Subject: Splitting large for loop over multiple processors
Posted by joellama on Wed, 09 Mar 2016 10:40:44 GMT
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If anyone has any tips I would really appreciate it.

Subject: Re: Splitting large for loop over multiple processors
Posted by Jeremy Bailin on Tue, 15 Mar 2016 15:30:56 GMT
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On Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 5:40:50 AM UTC-5, Joe Llama wrote:
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I'd suggest Michael Galloy's library:

http://michaelgalloy.com/2015/05/26/a-simple-multicore-libra ry-for-idl.html

-Jeremy.