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Subject: Re: direct graphics or object graphics ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 14 Jun 2008 12:43:23 GMT

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Bill Triplett writes:

- > On the machine I'm rendering on, this wouldn't be a problem except that
- > IDL does not seem to relinquish that memory after the view has been
- > rendered and the objects destroyed. Its only after the IDL process quits
- > that the memory is recovered by the OS. This seems contrary to the way
- > IDL manages its heap.

It is contrary to the way IDL manages its heap, but the heap is already in process memory anyway. But not relinquishing memory is standard operating procedure, as far as I know, for any program written in C and using malloc and free to allocate and free memory.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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