
Subject: How many files simultaneously open ?
Posted by [hahn](#) on Wed, 27 Sep 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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Hi,

when I try to open more than 19 files in IDL 4.0 for Windows I get an error message, saying "Error Opening File ..." (or the like). When I close any previously opened file I can successfully retry with the command `.continue`

From time to time I manage to re-open the manually closed files some IDL statements later.

Is there a limit on how many files I can have open at one time?
Is this a MS Windows limit?

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Subject: Re: How many files simultaneously open ?
Posted by [Mary Ruth Keller](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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Norbert,

Your limit of 19 simultaneously open files is NOT an MS Windows limit. In fact, when I have been running IDL under other OS's, I have run up against a 13 file limit. I suggest you look carefully at your code to see how to restructure it so you use fewer files. Make sure if you open files inside a for loop, you also close them inside the loop, etc.

Best of luck,

Mary Ruth Keller

P.S. How much physical and virtual memory are available on your machine?
