
Subject: Re: One Millionth Visitor

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 18:36:54 GMT

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On Jun 27, 12:57 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
>
> I am on track to have my one millionth page download, which
> I am considering my one millionth visitor because I have only
> been counting page loads for a year and a half, and if you
> multiply by the 12 years my page has been in business,
> I figure why not? Plus, it's neat and I can easily count it.
>
> Anyway, this is *probably* going to occur sometime in the
> wee hours of the morning, Colorado time, and my guess is
> that someone from China or Singapore is going to be the
> lucky winner of the fabulous prizes still to be donated
> by ITTVIS. (I was hoping for a T-shirt, at least.)
>
> It could, possibly, be someone from Australia, in which
> case, I am donating three days worth of free consulting
> for anyone with the cash to send me to Australia (with
> a stay-over in New Zealand) so I can visit my son, who
> is studying there starting in the middle of July. This
> is a prize worth at least \$10K, or something like that.
>
> Coyote will be donating some back copies of his calendar
> library (circa 1956) to the lucky winner.
>
> Looking forward to the big celebration tomorrow!
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

How will you know who it is? You're not spying on us, are you
David? ;-)

Subject: Re: One Millionth Visitor

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:08:39 GMT

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hradily writes:

> How will you know who it is? You're not spying on us, are you
> David? ;-)

Well, uh, that's a bit of a problem, actually. :-(

Coyote's working on a solution that involves identifying a sequence of letters and numbers pasted in front of some scantily clad women. I'll have to check with him to see how that is coming.

Otherwise, I may have to identify the country and let people identify themselves by telling me what page they were visiting around about that time, I guess.

When people find out what the big prize is, I'm not sure there is going to be a huge clamor to be declared the winner. :-(

But, as I say, we are working on that.

Cheers,

David

P.S. My real fear is that the winner is going to be one of the 200 or so people a day who download my Oktoberfest page to ogle the google-searched pretty girl:

<http://www.dfanning.com/adventures/munich/oktoberfest.html>

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Subject: Re: One Millionth Visitor

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 12:42:58 GMT

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Folks,

Yikes! I forgot I was going on a hike early this morning, so no time to REALLY report, but the 1 millionth visitor is from Glasgow, Scotland:

janus.astro.gla.ac.uk

Reading the page "ascii_column_data.html."

I'll perform my Master's of Ceremonies duties when
I get back. My wife is already scowling at me. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: One Millionth Visitor is Astonomer at Glasgow University...

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 14:34:50 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> Yikes! I forgot I was going on a hike early this morning,
> so no time to REALLY report, but the 1 millionth visitor
> is from Glasgow, Scotland:
>
> janus.astro.gla.ac.uk
>
> Reading the page "ascii_column_data.html."
>
> I'll perform my Master's of Ceremonies duties when
> I get back. My wife is already scowling at me. :-(

OK, back from the hike, and I have GOOD NEWS! The
wonderful folks at ITTVIS have offered to provide
valuable prizes for our mystery visitor, IF we can identify
him or her. So, the lucky winner (an astronomer at the University
of Glasgow, to judge from the URL) will get the following
prizes:

1. A free copy of IDL Programming Techniques
2. An IDL coffee carafe
3. An IDL jump drive (of undetermined capacity)
4. An IDL T-shirt signed by the entire IDL team (please
mention your size when you report your identity)
5. Three hours of free IDL consulting via e-mail.

So, who are you? Do any of you astronomy types know of a colleague at Glasgow University who might qualify? We can even do this anonymously if accepting prizes from commercial companies will compromise your integrity with your colleagues or if you prefer not to have your picture splashed all over web-dom. :-)

Let me know.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: One Millionth Visitor is Astonomer at Glasgow University...

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 04:39:00 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> So, the lucky winner (an astronomer at the University
> of Glasgow, to judge from the URL) will get the following
> prizes:

Alas, no takers on my one millionth visitor contest. :-(

Guess I'll keep the prizes for the two millionth user.
Shouldn't have to wait too long. Today was a new one-day record, with over 3200 page loads! (Thanks to a Chinese user who downloaded pretty much everything. Hope he is planning to translate the pages and send me a royalty check every month!)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: One Millionth Visitor is Astonomer at Glasgow University...

Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 14:35:47 GMT

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David,

I've found her! Email should be on the way to you.

cheers,

Ben

Subject: Re: One Millionth Visitor is Astonomer at Glasgow University...

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 14:47:06 GMT

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Ben Panter writes:

> I've found her! Email should be on the way to you.

Hooray! A woman!? Coyote will be excited. He ordered
an extra small T-shirt!

Cheers,

David

P.S. I'll see what I can do about sorting all of this
out. Thanks for your help! :-)

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