
Subject: Re: IDL doesn't close files.

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 15 Apr 2004 23:07:15 GMT

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> wl wrote:

>> I create a text file in IDL using openw, write some text to it, then

>> close it using

>> close, u, /force

>> free_lun, u, /force

>>

>> Then, when I try to open it in a text editor (I use the FAR manager's

>> internal editor) it says that is unable to open it because of sharing

>> violation.

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>> What should I do to close just created file without exiting IDL?

Do NOT close then use free_lun.

If you used a get_lun, then use free_lun.

i.e.

```
OPENW, U, 'file.dat', /GET_LUN
```

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writeu,U, 1.0
```

```
free_lun,U
```

That is what is causing your leak (probably).

Cheers,

bob
