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Subject: Problem while deleting shape file  
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Hi,

I have written one program in which I am processing one shape file.  
Once I process it I want to delete the shape file from physical  
memory. for that I have written a below example program.

PRO ex\_shapefile

file = dialog\_pickfile()

; Open the states Shapefile in the examples directory.  
myshape=OBJ\_NEW('IDLffShape', file)

; Get the number of entities so we can parse through them.  
myshape->GetProperty, N\_ENTITIES=num\_ent

; Read all the entities.  
FOR x=1, (num\_ent-1) DO BEGIN  
;Read the entity x  
ent = myshape->GetEntity(x)  
;Clean-up of pointers

myshape->DestroyEntity, ent  
ENDFOR

; Though next statement is not required because I have open my shape  
file in read only mode

myshape->Close

; Close the Shapefile.  
OBJ\_DESTROY, myshape

; My Process

;Delete shape file Problem is over here.  
; though I have close the file I have destroy the object then also not

able to delete the file

file\_delete,file

END

Now my problem is whenever I am deleting the file through file\_delete procedure , IDL is giving me error permission denied. I am having all the rights for a folder in which this file is available.

That means IDL is not allowing me to delete the above file .... :-  
( ... Is it a bug in IDL? Kindly correct me if I am wrong.

Regards  
Chintan

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