

Gone Surfin'

COMMENTARY



Sometimes I sit down to write and the words just flow from my fingertips to the waiting keyboard. Each word, each syllable, falls smoothly into place like the gears of a well-lubricated, synchromesh transmission. This is not one of those times.

For almost three years I have been guiding *AIXpert* magazine, working with authors and communicating with our readers. We've put out a magazine each quarter packed with useful information to help programmers deal with the sometimes daunting task of writing applications for a very powerful and flexible operating system. We've helped with migrating to AIX 4, getting the most out of high availability systems, exploiting object technology, and optimizing databases, to name just a few of our topics. Putting together each issue has always been a challenge, but the rewards were great. From the warm reception that each issue received from our readers, we always knew that we were on the right track and the result was worth the effort.

But this issue is my last issue. For many months I have been doing double-duty as editor of this magazine, and also as editor of the online World Wide Web pages that support solution developers on all of IBM's platforms. I leave *AIXpert* to devote my full efforts to the Web pages. So, the next time you're out surfina' the Web, please come visit me at URL:

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But before you do, tarry awhile over the pages of this issue of *AIXpert*. Learn about animation techniques using X-Windows' double buffering extensions, compare threads programming on AIX with OS/2 Warp, or better understand how to choose OO tools. Find out how to balance response-time critical applications with throughput-oriented programs running on the same system, browse through our Question and Answer section, or find your niche in one of the other interesting articles. You are sure to find something in this issue that is worth your time (and ours).

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