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Subject: Re: IDL Memory Leaks

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Myron Brown wrote:

> ... I know memory is leaking because the  
> Windows task manager indicates that my IDL process is consuming more and more  
> memory as time goes on. Of course, IDL doesn't realize this (i.e. HELP, /MEMORY  
> indicates no increase in memory usage).

This sounds like it could also be a memory fragmentation problem. One possible test and/or remedy for this would be to assign one huge chunk of memory at the start of the IDL session:

```
void = BYTARR(VeryLargeNumberOfBytes, /NOZERO)  
DELVAR, void
```

RSI has a Tech Tip about this topic at

[http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip\\_id=533](http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip_id=533) ,

and there is also a Tech Tip on HELP, /MEMORY versus Windows Task Manager at

[http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip\\_id=1677](http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip_id=1677) .

Cheers,  
Jaco

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