Subject: Re: FOR loops removal Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 20:14:46 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

## 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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