## Subject: Re: Extremely Strange Program Behavior Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 25 May 2004 17:54:48 GMT

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## Rick Towler writes:

> Just out of curiosity, what processor is in this new machine?

Well, I'm just borrowing this machine, really. But it is a Dell 8300 with a 3GHz Pentium(R) 4 CPU processor and 1GByte of RAM.

I can't tell if it is because I am installing old software on it that is causing it to hang more often, or what. But I have definitely had the ol' Task Manager out more often than I did with my old Windows 2000 Pro machine.

The machine came directly from the factory, and I immediately downloaded all the Windows updates that were required before installing any software. Maybe I did that in the wrong order. :-(

The IDL thing, though, seems to be unrelated. It is extremely reproducible and I spent a day going completely through the code to see if I had done something unbelievably stupid. (Likely, but I sure didn't find it.) What do you do with a program that works perfectly, cleans up after itself, but won't run again unless you give it a fifteen minute coffee break? I've heard of union rules, but this is ridiculous. :-(

Cheers.

David

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