
Subject: Re: Trouble writing very large files
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 27 Sep 2008 22:16:10 GMT
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Vince Hradil <vincehradil@gmail.com> writes:

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> I want to write a very large array to a file. I'm trying:
>
> array = intarr(640,640,1073,15) ;; 13,185,024,000 bytes!
>
> openw, lun, 'foo.dat', /get_lun
> writeu, lun, array
> free_lun, lun
>
> IDL crashes when the writeu fires up.
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Wait, if IDL crashes, how were you able to check the file pointer location afterward??? If you mean that IDL reported an error but continued to run, what was the error?

Craig

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>
> print, !version
> { x86_64 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 7.0 Oct 25 2007    64
> 64}
>
> The pointer seems to expand okay:
>
> IDL> point_lun, -lun, pos
> IDL> help, pos
> POS          LONG      =          0
> IDL> point_lun, lun, 640ll * 640ll * 1073ll * 15ll * 2ll
> IDL> point_lun, -lun, pos
> IDL> help, pos
> POS          LONG64    =      13185024000
> IDL> point_lun, lun, 0
> IDL> point_lun, -lun, pos
> IDL> help, pos
> POS          LONG      =          0
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