
Subject: Re: Question on IDL Error: Unable to free memory: from array descriptor
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2003 14:41:39 GMT
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Ken Knapp (Ken.Knapp@noaa.gov) writes:

> I have recently upgraded to IDL 5.6. I have searched the web and this
> newsgroup (thanks to google) for an answer and have yet to find
> anything. I have used IDL for ~8 years and have never run across this
> problem until now and it happens so frequently to me, I am surprised
> that it doesn't affect others.
>
> PROBLEM:
> When processing satellite code, sometimes IDL bombs out with the
> following message:
> Loop over image
> % Unable to free memory: from array descriptor.
> Interrupted system call
> % Execution halted at: PROC_TAU 1634
> /home/kknapp/work/lib/idl/goes/gasp9.pro

This is a new one to me. Too much memory on that machine, probably. The programming gods sometimes do this as punishment for hubris. :-)

Cheers,

David

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