

## Re: Surrogate factoring, theory versus implementation

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David C. Ullrich <[ullrich@math.okstate.edu](mailto:ullrich@math.okstate.edu)> writes:

> On 23 Jan 2005 08:51:42 -0800, [jstevh@msn.com](mailto:jstevh@msn.com) wrote:  
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>>[...]  
>>  
>>*First thing with a young theory with an implementation that doesn't  
>>behave as expected is to check the theory!!!*  
>>  
>>*Maybe it's just wrong.*  
>>  
>>*I've checked the theory, and it's not wrong.*  
>  
> *You really have no idea how awesomely hilarious this is?*  
> *People all over the planet are rolling on the floor right*  
> *this second.*

You exaggerate. No one laughs so hard at reruns.

"Sorry, wakeup to the real world. You're on your own dependent on me as your guide. Luckily for you, I'm self-correcting to a large extent, so if the proof were wrong, I'd tell you. It's not wrong."

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"Demons were like genies or philosophy professors---if you didn't word things /exactly/ right, they delighted in giving you absolutely accurate and completely misleading answers."

-- Terry Pratchett, /Wyrd Sisters/