Subject: Re: How do I free memory?
Posted by steinh on Wed, 13 Jul 1994 08:52:14 GMT

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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:
|> [..]
|> >   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.
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But this doesn't really give the memory back to the operating system.
The problem is in unix, and has nothing to do with IDL. Any other program
using large memory chunks has the same problem.

So, no cure is available (under UNIX, that is).

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