
Subject: Re: Do we need PTR_FREE anymore?
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 15:52:54 GMT
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On Jul 29, 7:33 am, Chris <beaum...@ifa.hawaii.edu> wrote:
> My guess is that IDL periodically checks for reference-less heap
> variables and frees them, in which case there is a "limbo" period for
> such objects. If some piece of code is creating and destroying lots of
> heap memory (in a long loop, e.g.), then maybe it makes sense to clean
> up manually?

That is one possible implementation. But they could also be erased at the moment their reference count reaches 0, which to me seems to be the case in IDL, judging from the help on the garbage collector.
