Subject: IDL invoked by cron, turning into zombie (hanging, not crashing)
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IDL People,

This could easily be some sysadmin-type issue on my system, but I
wanted to find out if anyone had observed this behavior. I have a cron
job that runs an IDL script every six hours. From time to time, it
seems, the script does not complete. This would mean my script has a
problem, but what's vexing here is HOW it does not complete:
   -- no errors;
   -- IDL doesn't exit;
   -- what's really bad: the license is not released.

The last two are "inconsistent with my expectations" (read: WTF) for
non-interactive jobs with IDL.

Anyone else experienced this type of problem?

--Edward H.