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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.

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