
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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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:

>
> 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
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> David

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but seriously, the book is a great buy.

mirko

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