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Posted by [elwood](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 19:30:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDL 7.0 workbench "feature"

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 20:04:57 GMT

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I work on a similar machine. A Dell Latitude D630 with 4GB of RAM.
(Bought explicitly to run IDL 7.) I have never noticed this problem.

I got the Windows Task Manager open and I look at the two
IDL processes that I have running. (In the Task Manager,
select the Processes tab and then sort on the "Mem Usage"
field. You will find the two IDL processes you care about
at the top, unfortunately. idlde at about 92MB and idlopserver.exe
at about 15MB. These two processes should die if you exit your
IDL workbench. They do for me. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
