
Subject: Re: Tape drives and Sun UNIX

Posted by [olsen](#) on Wed, 23 Mar 1994 15:49:16 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

In article 72u@paperboy.gsfc.nasa.gov, dug@aol7.wff.nasa.gov (Doug Vandemark 2038) writes:

>

> An Idl I/O question:

> Is it possible to read data from a tape device

> under the SUN 4.1.1 OS (UNIX) by using standard

> IDL IO functions open,read etc..?

>

I've done it on my sgi - just treated '/dev/tape' as a filename,
and had no problem doing the following:

```
openw, 2, 'filename'
```

```
printf, 2, .....
```

```
close, 2
```

```
openr, 2, 'filename'
```

```
readf,2, .....
```

```
close, 2
```

this was with the built in DAT drive - i have not tried the sun cartridge tape

rc olsen
