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Subject: Re: IDL opinions

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In article <7JUN199412145303@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov> isaacman@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov (Subvert the Dominant Paradigm! (301) 513-7769) writes:

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> I agree with Bill's post. However, I would add the caveat that one area

> in which IDL has problems is memory management. You can get bitten by

> memory fragmentation if you are manipulating many large arrays.

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> Rich Isaacman

Someone else mentioned, this, but it cannot be said enough. IDL handles memory very well, and fragmentation is more a result from the operating system. If you are really using huge data sets, using `assoc()` may help your problem (since it uses no memory space (theoretically) and is bloody fast. Like any other language (okay, most) you just have to do some memory management in your code. Not a big deal, and I would venture to say that it is MUCH easier in IDL than most languages!

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