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Subject: Temporary variables still checked out ...  
Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Thu, 22 Oct 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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To all,

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. The idea of the program  
is to return a free logical unit number both as function result and  
parameter so that it can be used immediately as well as later on  
( like in OPEN\_FILE,name,get\_freelun(ilun) & free\_lun,ilun ).  
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.

Thanks for any input,

Martin.

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; \$Id: get\_freelun.pro,v 1.1 1998/10/09 19:53:32 mgs Exp mgs \$  
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; NAME:
;   GET_FREELUN (function)
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; PURPOSE:
;   Return next available logical unit number. Unlike
;   the internal GET_LUN procedure, this function is not
;   restricted to unit numbers above 100, and it will
;   detect any blocked unit number.
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; CATEGORY:
;   I/O tools
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; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   lun = GET_FREELUN([LUN])
;
; INPUTS:
;   none
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;   none
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   The lowest available logical unit number. This number is
;   also returned in the LUN parameter for later use.
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; SUBROUTINES:
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; REQUIREMENTS:
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; NOTES:
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; EXAMPLE:
;   openw,get_freelun(lun),filename
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; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   mgs, 17 Sep 1998: VERSION 1.00
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; with subject "IDL routine get_freelun"  
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function get_freelun,lun
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    help,/files,output=list
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    newlun = 1  
    lun = newlun
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    ; at least one file open  
    ; find lowest available unit number  
    if (n_elements(list) gt 1) then begin
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        ; maximum allowed number of open files exceeded?  
        if (n_elements(list) gt 99) then $  
            message,'Cannot handle any more open files'
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        ; extract numbers and compare to expectation
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        for i=1,n_elements(list)-1 do begin  
            usedlun = fix(strmid(list[i],0,3))  
            if (usedlun gt i) then begin  
                newlun = i  
                lun = newlun  
                return,newlun ; this one's free  
            endif
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        endfor  
        ; next free unit is greater than all used ones  
        newlun = i  
        lun = newlun  
        return,newlun
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    endif else begin ; no file opened  
        return,newlun  
    endelse
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end
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## File Attachments

1) [get\\_freelun.pro](#), downloaded 151 times

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