
Subject: Re: Do we need PTR_FREE anymore?
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:29:30 GMT
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On Jul 30, 1:07 pm, James <donje...@gmail.com> wrote:
> Wlandsman, that example doesn't sound particularly obscure to me -- it
> seems like it could come up frequently when dealing with linked data
> structures.

I notice that early versions of Python had the same limitation, but
since 2.2 (I think) it can handle the case where 2 pointers reference
each other.

>
> It's a little unusual that IDL has added garbage collection but kept
> manual memory management intact. Most languages only offer one or the
> other. It's pretty unusual for a language as high-level as IDL to
> have manual memory management at all.

The manual memory management was introduced back in 1997, and they
seem to have made a strong effort to keep backwards compatibility. --
Wayne
