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Subject: Re: Proper pointer cleanup question

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"Paul van Delst" <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> wrote in message  
news:3E93649D.C9FBEBAA0@noaa.gov...

> JD Smith wrote:

>> Another option is:

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>> heap\_free,a

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>> which will accomplish the same as #2 (avoiding a memory leak), and is

>> only slightly slower. When you're feeling truly lazy, it's quite a

>> blessing. You have no flexibility to pick and choose what to parts of

>> a data structure to free, but often this isn't an issue.

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> Wha..? Is that another one of those undocumented IDL routines? It works on  
my current

> version, but bugger me if I can find it documented anywhere.

It's in the 5.6 documentation, which says it's been in the language since  
5.3.

But I'd never heard of it either.

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