Subject: Interesting Thesis Topic Posted by David Fanning on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 18:06:13 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Interesting Thesis Topic

Posted by Haje Korth on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 12:15:16 GMT

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David.

why search? Can't you just give us a link? ;-)

Haje

PS: Honestly that results is pretty pathetic.

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An interesting side-story: Anyone who has worked much with image processing and compression algorithms has probably seen the Lenna image. What many do not know is that this was originally a playboy centerfold cropped to show just her head...

http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~chuck/lennapg/lenna.shtml

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