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Subject: Truncating file with OPENU

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My question was probably best phrased in this group by Norbert Hahn more than 10 years ago (without any replies):

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Jan 2 1995, 7:34 am

How do I truncate a file without copying the data to another file and deleting the original ?

I don't have the disk space to hold both copies. OpenU allows to read and write files but unless I add records the size is not changed.

Thanks for any help  
Norbert Hahn

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There used to be a VMS keyword TRUNCATE\_ON\_CLOSE to OPENU that would do what I want: truncate the file at the current file pointer position when the file was closed. I'd prefer an OS-independent method.

--Thanks --Wayne Landsman

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