Subject: Re: IDL doesn't close files.
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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message
news:<on1xmo60qo.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>...
> "R.G. Stockwell" <noemail@please.com> writes:
>>
>> Do NOT close then use free_lun.
>> If you used a get_lun, then use free_lun.
>> i.e.
>
> Bob, I don't by your suggestion. CLOSE closes a file, and FREE_LUN
> deallocates a unit number; they are completely separate functions. [
> Although it is true that FREE_LUN on an open unit will close it as
> well as deallocating it.] You can definitely use CLOSE and then
> FREE_LUN. I do it all the time.
>
> Craig

Yes, I have the same problem. It happens to me when I open and
(supposedly) close a lot of image files during a long session. After a
while, IDL refuses to open any more files, claiming that it has run
out of LUNs. I've tried CLOSE, FREE_LUN, /FORCE, all to no avail. The
only solution I have found is to restart IDL. Any other ideas?

Ed

PS. This happens with 5.6 on a Mac and Sun and also with 6.0 on a Sun.