
Subject: fstat, file_info and file_test
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Hello,

This appears to be the week for file questions.

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_XXXXX routines appeared.

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'.

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

```
result = FILE_ISOPEN(filename)
```

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.

Any suggestions?

Thanks,
Ben
