
Subject: Re: Linux-like touch command in IDL

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> I am looking to do a linux style 'touch' from IDL.

Does this do the same thing?

```
pro touch, path
  if file_test(path, /DIRECTORY, /WRITE) then begin
    temp_file = filepath('touch_temp_file.txt', ROOT_DIR=path)
    openw, lun, filename, /GET_LUN
    free_lun, lun
    file_delete, temp_file
  endif else if file_test(path, /WRITE) then begin
    openw, lun, filename, /GET_LUN
    free_lun, lun
  endif else begin
    message, 'PATH must be a file or directory with write priveleges.'
  endelse
end
```
