
Subject: Re: Re. MEMORY MANAGEMENT

Posted by [David Foster](#) on Wed, 23 Apr 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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John Slavich wrote:

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> Hello newsgroup,
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<snip>
> Does anyone have a good idea of how I can clean the heap memory within
> the widget without having to restart IDL?
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Check out the new procedure HEAP_GC to do garbage collection on heap variables. First, though, make sure you're freeing your pointers!

> Since I'm writing this, I have another "simple" question. Is there any
> way to change the black background of a plot window?

If you want to use a different drawing color for the background of the plot (useful if you have a predefined color table that you don't want to mess with), you can use

plot, x, y, background=255, color=some_color

You probably want to set the foreground color also, in case !p.color is 255!

Dave

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