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Subject: Re: Deleting files from IDL  
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In article it5@kwuz.nerc-keyworth.ac.uk, Fergus Gallagher <F.Gallagher@nerc.ac.uk> writes:  
> cabr69@ccsun.strath.ac.uk ( "D.H.Brooks") wrote:  
>> I'm running under Unix and if i use  
>>  
>> spawn,'rm filename'  
>>  
>> it doesn't work since filename in the IDL code is a variable (e.g.state.file).What i  
>> would really like is an IDL command which removes a file but i don't > know of any.  
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> I would suggest  
>  
> IDL> spawn,'rm '+state.file  
>  
> or have I misunderstood?  
>  
> Fergus

Why not:

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IDL> openr, unit, state.file, /get_lun, /delete, error=error  
IDL> if error eq 0 then free_lun, unit else print, 'unable to open (delete)'
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... and it should run under UNXI, VMS, MsWin, ....

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