
Subject: Re: System Resources ???

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

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> Hello all,
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> I have been digging through the IDL Manual to find some information
> on Memory Allocation, but I am having trouble finding the
> answer to my question:
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> I am a bit concerned with how IDL handles the allocation of
> system resources. Things evidently are not being freed up
> properly (or I do not know how to free up memory properly).
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This has come up a number of times, and it might be answered in detail in IDL's FAQ. But the basic gist is that the problem is not within IDL but involves the way that the UNIX operating system allocates memory to a program. Once the program allocates memory, it won't give it back to the OS. Hopefully some people will answer this again who can give you more details.

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