
Subject: Aaaahhhhhaayyyahhhh!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 16:15:15 GMT

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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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Subject: Re: Aaaahhhhhaayyyahhhh!

Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Sat, 26 Feb 2005 19:19:29 GMT

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"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message news:MPG.1c88fd00f5af7073989943@news.frii.com...

> Folks,

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> Memo to Self: Make DAMN sure what you pass to WHERE

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lol,

I've run into surprise arrays so often that I have been conditioned to do things like

```
print,(reform(2+2))[0]
```

"Reimar Bauer" <R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de> wrote in message
news:cvpgdn\$dd5v\$1@zam602.zam.kfa-juelich.de...

> David,
> 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?

WOW!

I think we should have a grand celebration at the 10 k mark
How about everyone who has been helped by David's posts
over the years sends him a beer. That seems like a reasonable
suggestion, and to help out, I will be more than happy to collect these
beers on David's behalf.

Please send the beers to Bob Stockwell, Boulder, CO, USA
:)

Cheers,

bob
