

# CLOSE FILE

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The CLOSE FILE command enables you to close a file that was opened by the *TCP/IP for VSE* file system. This command should be used only in extraordinary circumstances.

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Syntax: `CLOSe FILE PUBlic=pubname`

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Arguments: `PUBlic=` - The name of the file to close.

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Example:

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IPN237I close file, pub=ewf.save.t999.print
IPN579I A close request has been queued for: EWF.SAVE.T999.PRINT
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- Notes:
- Be very, very careful when you issue the CLOSE FILE command. No checking is performed to determine whether or not the file being closed is actually in use. If you close an active file, the results are unpredictable and undesirable. In general, the only time you should use CLOSE FILE is when an FTP process has failed and all other cleanup methods have failed.
  - If multiple processes are using a file, CLOSE FILE acts on the first instance that it encounters. You need to issue the command multiple times to close all instances of the file.
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Related Commands: `QUERY FILES` - Displays the contents of the TCP/IP file system.  
`QUERY OPENFILES` - Displays a list a files that are currently open.

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