
Subject: Re: fstat, file_info and file_test

Posted by [Karsten Rodenacker](#) on Thu, 15 May 2003 09:19:21 GMT

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Hmm, what about using help,/file,output=st and string search for the appropriate file?

Regards

Karsten

Ben Tupper schrieb:

> Hello,

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> This appears to be the week for file questions.

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> I see that in the now distant past, my question has been asked here

> before, but the answers were pre-IDL 5.4 when FILE_XXXX routines appeared.

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> I would like to have a test that reports if the file is open - by simply

> providing the filename. FSTAT almost does it, but I have to associate

> the file with a LUN first. FILE_INFO and FILE_TEST each take the

> filename as an argument (instead of the lun that FSTAT requires), but

> neither test for 'openess'.

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> What I would like to have is a function similar to:

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> result = FILE_ISOPEN(filename)

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> that returns a 1 (for open) or a 0 (for closed). Or, perhaps better in

> the long run, I'd like to see an /ISOPEN keyword added to FILE_TEST.

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> Any suggestions?

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> Thanks,

> Ben

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