
Subject: IDL and the RAM memory

Posted by [txominhermos](#) on Wed, 07 Jun 2006 16:26:18 GMT

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Hello group!

I am doing some test to know the capabilities of IDL 6.0.1 in a Computer with 4 Gigabytes of RAM memory.

The program charges images of 203 MB (213,479,424 bytes). In the fifth image IDL stops the program when...

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ENVI> print, memory()  
860445965    61829    55020  860485241
```

And says...

```
% Unable to allocate memory: to make array.
```

Why I cannot use the whole RAM memory?

Thanks for your attention

txomin

Subject: Re: IDL and the RAM memory

Posted by [RC Olsen](#) on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 22:29:03 GMT

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following the reply by David Fanning...

We had a problem in gridding a large (~ 1GB) irregularly gridded data set. The IDL contour routine worked fine on subsets of the data, but eventually the PC's failed as we tried to use the whole scene. We put it on the 64 bit OS - Sun Blade - and found we needed a bigger virtual memory. We put a 32 GB (fast) dedicated swap disk in. As we tracked memory usage, we found that usage peaked at about 28 GB. Worked like a champ.....

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txominhermos@gmail.com wrote:

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