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Subject: Re: Calling procedures from strings  
Posted by [thompson](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT  
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Markus Grohmann <grohmann@cs.uni-magdeburg.de> writes:

> Hi,

> is there a way in IDL to call a procedure from a string?

> What I want to do is to read the name of the procedure and its  
> parameters from a file and execute it directly. I would like to avoid  
> constructing a case statement.

Markus:

I'm assuming that you're asking about the Interactive Data Language from Research Systems, Inc. The proper newsgroup for that is comp.lang.idl-pvwave. The newsgroup comp.lang.idl is about something else entirely.

If I'm right, and you're asking about RSI's IDL, then what you want to use is one of the following

CALL\_PROCEDURE  
CALL\_FUNCTION  
EXECUTE

William Thompson

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