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Subject: Re: How do I free memory?

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In article <GEOMAGIC.94Jul12152036@moe.seismo.do.usbr.gov>

geomagic@seismo.do.usbr.gov (Dan O-Connell) writes:

> In article <1994Jul12.152415.23858@noao.edu> eharold@corona.sunspot.noao.edu (Elliotte Harold) writes:

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>> 4. a=0

>> 5. topx still says IDL is using 39 megabytes.

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>> When I free an array how do I get IDL to give up the memory it

>> grabbed to get the array in the first place? I think IDL can reuse

>> the 39 megabytes if it needs it but I'd like to make that memory available

>> to any other process running on my machine, not just IDL.

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> Delvar deletes variables and deallocates their memory.

Yeah, but, remember that calling delvar *also* erases the main program you have running. Just a quirk I ran into playing around with it a couple of days ago myself.

This may or may not be a problem. In any case, putting delvar in a program seems to be a pretty bad idea, as the program erases itself...

Or, is there a way around that? Anybody?

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