
Subject: logical units unavailable

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I have a program which spawns some c-code, then reads its output. I use the "spawn" command with /get_lun, as in:
IDL> spawn,cmd,unit=lun,/get_lun

After I've read the results, I use "free_lun" to free the logical unit:

IDL> free_lun,lun

I find that when I've run this spawn that I get the error:

% SPAWN: All available logical units are currently in use.

Which is crazy, since every use of a lun frees it also. What is up with this? Is there any way to release all logical units without exiting IDL and losing all the work I've done?

Thanks,
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