
Subject: Why so serious?

Posted by [jigga1206](#) on Sun, 30 Nov 2008 04:45:21 GMT

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Usually this group is deep into vectorization, optimization, and so on... except for David's occasional asides on tennis. However, does anybody have any interesting/funny/random/ IDL code that makes your programs more enjoyable to use? As a VERY simple example:

```
function stupid_error_message
output=['I do not like you', $
       'This program has many bugs, stop whining!', $
       'Are you an idiot?', $
       'Why did you do that?', $
       'Please stop crashing the program!']
return, output[fix(randomu(seed)*5)]
end
```

The output array is sanitized for general consumption, usually I'm a bit more explicit...but you get the idea. I like the option of generating random insults when users cause my stuff to break, though typically it's my fault.

Take care,
frank

Subject: Re: Why so serious?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 04:02:27 GMT

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Andrew Cool writes:

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>
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Well, I never could keep those guys straight. It's the price you pay for going without television all those years. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Why so serious?

Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Sun, 07 Dec 2008 23:33:58 GMT

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On Dec 3, 2:02 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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I bought some 3 Stooges DVDS's for my girls. They roll around laughing their butts off.

There's just nothing like the Stooges these days - it's all anime-style cartoon garbage with precious little humour at any level.

Andrew
