



Saturday, January 3. 2009

Seven Things: Chained To Infinity!

Thanks to [Rob Allen](#), I've been tagged in this chained blog posting phenomenon so here's my 7x7 to preserve my good fortunes for this coming year and stave off bankruptcy or whatever could happen if I don't 

Seven random/weird things about me:

- I don't have a formal Computer Science degree, in fact I studied Commerce originally (Honors!) and Computer Science as a sideline.
- My first programming experience was copying BASIC code from adventure books typed into a Commodore 64k a few centuries ago. I still have the Commodore - and it's still operational!
- My first frequent activity on a real PC was playing Duke Nukem 3D.
- My most recent physical defect is a scarcity of hair which started during 2008. I blame Dad. I hear he blames his Dad. Pretty sure that goes back a ways 

- I write sci-fi/fantasy short stories in some of my free time.
- Contrary to the Irish stereotype, I am not frequently intoxicated as some have suggested. That's just a vile rumour with absolutely no concrete evidence anyone who wishes to continue living can produce.
- I first learned PHP to contribute to a game called Solar Empire in 1998.

To avenge my own tagging, I'm taking out my ire on the following victims:

- [Travis Swicegood](#) since he wrote the first published GIT book and made me pay cash to read it
- [Jurrien Stutterheim](#) for volunteering to assist developing Zend_Feed_Reader (no good deed goes unpunished!)
- [Tobias Gies](#) for smugly pointing out spelling errors on my new online book!
- [Bill Karwin](#) whose contributions to Phing power the Docbook automation of the book
- [Thomas Weidner](#) who lets me safely use Gaelic characters in my ZF applications and insulate us all from the Anglic hordes.
- [Jani Hartikainen](#) since he said nice things on Twitter, and that surely can't pass without punishment!
- [D.J. Capelis](#) who I just reconnected with over Twitter - been years since we were active members of the old Solar Empire browser game developer community.

The rules according to Mr. Allen:

Link your original tagger(s), and list these rules on your blog.


Share seven facts about yourself in the post - some random, some wierd.

Tag seven people at the end of your post by leaving their names and the links to their blogs.

Let them know they've been tagged by leaving a comment on their blogs and/or Twitter.

Posted by Pádraic Brady in Irishisms, PHP General, PHP Security at 02:06

Heh. Looks fun enough. How about I post my reply to this in say, two months though... I wrote part of an entry and everything and put it on my calendar. I'd do it now, except I'm more or less keeping my blogging pretty restrictive for the next two months for stupid reasons I don't particularly like, but might actually matter.

Self-censorship is so unlike me most times too. 

Anonymous on Jan 3 2009, 07:14

You should come to the PHP London conference in Feb and then we could have a drink or two...

Regards,

Rob... Anonymous on Jan 5 2009, 08:49