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Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 16:30:15 GMT
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Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Robbie on Sun, 31 Aug 2008 22:25:24 GMT
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G'Day David,

I'm relieved to hear that you're not completely leaving the best
usenet group on the Internet. Our MRI physicist made transition to
Java a few years ago and I have recently started some work extending a
Java DICOM parser (DCM4CHE) to do useful things. I've known Java for
nearly 10 years and I haven't seen any other language which is more
verbose nor easier to understand.

I probably sound like your wife but, exactly how many times have you
promised to stop being an IDL consultant?

Thanks for all your help and for helping my students when I'm a lousy
teacher.

Cheers,

Robbie

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Gaurav on Mon, 01 Sep 2008 06:50:16 GMT
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Dear David,
The way you have been there, patiently bearing my chotic, badly
indented codes-coming up with elegant solutions and "It is already
there on the Coyote website"... will never be forgotten. My MTech
project was a thumping success thanks to your guidance- and it is
mostly due to you that I find myself looking for most of the solutions
to my work through IDL. Humor at work is another thing you taught me,
which in turn has helped me win friends at my new workplace.

I wish you all the very best for whatever you choose to do next. I

guess the time has finally come for me to learn Java too. I am sure
you will make it sound as lucid and lucrative as you did for IDL when
I first began with it.

May God bless you!
Gaurav

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Paul.Bowyer@gmail.com on Mon, 01 Sep 2008 12:46:12 GMT
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David,
It's an enormous loss in many ways. Thank you for the huge amount of
help and insight you have provided. All the very best in your new
venture.
Many many thanks,
Paul

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by jradavenport on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 06:56:19 GMT
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All I can say is "Thanks for all the awesome help". The Coyote is
still the first stop for most of my IDL questions even after 5years

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Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by jm on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 08:38:26 GMT
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David,

Best wishes for all the future incarnations of Coyote. And many
thanks for all the help.

Cheerio,

-John Mardaljevic

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Haje Korth on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 12:25:07 GMT
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David,
just wanted to say thanks for all the support you have given us. Good luck
with your next job.... and if it does not work out, we will be glad to take
you back. :-)

Cheers,
Haje

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news:MPG.2321d1ffc9feed3c98a479@news.giganews.com...
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Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by jkj on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 13:05:40 GMT

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Vaya con Dios, indeed. Quite a legacy of help you have left here.

Best wishes,
-Kevin

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Mike[2] on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 17:21:34 GMT

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Wow David. Your contributions have gone a long way to making this one
of the bastions of high SNR on usenet. Plus they have made their way
into most of our regularly used software around here. Good luck and
thanks for all your help!

Mike
IU Radiology

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by MarioIncandenza on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 17:56:03 GMT
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As one of many people who owe their Ph.D.'s to this newsgroup, your
assistance was dearly appreciated and your contributions will be
sorely missed.

--Edward H.

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Marshall Perrin on Tue, 02 Sep 2008 20:41:31 GMT
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David,

As others have said, good luck on on your new adventure, and you'll
definitely be missed around here. You surely deserve to win some sort
of prize for 'greatest amount of others' science enabled and improved'
over the years. Your library is a treasure and your instructional
articles even more so.

My only wish is that you were transitioning to Python instead of Java,
so you could continue the grand tradition of keeping us astronomers in
line and showing us how we really should've coded things in the first
place. :-)

Cheers and best wishes. Come back and visit!

 - Marshall

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by mikes on Wed, 03 Sep 2008 10:28:41 GMT
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climate change, peak oil and now this
how are we going to invent the future

without the coyote calling
now the sky is falling.

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Henry Roe on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 00:18:19 GMT
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Wow, I hole up on vacation for one week without internet access and
look at the shocks that I come back to.

Good luck David & Thanks.

I'll add this to my long list of reasons I'm slowly transitioning to
python.

cheers,
-Henry

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Mirko.Vukovic[1] on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 20:33:05 GMT
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Mirko

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Colin Paul Gloster on Fri, 05 Sep 2008 10:57:24 GMT
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On Wed, 3 Sep 2008, Henry Roe wrote:

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What are the other reasons?

Cheers,
Colin Paul

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by JD Smith on Fri, 05 Sep 2008 20:32:50 GMT
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There are times in life when there's nothing left to do but pause,
look out at the gray sky, drag yourself up, and drown your troubles in
a beer.

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by jgrimmond on Fri, 05 Sep 2008 23:49:30 GMT
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wrote:

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I never would have thought of this!

First of all, the best of luck.

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a PV-Wave user, your elegant solutions and your
book have made my life far easier. Not to mention
on finding ways to use the HISTOGRAM function to make
better Tandoori Chicken :-)

We will miss you ....

(You have seen my posts from work under my real
name)

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Sad to see you go, David. Best of luck with this new venture, and
many, many thanks for your help and support on the newsgroup!

The place wouldn't be the same without you, so make sure you drop by
from time to time!

All the very best,
Chris

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by Tal on Wed, 10 Sep 2008 07:52:04 GMT
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David,

 Many thanks for your support and help over the years.
your website and book, besides of good humor and patience, helped me
alot during my PhD and later as well.

I wish you a great new start.

Tal Feingersh

Israel

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by karo03de on Fri, 12 Sep 2008 15:58:57 GMT
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David, returning from my long internet-less vacation I found this
news!

One weeping eye considering the loss for the IDL community, but a widely laughing eye for your future work!

I hope and don't doubt for your future work that you will have similar rich experiences as you had with our community.

All the best
Karsten

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by markb77 on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 00:05:42 GMT
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Here's to you, David. Thanks for being our IDL guru!

Mark Bates
Harvard Chemistry Dept.

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Posted by Tom McGlynn on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 15:04:47 GMT
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I go off for a couple of weeks and everything falls to pieces! While
a little belated I'd like to add my thanks for all you have done for
IDL and the IDL newsgroup these many years. I really think this is
one of the most pleasant nooks in all of the internet to work in, and
your leadership has been no small reason for this. I remember a few

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years ago some idiot came into the group and started screaming insults at you and others. Your humorous and non-antagonistic response completely defused what could have -- and in most groups would have -- been an ugly exchange. Things aren't quite so friendly in the Java newsgroups, but I hope to see you there nonetheless!

   Regards,
   Tom McGlynn

Subject: Re: My Last Day on the Job
Posted by plim.dreaming on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 12:53:57 GMT
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WOW!
I definitely want to participate in these acknowledgments!
Thanks David!! If it wasn't for your help my code would still be taking 2 days to run instead of 15 seconds!!!!!!!!!!! And my PhD would just be a dream.

By looking at all these posts I think its safe to say you've made a big difference in many peoples' technology-dependent lives!

Bruno
Astronomy Dept.