
Subject: Re: Memory Leaks

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> Its important to realize that the type of memory leaks that can happen
> in IDL (barring internal IDL bugs) ...

I should point out that we had some trouble with what appeared to be an internal IDL memory leak. We were using IDL 5.1 (under NT 4) as control and data aquisition software on processes that ran for several days. We were finding that as time progressed the memory available to the PC was slowly dropping until the machine crashed (taking ~ 18hrs to eat up 100+Mb of memory). Although some of this memory leak may have been due to programmatical errors, a significant amount of the memory was not released when IDL was closed. The only way to recover the memory was to reboot. I suppose it is possible that this was due to an error in Windows, however NT 4.0 has a fairly good reputation in these matters (I'm sure many MS bashers would disagree there though).

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