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Posted by [mgs](#) on Tue, 16 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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have the last year or so available on those.

This brings up something I've been working on over the last few months in
my spare time. I have about 40 MB of unused space on my ISP's server, and
about 8 GB of unused space on my local systems which will be tied into my
ISP in a week or two for local hosting of a few databases and internet
projects.

IDL is the most interesting work to me, but I get requests from time to
time that put me on adventures into other areas, particularly WWW
development. Basically, I've become pretty good at WWW development over
the years, and would like to have a web site that demonstrates that,
rather than the vanilla site I have set up now.

What I'm getting at is I want to set up a full-featured site that is
IDL-centric. I'd love to hear some ideas of things that people would be
interested in seeing. I'm primarily interested in remote sensing, but have
no problems putting things up that focus in other areas.

I've discussed an IDL/Remote Sensing newsletter with a couple folks on the
newsgroup. What other areas are people interested in? Newsletters,
searchable news or articles, product or project descriptions, conversions
of projects to IDL, student graduations, job listings, consultant
listings, conferences, events, satellite launches, etc. Feel free to
respond privately if you'd like.

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Posted by [mgs](#) on Tue, 23 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <36f7806a.11248530@146.80.9.44>, philaldis@geocities.com wrote:

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Posted by [Phillip & Suzanne](#) on Wed, 24 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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My 2 cents worth.

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Subject: Re: Site addition ideas (Re: ids-pvwave archive)

Posted by [mgs](#) on Sat, 27 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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<p david@earthling.net> wrote:

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Great. Care to elaborate on any that you'd like to see prioritized? Any
thoughts on implementation?

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> allow people who are working on projects on their own a way to include their
> projects either as links off of yours, or directly on yours.

That should be no problem. I'm hosting everything myself at the moment, so
web space is not an issue. I had some problems earlier this week that
caused the site to fall off the face of the net that have been corrected.
I'm still waiting for GTE to upgrade the outgoing speed. I understand the
best connect speed to my site is currently around 8K/sec. It should go up
to 40K as soon as they upgrade it.

What are the various ways to download an entire site? I know FTP clients
(XDir on UNIX, cuteFTP on PC, Fetch, Transit, Anarchie on Mac) can tunnel
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there other needs besides FTP and HTTP access?

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> web page for that, while a different person might deal with the ins and outs
> of reading medical images, while I personally might focus on reading and
> writing HDF data.

Sounds great. I'd love to see that happen. I'll set up a form to easily
link or upload articles.

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> thing could then be loaded onto private intranets, so much the better.

I'll get it going here in the next couple weeks. Projects call at the moment!

Thanks for the feedback.

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Subject: Re: Site addition ideas (Re: ids-pvwave archive)
Posted by [mgs](#) on Tue, 30 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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> extremely reliable.

No need to email it to me. I'm just trying to determine if there are other ways besides HTTP and FTP to download a site, or if I should have cron create a daily .tgz (tar'd and gzip'd) file to be placed on the site. I think I'll do the latter and have it linked to both http and ftp locations. Any complaints about that?

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> contribute something on my current field of IDL expertise, which is
> well..... not much really. Although I am currently writing an
> object graphics environment which uses direct graphics to display.

This'll be interesting to see it take shape over time.

Thanks for the comments and ideas.

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> community.

Let me second that comment.

> My idea for Mike is to include an email list of IDL users with
> their area of expertise, such as mathematical routines, plotting, imaging,
> GUI's, object graphics, IDL projects worked on, etc.

Good idea with one caveat. Putting an email address on a website is an open invitation for spam. Everytime I post the FAQ I get to look forward to dozens of unsolicited emails. I'll put a reminder of the downside of listing an email on the page(s) that handle that.

> In some ways, this is
> as useful as a open library of IDL subroutines, and might be easier than
> scanning Dejanews.

I was pondering this on a drive this morning. Lots of people have a small library of routines that they use in-house but have not put them in an accessible library. A simple means of uploading or linking files (.pro or .sav) into a common site, ought to increase the availability of routines. It would be searchable of course, and sortable by author, routine name, routine type, keywords, etc.

> Also, as a collabration, certain subscribers such as
> myself, have IDL maintenance/support and can forward *relevant* community
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> Good luck with the site and keep us posted.

Will do. Thanks for the ideas and encouragement.

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Good luck with the site and keep us posted.

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-----== Posted via Deja News, The Discussion Network ==-----

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