A/UX 2.0 and 2.0.1: f77 open() Problem Workaround

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TOPIC -----

The f77 open() BUG is a long-standing problem in the f77 I/O runtime library (libI77.a), and I have seen this problem in other f77 implementations based on UNIX System V. The reason this problem hasn't been fixed is because it doesn't show up in the Fortran Compiler Validation Suite, the principle test suite for f77.

DISCUSSION -----

Here are two files, named err.o and open.o, you can use while waiting for a version of A/UX that doesn't have this problem. You can either include these files when linking f77 programs, or these files can replace the f77 I/O runtime library files. (Replacing the files makes them a permanent part of the f77 system.)

To include the files in an f77 link, simply add their names to the list of files being linked together by the f77 command. For example:

f77 -o test test.f err.o open.o

To replace these files into the f77 I/O runtime library, enter the following command (you must be super-user to do this):

ar rv /usr/lib/libI77.a err.o open.o

Once you replace the files in the library, any f77 programs you link will be fixed automatically.

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