

Perl 6.d (Diwali)

Coming in 2018

New in 6.d: Thread-Safe, Atomic Operations

We now have a new type—**atomicint**—and a new set of atomic routines for it. Atomic operations can be safely performed from multiple threads at the same time, without any locking. The new functions are **atomic-assign**, **atomic-fetch**, **atomic-fetch-inc**, **atomic-fetch-dec**, **atomic-fetch-add**, **atomic-fetch-sub**, **atomic-inc-fetch**, **atomic-dec-fetch**, and **cas**.

Unicode lovers rejoice! These are also available as fancy-Unicode operators that use ☉ U+269B ATOM SYMBOL: infix ☉=, prefix ☉, prefix ++☉, postfix ☉++, prefix --☉, postfix ☉--, infix ☉+=, infix ☉-=, and infix ☉-=

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# Regular ops: not thread safe! Wrong result!
my int $total = 0;
await start { for ^20000 { $total++ } } xx 10;
say $total; # OUTPUT: «188758␣»

# Using atomic operations: thread-safe and correct
my atomicint $atomic_total = 0;
await start { for ^20000 { $atomic_total☉++ } } xx 10;
say $atomic_total; # OUTPUT: «200000␣»
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