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Subject: Re: Snarky Comments Affecting Newsgroup  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2012 15:45:53 GMT  
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David Fanning writes:

> I have spent 2+0 years helping people learn more about  
> how to use IDL effectively and efficiently

Sorry, this is the New Math way of writing "20+".

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Snarky Comments Affecting Newsgroup  
Posted by [desertdryad](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2012 16:27:30 GMT  
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David - Well, I for one would like to say, by and large, I have found your comments to be entertaining, vs offensive. It's a newsgroup, after all...  
If I don't like what you have to say, I have the choice not to read it :)

I just don't feel you need to apologize.

Cyndy

On Friday, November 16, 2012 8:43:08 AM UTC-7, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,  
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> This morning it was brought to my attention that  
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> my snarky comments about Function Graphics is affecting  
>  
> the tone of this newsgroup. Since I like to think I  
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> play a large role in keeping the tone of this newsgroup  
>  
> friendly and open, I wish to apologize to any and all  
>  
> I have offended with my comments.  
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> I have spent 2+0 years helping people learn more about  
>  
> how to use IDL effectively and efficiently. When I  
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> struggle for hours and days do to something that has  
>  
> been touted as "simple" or "easy", and then I get no  
>  
> help when I ask for it, I admit it pushes buttons  
>  
> I wish I didn't have.  
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>  
> But, no one pays me to do this job. I've always done  
>  
> it because it is fun and because I truly do like to  
>  
> work with IDL and answer IDL questions. I don't have  
>  
> to use function graphics. I don't have to write about  
>  
> them. And, I certainly don't have to burden you with  
>  
> my snarky comments about them.  
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>  
> I am sorry for all of that. I'm going to make every  
>  
> effort to restrain myself in the future. Unfortunately, I  
>  
> can't speak for Coyote, but I'll do my best to reign  
>  
> him in, too.  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2012 16:38:36 GMT  
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dryad1@gmail.com writes:

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> If I don't like what you have to say, I have the choice not to read it :)  
>  
> I just don't feel you need to apologize.

Well, thanks. Coyote is in charge of the entertainment. I'm not sure I can do much about that, even if I tried. :-)

Cheers,

David

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