
Subject: Re: Temporary variables still checked out ...
Posted by [menakkis](#) on Fri, 23 Oct 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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Martin Schultz <mgs@io.harvard.edu> wrote:

> even after about an hour or so, I still cannot figure out why I
> get the error message "% Temporary variables are still checked out -
> cleaning up..." with the program attached below.
<snip>
> Interestingly, the result itself is correct, and if you first open a
> file (e.g. with `openr,1,name`), then a subsequent call to `get_freelun`
> yields no error message. I searched the online help but couldn't find
> anything.

It looks to me like this is a glitch in IDL's `HELP,../OUTPUT=` implementation;
happens when there is no real output.

e.g., Start an IDL session (no open files) and type: `HELP,/FILES,OUTPUT=LST`
You'll get LST equal to " (scalar!) (which is reasonable, I suppose) and
you'll get that peculiar "temporary variables..." message.

Peter Mason

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