
Subject: RE: System Resources ???

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Jim Brown <jtb@cdc.noaa.gov> wrote

> I am a bit concerned with how IDL handles the allocation of
> system resources. Things evidently are not being freed up
properly... <CUT>

I believe once IDL grabs memory from the OS, it cannot be returned until
the IDL session exits. However, you can free up the available memory
within IDL by reassigning a large array to an integer:

```
ARR = DBLARR(1024,1024,1024)
```

```
<do your work here>
```

```
ARR = 0
```

I'm sure there is more to this story, but I hope this helps.

-Bob

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