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Subject: DDE on IDL

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Hi

I am attempting to write a C application which interacts with IDL using the IDL DDE routines (viz `dde_getservers()`, `dde_gettopics()` ...) under windows.

I started by using a simple DDE server application written by Borland (1992), in Borland C, which communicates with a DDE client using the 3.1 api DDEML calls.

The problem I have is that '`dde_getservers()`' produces a null result when DDESRVR.EXE is running. In fact, with the exception of Word for Windows, every DDE server application that I have tried (which is quite a few) is not recognised as being 'out there' by a call to '`dde_getservers()`'.

This seems to indicate that these applications are not using the DDE conventions expected of them by IDL, or I am doing something wrong.

I have been in contact with CreaSo for the last two weeks and their only response was to advise me to get a book by Peter Norton on DDE's (no title, no publisher).

The ideal would be if someone could point me to source code for a skeleton of a DDE server application (compilable under Borland C, preferably) which can communicate with IDL using the IDL DDE routines. Otherwise any help or pointers would be gratefully received.

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