
Subject: Re: IDL doesn't close files.

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Fri, 16 Apr 2004 14:19:52 GMT

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"Craig Markwardt" <craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message news:on1xmo60qo.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu...

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> "R.G. Stockwell" <noemail@please.com> writes:

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>> Do NOT close then use free_lun.

>> If you used a get_lun, then use free_lun.

>> i.e.

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> 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

Hi Craig,

yes, I should have said "do not get_lun and then close", that was the problem that I had in mind when I read the OP. I had a colleague ask me about that type of problem a short while ago, so I had it in mind. It appears that closing then free_luning does not cause the memory leak.

-bob
