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Subject: IDL falls to sleep!

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One of my programs is generating large data arrays which is saved to file using the ordinary "save, [filename], [variable]" command. The program has worked excellent, but yesterday something strange started to happen; after saving a few arrays IDL went into sleep mode (according to the UNIX "top" command) after writing 4 bytes to file. Nothing happened (I waited several minutes), and IDL did not respond to ctrl-c, but had to be brutally killed. I started IDL once more, but the same problem showed up once again; IDL fell to sleep when saving (not the same file as last time!). I repeated this several times, but every time with the same result.

Is this a problem caused by my code, by IDL or my UNIX alpha station?

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