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Subject: Re: Age/Experience (was Re: IDL 5.2 reviews?)

Posted by [mgs](#) on Fri, 06 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <71veja\$2t\$1@nnrp1.dejanews.com>, davidf7203@my-dejanews.com wrote:

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Chuckle. I was happy when we upgraded to a MicroVAX. 14 years is my total engineering experience, less than half of that with IDL.

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>> installation came on mini 9-track tapes...before any of this

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And now they're putting the plots on the same screen as the editing terminal. What will they think of next?

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Reminds me of my days as an umpire. Nothing like being a 17 year-old and calling a 19 year-old out on a close play. I seemed to be much more religious in those days.

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And to hell with debuggers. If you couldn't figure out  
what was wrong with your program, what kind of a programmer  
were you!?

> (So why do I need training? My programming experience has been highly  
> discontinuous, and IDL develops features faster than I've been able to  
> learn them.)

Sigh...I hear you there. :-(

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Cheers,

David

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