
Subject: DELETE keyword to open

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I'm adding an autosave feature to one of my widget apps in case the user get logged off before completion, or god forbid, my application should crash. I want to do this in a way that is independent of the OS that IDL is running upon.

While searching the IDL docs I came across the DELETE keyword to open and thought my problem was solved. But this doesn't seem to be working properly. Here's what I did:

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print,'Deleting temp file...'
openr, filelun, path+filename, /delete, /get
free_lun, filelun
```

I have also tried it w/ openw and openu. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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