Subject: Re: Files opened by other processes
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In article <CbVI8.5685$Oj7.1227417@typhoon.ne.ipsvc.net>,
Daniel Peduzzi <peduzzi@attbi.com> wrote:
> Has anybody been able to use IDL to detect if *other* processes
> have a particular file open?
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> As an example, let's say I would like to open a file for read access
> after it has been written by an FTP process. I certainly don't
> want to open it until the file transfer is complete...but how will I
> know?
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> I looked at the FSTAT function, but unless I've overlooked
> something, I don't think it will suffice. This is on a UNIX system
> running SunOS, so if I have to write something in C for IDL to
> spawn, I guess I'll be posting to another newsgroup soon. ;-)
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> Dan
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You could use spawn to run fuser to see if any processes are using a
particular file. Fuser is a Unix utility the lists the IDs of processes
that are using a file.

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