
Subject: Q: Efficient Memory handling and deallocation
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I handle quite a bit of data, and I have been using the "save" and "restore" routines to manage them. It seems that IDL takes quite a bit of time to deallocate a variable when a new one is read in over it (I create a huge data structure, and "save" it, to be "restored" later). Further, it seems that after I have dealt with the data in the variable, and I would like to deallocate it (by setting the variable=0), the memory does not get freed up.

Suggestions?

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