
Subject: Re: FOR loops removal

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 20:14:46 GMT

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Chris writes:

> IDL for loops are slow because the part of IDL
> that interprets your file a fast but crotchety old man who can't hear
> you very well and may not even really be listening. Any time you tell
> him to do something, it takes him a while to interpret what you just
> said - much longer than other, less crotchety men. Once he figures out
> what's going on, however, he's plenty fast (especially if you tell him
> to do something that he was already designed to do, for which he has
> been well optimized). Good vectorization, then, minimizes the number
> of instructions (e.g. iterations in a loop) while maximizing the
> amount of work to do with each instruction.

I think this is a transparent attempt to characterize certain
persons on this newsgroup and I deeply resent it. :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I would type a smiley face, but my
feelings have been cut too close to the bone. :-)

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
