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Subject: Re: David Fanning's IDL Programming Techniques Book  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 29 Jan 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Mirko Vukovic (mirko\_vukovic@notes.mrc.sony.com) writes:

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- > the stuff in the book was familiar to me, 20% not. Now, David says, that
- > the book teaches you about 80% of the stuff you need to know about IDL.
- > Now, I imagine he knows about 80% of all the IDL stuff. That means that
- > I know only about .8^3 of IDL stuff, or about 50%.
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- > Wish I hadn't bought the thing :-). Ignorance is bliss.

What with all the heavy mathematical traffic on this newsgroup lately, I've been thinking that my personal knowledge of IDL is probably about 50%. Which really puts *your* knowledge at ...

Oh, never mind. Ignorance IS bliss. :-)

Cheers,

David

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In article <34D0B1F9.3FE0@mhl.nsw.gov.au>, DMottershead@mhl.nsw.gov.au wrote:

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- > David,
- > I got your book yesterday (and yes, it is in one peice). It looks
- > great and it has already been helpful in the short time I have had it.
- > Thanks again.
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- > Regards
- >
- > David

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but seriously, the book is a great buy.

mirko

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