
Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [kidpix](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 09:07:07 GMT
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Well, we will miss you David,
thank you for all.

Have fun with your new life!

Mario

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Dr. Mario D'Amore

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Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 10:35:03 GMT
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Although we've seen it coming, I still cannot believe it! No, I don't
think this can happen, sorry ;-)

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On 05/08/2012 12:08 AM, David Fanning wrote:

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> Cheers,
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> David
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Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 11:05:25 GMT
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On Tuesday, May 8, 2012 12:35:03 PM UTC+2, Fab wrote:

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No, IDL isn't dead, it just smells funny.

Maarten

Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [robintw](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 11:42:15 GMT
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Thank you for all of your help and work on IDL David, it's been so helpful to so many of us.

Good luck in your future endeavours - enjoy your retirement.

Best wishes and many thanks,

Robin

Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by on Tue, 08 May 2012 12:46:51 GMT
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Den tisdagen den 8:e maj 2012 kl. 00:08:17 UTC+2 skrev David Fanning:

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> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Now I'm sorry I came to IDL and this newsgroup so late. Good luck David!

/Mats

Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [zhan](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 13:08:41 GMT
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I'm really sorry to hear this news, however we will miss you, David and thank you for all your work

Best wishes to you and enjoy your new life!

Cheers,
Fan

Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [Martin Satter](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 13:31:22 GMT
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David,

We have heard rumblings of discontent before ... and can only hope that this time (after sniffing around the Python cage) ... you will pull a Farvian-unretire and come back to the fold.

If not, the best of luck, health and happiness to you and your family.

You have been a great asset to us all and will be sorely missed.

MSatt

Subject: Re: Web Site Curator Needed
Posted by [desertdryad](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 19:14:54 GMT
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Wow, not terrifically surprising, but still difficult to believe!

I know you will be sorely missed both here and through the IDL Coyote site.

But, the new gig sounds great. Especially the 'more time in mountains' part ;)

Cyndy
