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Posted by [Matt Phelps](#) on Fri, 20 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT  
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FYI, Solaris (2.5.1) with IDL 5.0 (final) seems to do the right thing:

```
IDL> print,alog10(0.0)
      -Inf
% Program caused arithmetic error: Floating divide by 0
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III

try to change the working directory with cd:

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cd,"node::disk:[path]"
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what? not possible... hmmm with dialog\_pickfile  
it is working... and hardline-programming in openr

seems to work!

wiered bug in IDL 5.0 VMS!

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IV

VMS and NFS

mounted FS to an Unix-System:

on the unix-system with IDL 5.0:

openr,lun,file,/get\_lun

gives you the nice answer:

"file name too long"

file="/mountpoint/sd1/sd2/sd3/sd4/sd5/sd6/sd7/sd8/sd9"

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moral of the tale:

it it hard to work under VMS

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