
Subject: Re: Interesting Rant

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- > Because loop operations are so slow, there's been a strong incentive to
- > provide ways of avoiding them, by making vector operations fast.

I'm sure this is still backwards - this is how I see it:

- vector operations are needed for their power of expression
- IDL exists for this reason, and incidentally, makes them fast
- loops turn out to be slow because IDL is interpreted
- this is of secondary importance, because they're rarely necessary in

IDL

regards,
Greg
