
Subject: Why are you still here?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Jan 2014 22:43:17 GMT

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Folks,

Some of you may wonder why the hell I'm still here. I was so discouraged about being able to make a living with IDL a month ago I had pretty much made up my mind to retire at the end of 2013.

But, modest amounts of contributions in December were encouraging. This week I got the biggest contribution ever. Someone essentially sent me the support check he would have sent to ExelisVis, reasoning that for what he did he didn't need the latest version of IDL and that I provided a hell of a lot more support to him than they did. Wow!

So, I'm back in business. For how long, I don't know. Until the money totally runs out, I guess. Or, until a job comes along that is more compelling than this is.

Just thought I'd let you know what even modest contributions can accomplish. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Why are you still here?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 00:07:41 GMT

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When I saw this question, I thought it was going to mean "Why are you (the reader) still here, i.e. in an IDL newsgroup?" I had never heard of the Julia (<http://julialang.org>) language before last week, but since then I've come across multiple references to it as the next hip programming language for scientists. So though I have no plans to give up on IDL, I am feeling a bit unfashionable.

--Wayne

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014 5:43:17 PM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

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Subject: Re: Why are you still here?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 00:18:44 GMT

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Wayne writes:

> When I saw this question, I thought it was going to mean "Why are you (the reader) still here,
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While I was writing the title of the post, the ironic nature of the
question appealed to me. :-)

Cheers,

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