
Subject: Re: openr and /get_lun

Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 14 Apr 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Craig Markwardt (craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

> I have noticed that the use of /GET_LUN and ERROR keywords to openr is
> not as helpful as I would have hoped. Do other have this experience?
> The problem is that when an error occurs, it is hard to know whether
> the file unit was "gotten" or not.

>

> For example:

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> pro test1

> openr, unit, filename, /get_lun, error=err

> free_lun, unit

> end

>

> If there was an error, then it is possible that UNIT was never set,
> and is hence undefined. FREE_LUN doesn't take undefined variables.

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> If there is error checking to do, I don't know exactly what it should
> be. So I find myself explicitly doing this instead:

>

> pro test2

> get_lun, unit

> openr, unit, filename, error=err

> free_lun, unit

> end

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> Comments?

I guess I'd use the ol' IF N_Elements(lun) NE 0 THEN Free_Lun, lun

Cheers,

David

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