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Subject: Re: CALL\_EXTERNAL puzzle (still) ?  
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In article <6sofdh\$ae\$1@readme.uio.no>, steinhh@ulrik.uio.no (Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan) writes:

> I would recommend starting to use the "export.h" file that  
> defines the IDL\_VARIABLE data type, and always accepting  
> parameters to external code by reference, not value.  
> This means you'll always get pointers to IDL\_VARIABLE  
> structures,

I don't think this is correct. If you pass parameters to CALL\_EXTERNAL by reference you get a pointer to the value, not a pointer to the structure. The only exception is string parameters which are passed by descriptor.

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