
Subject: Re: Clear everything in IDL?

Posted by [Alex Schuster](#) on Tue, 23 Sep 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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Matthew J. Sheats wrote:

> I've tried this.. unfortunately (In windows NT anyway.. I haven't
> tried else where) It does not seem to actually release the memory as
> such.
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> Internal to IDL, it may mark that region of memory as freed, but
> Windows never receives that memory back until IDL is closed. It would
> also appear that any additional memory allocated doesn't utilize this
> memory which idl has already allocated, but instead pulls more off of
> NT's heap.

You're right! The IDL FAQ has a topic covering this. Have a look at
http://ww2.sd.cybernex.net/~mgs/idl_faq.html#T27

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