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Subject: Re: other compilers (was CALL\_EXTERNAL with Windows DLL)

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Nando wrote:

> I need to create DLM in windows 98 using the cygnus-gcc compilers.  
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Any windows95 and later compatible compiler will, in theory, allow you to make a DLL file that can be used by IDL's CALL\_EXTERNAL procedure. You need to look in the 'External Development Guide' of the IDL help (or the 'Advanced Development Guide' of the IDL 5.0 help) for what constitutes an IDL-useable DLL.

As for the C programming, creating a DLL is not that complicated, and there should be documentation for doing this with whatever compiler you use- for example, see <http://www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Towers/6162/win32/index.html> for information about the GCC compiler.

Finally, a general-purpose Win32 programming text will have usefull information about how to write DLLs. Charles Petzold's book 'Programming Windows 95' is the definitive source for most basic windows programming techniques.

good luck

Brad Gom

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