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Posted by [haferman](#) on Fri, 27 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 27 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Wow, this is spectacular! But done in IDL!? No how, no way.

Cheers,

David

P.S. I've known Dan for a long time and always admired both his artistic *and* IDL programming skills, but this seems to take both to a new level. Please, Dan, show us how you did this! It's enough to get me studying that damn Object Reference manual again to see what *else* I've missed. :-)

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Subject: Re: New US dollar coin design generated using IDL
Posted by [steinhh](#) on Fri, 27 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT

Now, I'm not a US citizen, so I can't really "push" this design to any elected official - but I strongly urge people to take a look at the web page - the design is very good, and the images are stunning!

One great thing would be to publish the code, and maybe allow people to add a twist to it - like rotating the thing with the trackball-thing etc. And imagine creating a screensaver with one of these rotating coins floating around!! Makes me proud to be an IDL user.... :-)

Stein Vidar

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Posted by [jsb](#) on Sat, 28 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Posted by [bowler](#) on Mon, 02 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <34FAAC33.47280E70@LaRC.NASA.gov>, Joe
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Not necessarily true. Lots of vending machines I've visited flatly reject SBA's

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> up to the "author's" wish that it 'look to the future'. Consensus
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> is that they respond 'Oh, is that a Moon Landing comemorative?'

Sorry to disagree but as a casual numismatist, I've got to say it's got some nice features, but it's close to one of ugliest coins I've ever seen.

Bruce

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This is clearly getting a bit outside the scope of this newsgroup,
so I'll shut up after this one if anyone asks me to :-)

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Sure, but doesn't this depend on what the future looks like :-?

If no more manned space flights are performed within the lifetime
of the design, then the coin is obviously going to be a Moon Landing
commemorative forever, but if another successful moon/planetary

exploration mission is performed, then this coin would definitely
have been looking to the future since it's creation!

Now, how about putting in a small image of the Carl Sagan
Science Station (AKA Mars Pathfinder), or even better, the
Sojourner rover? It's perhaps difficult (or too late?), but
it should make it clear that this is no moon landing!

Regards,

Stein Vidar

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Sorry, but please keep trying.

Z

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Joe Zawodny

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Subject: Re: New US dollar coin design generated using IDL
Posted by [rosentha](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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On Thu, 05 Mar 1998 14:16:19 -0600,
stephen.gallagher@istar.ca <stephen.gallagher@istar.ca> wrote:

> As far as I understand, the new coin will be the same
> size as the SBA, but it will be gold colored so that
> it is easily identified. The Canadian "Loonie" is
> approximately the same size as an SBA, but is gold
> colored. There is no problem in differentiating between
> a Loonie and a Canadian Quarter.

Except for the blind?? A distinctively milled edge would be a good idea, but
polygonal coin would be even better.

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Posted by [stephen.gallagher](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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BBOWLER@BIGELOW.ORG wrote:

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S. Gallagher

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