Subject: Re: Aaaahhhhaaayyyahhhh! Posted by R.Bauer on Sat, 26 Feb 2005 10:00:24 GMT

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David,

this is one of the ten items we should never do.

- 1. DON'T USE !ORDER=1
- 2. Make DAMN sure what you pass to WHERE is a scalar and not an array. ASSUME NOTHING!!!!

While watching the google archive I recognized you have about 9.480 postings till now sent to this newsgroup. What did you do by reaching 10.000?

cheers Reimar

David Fanning wrote:

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> Folks.
>
> There are days (almost always when there are tight deadlines
> on multiple projects) when you just don't need it!
>
> I just spent five hours over two days (and woke up several
 times last night thinking about it) chasing a most perplexing
> bug, only to discover my favorite gotcha at the other end:
>
    Memo to Self: Make DAMN sure what you pass to WHERE
>
    is a scalar and not an array. ASSUME NOTHING!!!!
>
  Who would have thought this:
>
    name = OBJ_CLASS (classname, /Superclass)
>
> would return a 1-element array!? Good thing I've lost
  the key to the ammo case. :-(
>
> Cheers,
> David
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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro. html

Subject: Re: Aaaahhhhaaayyyahhhh!

Posted by David Fanning on Sat, 26 Feb 2005 13:46:03 GMT

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Reimar Bauer writes:

> While watching the google archive I recognized you have about 9.480 postings

> till now sent to this newsgroup. What did you do by reaching 10.000?

Oh, my God, it's embarrassing. And I see that only a third of them have any kind of IDL content. :-(

I think when I hit 10,000 I'll have a big retirement party. :-)

Cheers,

David

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