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Subject: IDL Adventure!?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2008 13:31:49 GMT

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Folks,

I've just gotten home and I am in the process of updating to IDL 7.0.3. I see there is something there called the IDL Adventure. I can find no information on this on the ITTVIS web page. Does anyone have any idea what this is?

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I've \*always\* thought of IDL as an adventure, if you know what I mean. :-)

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: IDL Adventure!?

Posted by [rklng](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 22:22:21 GMT

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I just updated to 7.0.3 and saw the same message. I typed `idl_adventure` at the prompt and a window popped up with this message.

Welcome to Adventure!! Would you like instructions?

>>> yes

Somewhere nearby is Colossal Cave, where others have found fortunes in treasure and gold, though it is rumored that some who enter are never seen again. Magic is said to work in the cave. I will be your eyes and hands. Direct me with commands of 1 or 2 words. I should warn you that I look at only the first four letters of each word, so you'll have to enter "NORTHEAST" as "NE" to distinguish it from "NORTH". (Should you get stuck, type "HELP" for some general hints. For information on how to end your adventure, etc., type "INFO".)

This program was originally developed by Willie Crowther. Most of the features of the current program were added by Don Woods (DON @ SU-AI). The current version was done by Kent Blackett and Bob Supnik. It is DECUS Program 11-340.

The rehost to a PC, under Microsoft Fortran, was done by Ken Plotkin.  
The rehost to IDL was done by Chris Torrence.

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You are standing at the end of a road before a small brick building.  
Around you is a forest. A small stream flows out of the building and  
down a gully.

Looks like a version of ZORK to me.....

-Ronn Kling  
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Subject: Re: IDL Adventure!?  
Posted by [Greg Hennessy](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 23:39:06 GMT  
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On 2008-07-08, rkling@gmail.com <rkling@gmail.com> wrote:  
> Looks like a version of ZORK to me.....

It's actually a version of adventure. I have a copy of the fortran  
source somewhere on my hard drive.

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