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Subject: Re: Linux-like touch command in IDL  
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> pro touch, path
>   if file_test(path, /DIRECTORY, /WRITE) then begin
>     temp_file = filepath('touch_temp_file.txt', ROOT_DIR=path)
>     openw, lun, temp_file, /GET_LUN
>     free_lun, lun
>     file_delete, temp_file
>   endif else if file_test(path, /WRITE) then begin
>     openw, lun, path, /GET_LUN
>     free_lun, lun
>   endif else begin
>     message, 'PATH must be a file or directory with write privileges.'
>   endelse
> end
```

Fixed a few typos.

This will update time stamps of a file (and create it, if need be), or a directory (so long as the directory already exists). Write privileges are required.

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