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Subject: Locked-up workbench: ctrl-C doesnt work  
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More than half a dozen times today my students managed to irretrievably hang the IDL workbench.  
They were running a while loop within their program.  
No syntax error was issued, but when they ran the program it would not execute.  
And the idl command-line prompt went grey.

ctrl-c did not get them out of this state  
reset perspective did not get them out of this locked-up state

I wish I could give you more hints, but its unclear what is causing this problem.  
It is not an infinite loop.

Out of desperation they killed the workbench entirely by clicking on the little close x for the window.  
And then went to Windows XP task manager and killed the idl task.

Has anyone else noted this problem?  
Is there another method of getting IDL out of a locked-up state?

Thanks,  
Elisha

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