
Subject: Re: openr and /get_lun
Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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"Robert S. Mallozzi" wrote:

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> In article <38FB4B75.936477C5@astro.cornell.edu>,
>   "J.D. Smith" <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:
>> "Robert S. Mallozzi" wrote:
>>>
>>> I sure wish we had a boolean datatype - the mistake of
>>> using something like "IF (NOT error) THEN" is one that
>>> is really a pain to find, although it certainly makes
>>> your code much more readable.
>>
>> We don't need a boolean data type... we need IF to examine not just the first
>> bit of the value, but the whole thing, and use C's 0=false, anything else =true
>> paradigm. Here's hoping.
>>
>> if NOT 2 then print,"this isn't right!"
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>
> This would certainly break backward compatibility - there
> has to be someone, somewhere that relies on the fact that in
> IDL, odd = true and even = false ! I feel as you do that this
> was a design mistake made a long time ago, in a programmer's
> mind far, far away...
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Anyone who thinks 2 is false deserves to have his programs broken.
