
Subject: Catching memory shortage with WINDOW,/FREE,/PIXMAP

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Under SunOS 4.1.2 (sun4c) using idl 3.6.1a the idl session is abruptly terminated when you attempt to do (example):

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WINDOW,/FREE,/PIXMAP,xsize=1000,ysize=1000
```

and you have not enough memory to allocate the pixmap.

You get the message:

```
> % WINDOW: Unable to create X windows pixmap
>      (BadAlloc).
```

What is the most efficient method to catch this situation within your procedure?

Thanks for helps,

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