
Subject: Re: advise for saving a for-loop
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2009 16:50:18 GMT
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Posted by [Bernhard Reinhardt](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2009 09:21:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: advise for saving a for-loop
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2009 14:12:38 GMT
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<wirdseltengele...@freisingnet.de> wrote:

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Why don't you generate one for msg_x and li_x using the technique you have, another for msg_y and li_y, and then multiply them together? That'll save the for loop, if you can afford the memory of having an extra 2D array sitting around.

-Jeremy.