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Subject: New book on Calling C from IDL  
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All,

I am just about done with a book on calling C from IDL using DLM's and I would like some beta testers. I have it working on Windows but I am looking for people willing to test out the examples on other platforms. Experience with using C and IDL would be best, but if you want to use this as an excuse to learn how to do it please feel free. I will supply my C source code, a copy of the book and my best guess on the compiler and linker options for each platform. While I will appreciate all editorial comments I am really trying to get the exact compiler/linker options and any changes that have to be made to the C code.

This is on a first come first server basis so don't wait. I really want to get the book out by the first of the year so quick turn around (before Christmas) will be appreciated. Just email me your willingness to help and the platform you would test it on.

The book covers the mechanics of writing a DLM and has numerous examples. I show you how to pass scalars, arrays, strings, string arrays and structures back and forth between IDL and C. The last chapter shows how to pass and use keywords in the C routines. Since I am only an average C programmer this book does have any fancy tricks that are hard to understand. In fact, after working on this I love IDL even more!

As soon as I get all the testing done I will post a table of contents.

Thanks,

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