
Subject: File units (de)allocation in IDL - what is the proper way?

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Hello everyone,
when opening files to write outputs I usually do:

```
OPENW, unit1, 'file1.txt', /GET_LUN
```

```
OPENW, unit2, 'file2.txt', /GET_LUN
```

```
...
```

```
CLOSE, unit1
```

```
CLOSE, unit2
```

```
FREE_LUN, unit1
```

```
FREE_LUN, unit2
```

However, it seems that closing *and freeing* can be equally achieved with:

```
CLOSE, unit1, unit2, /ALL
```

Is this correct? Is there a best practice?

Thanks in advance.

Dave
