William Thompson (thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov) wrote:

[Original specification deleted]

: Actually, that's why I use. I find it extremely fast, much faster than the IDL
: built-in function called FINDFILE. I would, however, suggest modifying your
: routine to read

: FUNCTION fexists, file
:   ON_IOERROR, error
:   openr,unit,file

this should be
   openr, unit, file, /get
otherwise you'll get an undefined variable error on the openr.

:   free_lun,unit
:   ; found the file
:   return, 1

: error:
:   ;can't open the file, so it's probably not there
:   return,0
: end

: So that you don't run into a problem if unit 1 is already used elsewhere.

: Bill Thompson

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