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Posted by [chris](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 1995 08:44:13 GMT

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Posted by [legler](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 1995 13:23:23 GMT

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In article <D38q4J.28J@rockyd.rockefeller.edu>, berger@cao-pc.rockefeller.edu (David Landsberger) wrote:

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> am unsure where to begin. Is there a good book that you guys
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> Any advice would be gratefully appreciated

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> Thanks,
> David

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Posted by [Dr. Erich Brenner](#) on Fri, 17 Feb 1995 12:38:59 GMT

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I'm also trying to learn IDL. Thus I have two questions:

- * Where did you purchase this book?
- * Could you post the ISBN?

Thanks

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