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Subject: Re: Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming Update  
Posted by [Kevin Ivory](#) on Tue, 22 Sep 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

> I've been feeling awfully guilty lately about my web page,

expectances are getting high? When I look at your web pages,  
I get the feeling of reading one of the best maintained FAQs ever.  
Why don't you simply call it so?

I know you are already expecting my usual "drop the FOR loops" comment  
to your pages. Here is a small one for

[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/sort\\_columns.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/sort_columns.html)

You write:

```
FOR j=0,2 DO data[j, *] = data[j, sortIndex]
```

The same is easier without the FOR loop:

```
data = data[*, sortIndex]
```

Thanks for the wonderful summary of tips. With all those objects tips,  
I figure I should soon be able to figure out what an object is. ;-)  
(Or perhaps I'll just wait for your next book.)

Best regards,  
Kevin

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