
Subject: Re: Lose control of IDL window

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 25 Jan 2001 12:13:04 GMT

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Med Bennett (mbennett@indra.com) writes:

> I think it's crazy, though, that IDL doesn't give you any way of killing an
> out-of-control process. I have had situations where I have made a programming
> error that resulted in an infinite loop, and there was no way short of killing
> IDL to get out, thus losing (possibly) unsaved work. Way back in IDL 4.x (?)
> you could do a Ctrl-Break or something that would save you in such cases, but no
> longer.

Windows processes can be interrupted with a Control-Break.

But, of course, there are things you can interrupt and things you can't. An infinite FOR loop is trouble because the FOR loop is treated as a single command by the IDL compiler and IDL only checks for interrupts at the *end* of each command. In this regard, it doesn't matter whether you are running a Windows version or a UNIX version!

Cheers,

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