers,

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