
Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 16:15:21 GMT
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David

I missed the chance to sent more articles as you did yesterday.

regards

Reimar

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 17:00:19 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

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I have not. In fact, I didn't know it existed. Why doesn't anyone ever tell me these things?! Oh, wait.... I think it's because I've only been working with IDL for 3 months or so now.... Anyways, I guess I'm just old-fashioned since I prefer good ol' news over the web forum stuff. Besides, RSI's little forum there wasn't all that aesthetically pleasing and I didn't care for the navigation. Oh, well.

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You did get a rise out of me on one of them, but being the "New Guy"

around here and not quite knowing everyone's personality (and the level of off-topic tolerance), I chose to be nice and keep quiet. ;-)

- > P.S. If you are looking for me, I'll be hanging out in
- > the future at alt.sci.fetish.moonmission.

We're taking this baby to the moooooooooooooon!!!

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 18:03:13 GMT
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In article <MPG.1a71a601ce477b379897a7@news.frii.com>,
David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote:

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Like many stimulants, we have developed a tolerance, so ever larger doses are required to produce an effect.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 18:30:14 GMT
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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> writes:

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Umm, can anyone actually **use** the RSI forum page? It seems like mostly a one-way information conduit: easy to post a new thread, impossible to read them unless you know ahead of time what to look for.

Craig

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [eoraptor](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 19:43:52 GMT
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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.1a71a601ce477b379897a7@news.frii.com>...

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I'm guessing that comment was made tounge in cheek.
If you think it's slow in here, then the RSI forum is a ghost town.
It's probably just a seasonal slow down cycle.

In a thread from January 9, 2004 titled "IDL in 2004":
>>> Anyone care to predict the direction IDL will go this year?
>>> For what it's worth, I've made the move to matlab since I didn't feel
>>> IDL could compete on numerical tasks. Got to say, the idl newsgroup is
>>> more fun than matlab. Well... fun is maybe too strong a word ;)

I was hoping some of the IDL insiders might make some 2004 predictions for fun.

Richard Hoffpauir
Water Resources Engineering Consultant
Bryan-College Station, Texas

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 22:57:58 GMT
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"Craig Markwardt" wrote in message ...

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I voice my opinion on this with RSI every chance I get. I feel that instead
of trying to start a new forum on their site they should actively encourage

participation in this newsgroup. Foster and build the community, don't fracture it. I can't even find a reference to comp.lang.idl-pvwave on their site (although one probably exists somewhere). I would think that a vibrant user group would move product.

And those poor souls who post. They must think the IDL community stinks. Post after post has 0 replies.

Maybe this is done to boost support and consultation revenue? Nah!

-Rick

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [tons180](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 23:12:01 GMT
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Sorry David,

I was off pissing into the wind wondering what kinda of a mo-ran would suck all the science money out of NASA to have a male length contest with the Chinese. (read, "Won't be using IDL anymore since I lost my job to GW's vision.")

spenton

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Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [GrahamWilsonCA](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2004 13:28:26 GMT
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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.1a71a601ce477b379897a7@news.frii.com>...

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Sorry David, it seems you forgot to update your newsreader settings.

The rest of us left the colour table woes behind us and moved to
comp.lang.matlab. Come on and join the party. Please note, however,
there is a 2 drink minimum before posting.

GW

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?

Posted by [mmiller3](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2004 16:01:11 GMT

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>>>> > "Rick" == Rick Towler <rtowler@u.washington.edu> writes:

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> their site (although one probably exists somewhere).

To be fair, typing "forum" into RSI own search link results in
"No results where found." (their spelling) Now I don't really
know what that means, but it does seem to imply that RSI doesn't
even link their search engine to their own forum. So it doesn't
surprise me that they don't reference the newsgroup. Plus it
seems someone didn't proofread the site too well.

Mike

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?

Posted by [the_cacc](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2004 04:21:00 GMT

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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.1a71a601ce477b379897a7@news.frii.com>...

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I emailed mathworks as well one time, there was no "What's your reference number, product code, etc." bull, they just answered my question! I've written to RSI a couple of times with specific questions (of a mathematical nature) and the salesperson replying can't answer so offers to forward my message onto the 'engineers'... who I presume *do* exist somewhere, although they certainly keep quiet.

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2004 13:16:01 GMT
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Remember that everyone here in the NG is jsut a volunteer, while your someone@mathworks.com gets paid 8 hours a day fro helping you. My schedule is getting more and more busy and I find hardly time to read the NG. Also, should you not get an answer (happened to me too), it may well be that your question is so exotic that noone has dealt with your particular issue before.

Haje

"trouble" <the_cacc@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:5f9f0a23.0401192021.456eac5e@posting.google.com...

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Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [the_cacc](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2004 19:25:31 GMT
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"Haje Korth" <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> wrote in message
news:<[buj9mh\\$orq\\$1@houston.jhuapl.edu](mailto:buj9mhorq1@houston.jhuapl.edu)>...

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Sorry, I was unclear. I value this, and other, NGs since it is in fact
the main source of info after the manual. For IDL to ignore it/compete
with it is idiotic!

I meant the the IDL employees could do worse than to read and respond
to messages here before spending another year developing, well who
knows (cares) what latest interface/GUI gunk they've spent their money
on this time.

Subject: Re: What's Happened to IDL Newsgroup?
Posted by [condor](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2004 18:58:20 GMT
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mmiller3@iupui.edu (Michael A. Miller) wrote in message
news:<87vfn8kjlw8.fsf@lumen.indyrad.iupui.edu>...

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I think RSI (is the only institution in the world that) ought to be
allowed to use the word "where" when making reference to any aspect of

the process of searching items in a dataset.

I don't know about "regulars" -- I drop in here when I have a few minutes to kill to see if there's something simple where I can help out someone and there's nothing interesting on my other regular newsgroups (alt.sex.emacs and such). It has to be simple, or otherwise I'm out of my depth immediately. But most of the time the questions here are about some arcana I didn't even know existed (or have been shunning with disgust). I tend to come away with a good new idea here and there but my reading-to-posting ratio is rather large (and it's not because I read here terribly often).
