
Subject: Re: Linux-like touch command in IDL

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> pro touch, path
> on_error, 2
>
> ;Directory -- Updates access, status change, and modified times.
> 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
>
> ;File -- updates access time
> endif else if file_test(path, /READ) then begin
>   var = 0B
>   openr, lun, path, /GET_LUN
>   readu, lun, var
>       free_lun, lun
>
> ;Other
> endif else begin
>   message, 'PATH must be a file with read privileges or a directory with write privileges.'
> endelse
> end
```

And, of course, I forget to close the file...
