
Subject: Leaking memory when spawning
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I have an IDL routine that repetively spawns a DOS program in a WinNT Dos window. I see in the task manager that each of these WinNT DOS sessions takes up 200K of "Mem Usage" and 2636K of "VM Size". Immediately after the spawned program completes the command shell window closes.

After each iteration, however, each of these sessions is still listed as a process named NTVDM.EXE in the Task Manager. Eventually I run out of virtual memory, and the program crashes. How can I get each of these spawned commands to release all its memory when it is done?

Cheers,
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