
Subject: Re: David's new tip articles

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 18 Jan 2003 18:17:05 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Jeff Guerber (jguerber@icesat2.gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:

> I was browsing the new Programming Tips articles on David's web site
> (www.dfanning.com, if anyone is still unfamiliar with this fantastic
> resource) recently, and I was delighted to see my name! ("Storing
> Associated File Variables") Referenced on David Fanning's web site!
> Wow! *Ego meter rises*
>
> Ummm, well, almost my name. Ahem. It's GUERBER, G, U, E, R, B, E, R.
> No, no: g U E R b e r. No, not R U E, U E R. No, U E. There, that's it.
> GUERBER. Right! That's what I said.

Whoops! Sorry, Jeff. :-(

Corrected now. I think when I see "GU" together "GREW" comes to mind immediately. I don't ever get to "GRRR" as the first syllable. Thus, it is impossible to translate from what I "heard" to what I am writing. I think this is a phonics thing, as my wife (who learned to write in Catholic schools) doesn't suffer from this spelling deficiency. She says she "sees" words. I've never "seen" a word in my life.

Names are becoming more problematic in society, I think. I coach tennis at the local high school, and every year we have more and more kids with what are (it seems to me) deliberately misspelled first names. "Kevan" comes immediately to mind. Can you imagine going through life having to say "Kevin, spelled with an "A" to everyone you meet. Only to be given a blank look when the person tries to figure out *where* in hell an "A" should go in "Kevin". Sigh...

Cheers,

David

--

David W. Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

Phone: 970-221-0438, E-mail: david@dfanning.com

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Toll-Free IDL Book Orders: 1-888-461-0155

Subject: Re: David's new tip articles

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Thu, 23 Jan 2003 23:55:30 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

David Fanning wrote:

>

- > Names are becoming more problematic in society, I think.
- > I coach tennis at the local high school, and every year
- > we have more and more kids with what are (it seems to me)
- > deliberately misspelled first names. "Kevan" comes
- > immediately to mind. Can you imagine going through
- > life having to say "Kevin, spelled with an "A" to
- > everyone you meet. Only to be given a blank look
- > when the person tries to figure out *where* in hell
- > an "A" should go in "Kevin". Sigh...

I get a feeling that is because the parents don't know the spelling when they fill out the birth certificate. It is not deliberate. More like, accidental. No, not a problem with the society.

Cheers,

Pavel
