Subject: Re: Why IDL needs Garbage Collection Posted by Dick Jackson on Thu, 21 Jul 2005 18:40:36 GMT

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"JD Smith" <jdsmith@as.arizona.edu> wrote in message news:pan.2005.07.20.21.24.42.658685@as.arizona.edu...

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> IDL pointers are great. [...]

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- > This is why RSI needs to implement a simple but effective garbage
- > collection paradigm in the next version of IDL. Anyone agree?

(Just to clarify, the issue here is "Why IDL needs *Automatic* Garbage Collection", as we do have manual Heap_GC as you point out)

Absolutely. I did a lot of work using LISP some years ago, and I recall how often I could breeze through some programming tasks without having to worry about the cleanup. It makes for more carefree (not careless!) work.

I'm with you on this, JD.

For anyone who wants to read a nice article on the issue: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garbage_collection_%28computer_ science%29

Cheers,

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-Dick

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