
Subject: Re: How do I free memory?

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

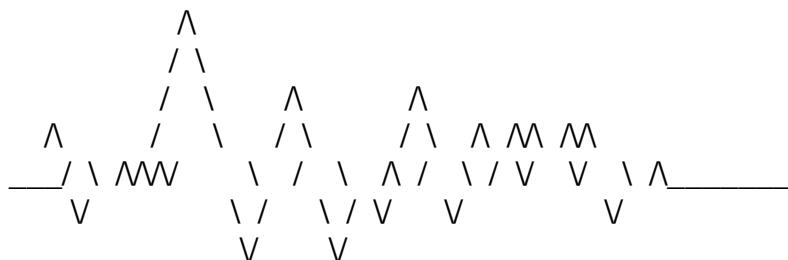
> Here's the problem in brief.
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> 1. Start IDL
> 2. a=intarr(320,256,200)
> 3. In another window the Solaris program topx tells me that IDL
> is using about 39 megabytes, approximately correct for the array.

3.b delvar,a

> 4. a=0
> 5. topx still says IDL is using 39 megabytes.
>
> 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.

Delvar deletes variables and deallocates their memory.

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