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Posted by rawahranger on Wed, 06 Dec 2017 16:42:12 GMT
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Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by Steve Penton on Wed, 06 Dec 2017 19:56:50 GMT
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No! say it isn't so. :( Thanks for everything David.

Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Wed, 06 Dec 2017 20:09:11 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 11:42:16 AM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

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Hi David, it's been great working with you.  Your IDL programs have been a lesson to me, and I think the IDL world.  Stay in touch.

Craig

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Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by Fabzi on Thu, 07 Dec 2017 09:03:18 GMT
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Dear David,

also from my side, thank you so much for all what you've done or the IDL community and to Coyote for his non-negligible contribution to my PhD ;)

As a PostDoc I have made the transition to Python (the Enemy!) and I don't regret it; but I don't regret the 5 years I spent using IDL and the Coyote Libraries either - I learned a lot!

I think that your website should stay up though, and I hope someone will take over...

Best,

Fabien

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Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by markb77 on Fri, 08 Dec 2017 16:00:22 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:42:16 PM UTC+1, David Fanning wrote:
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David, thanks for everything you've done for the IDL programming community.  I hope that your website will remain accessible in some form, since it is still a valuable resource.

best
Mark

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## Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by Markus Schmassmann on Mon, 11 Dec 2017 16:22:29 GMT
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Best wishes,   Markus

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Posted by natha on Mon, 11 Dec 2017 20:19:27 GMT
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Hi David,

IDL is slowly dying... The group is super polluted with spam and now David's web site will be
down. I can't believe it!

I've been an IDL programmer for the last 10 years and the Coyote's web page has always been a
a good reference. I sill read some of the articles when I don't find a solution to a problem. Actually,
when I Google an IDL question I type:
IDL coyote 'my question'

And I get an answer almost all the time...
David, I think that your web page should be available for some years more or, at least, make the
content available somewhere. I am definitely interested!

Apart from that! Thank you very much for your contribution, code, etc. I (we) miss you!

nata

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Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by o.wyn.roberts on Wed, 13 Dec 2017 08:48:10 GMT

Hi David,

Thank you for all of your work. Your website was (and still is) a very valuable resource for me during my phd and subsequent postdocs. Your website as always the first place I looked if I had any problems. I cannot emphasize how much time and effort you have saved me, and how much I have learned from your website along the years.

Best wishes,
Owen

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Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by Charlie Roberts on Fri, 22 Dec 2017 17:11:06 GMT

On Mon, 11 Dec 2017 17:22:29 +0100, Markus Schmassmann
<schmassmann@leibniz-kis.de> wrote:

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For some reason, I did not get David's post -- do not understand
why it got filtered. Anyway, .....

I too wish the site continues to live ... and grow.

I came to Coyote via PV-Wave in the early 90s. Without
Coyote, the webste and the Guide, I would never been able to
unlock much of the power of the software. Till management
decided not the renew the license, Coyote was a weekly "go to"
in my group. Many thanks to David for all his contributions.

As PV-Wave still seems to be kicking around, perhaps there may
be some interest on that side to pick up the website?

Having retired myself, I understand David's desire to move on.
But, there is much that is valuable, and irreplaceable, on the site
and I really do wish that it does not disappear without trace.

Once again, thanks to David  for all the help, hints and
education. Happy trails.

## Subject: Re: End of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Thu, 11 Jan 2018 21:01:53 GMT
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David,

Thanks for your long service to the IDL community, not only in your role as an IDL trainer back in
the RSI days but more importantly, as a strong advocate for IDL. Even though we sometimes
disagreed about the best graphics system (function graphics, by the way!), your website and
contributions to comp.lang.idl-pvwave were always immensely valuable.

Best of luck in the future!

Cheers,
Chris Torrence
NSIDC, formerly RSI/Harris :-)

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Posted by Haje Korth on Fri, 12 Jan 2018 12:52:30 GMT

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