
Subject: Re: How to call fortran subrountion?

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Thank you very much. I use IDL under windows.

I have generated vecadd.dll from visual fortran. Then I use

```
result = call_external('f:\fortran\vecadd.dll','f:\fortran\vecadd ', a,  
n_elements(a), x, n_elements(x), b)
```

to call the dll. The error message is as following:

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% CALL_EXTERNAL: Error loading sharable executable.  
Symbol: f:\fortran\vecadd, File = f:\fortran\vecadd.dll  
ERROR_PROC_NOT_FOUND
```

But I have dll file under f:\fortran. How to do then? May be I have set wrong parameter.

This is explanation of call_external:

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Result = CALL_EXTERNAL(Image, Entry [, P0, ..., PN-1])
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Entry: A string containing the name of the symbol in the library which is the entry point of the routine to be called.

I donot know how to set entry.

Where can I find The IDL External Development Guide?

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>> I think Stefano is right, you can't call FORTRAN directly from IDL,
>> especially with the CALL_EXTERNAL method. That method requires your
>> program to conform to a very specific interface for your function
>> parameters (two parameters named argc and argv).
>>

>> I'm looking at the External Development Guide for IDL 5.2. They
>> recommend a "wrapper" function written in C, which in turn calls the
>> FORTRAN. That manual does give an example where the FORTRAN
>> subroutine can be called directly, but the semantics appear to be
>> present only on a few platforms (VMS or IBM AIX), and the subroutine
>> must still conform to the argc and argv convention.
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>> Questions:
>> * What example are you looking at?
>> * Does Ronn Kling's book on external linking address FORTRAN?
>
> If your Fortran compiler supports the %VAL and LOC extensions, you can
call
> a Fortran subroutine or function from IDL via CALL_EXTERNAL using a
Fortran
> wrapper. I developed the routines shown below to vectorize the following
> operation in IDL:
>
> for i = 0L, n_elements(x) - 1L do a[x[i]] = a[x[i]] + b[i]
>
> ---begin vecadd.f---
> c ... This is the wrapper routine called by IDL
>   subroutine vecadd(argc, argv)
>     integer*4 argc, argv(*), j
>     j = loc(argc)
>     call vecadd1(%val(argv(1)), %val(argv(2)), %val(argv(3)),
> & %val(argv(4)), %val(argv(5)))
>   end
>
> c ... This is the routine which does the work.
> c ... The arguments are defined exactly the same way as in the
> c ... call to CALL_EXTERNAL in vecadd.pro
>   subroutine vecadd1(a, na, x, nx, b)
>     integer*4 na, nx
>     real*4 a(na), b(nx)
>     integer*4 x(nx), i
>     do i = 1, nx
>       a(x(i)) = a(x(i)) + b(i)
>     end do
>   end
> ---end vecadd.f
>
> ---begin vecadd.pro---
> FUNCTION VECADD, ARRAY, INDEX, VALUE
>
> ;- Check arguments
> if (n_elements(array) eq 0) then $
>   message, 'Argument A is undefined'
> if (n_elements(index) eq 0) then $
>   message, 'Argument X is undefined'
> if (n_elements(value) eq 0) then $
>   message, 'Argument B is undefined'
> if (n_elements(index) ne n_elements(value)) then $
>   message, 'Arguments X and B must have the same number of elements'
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> ;- Create copies of the arguments with correct type
> if (size(a, /tname) ne 'FLOAT') then begin
>   a = float(array)
> endif else begin
>   a = array
> endelse
> x = ((long(index) > 0L) < (n_elements(a) - 1L)) + 1L
> b = float(value)
>
> ;- Call the external routine
> result = call_external('vecadd.so', 'vecadd_', $
>   a, n_elements(a), x, n_elements(x), b)
> if (result ne 1) then message, 'Error calling external routine'
>
> ;- Return result
> return, a
>
> END
> ---end vecadd.pro---
>
> To compile the Fortran source on SGI IRIX 6.5:
> % f77 -n32 -KPIC -c vecadd.f
> % ld -n32 -shared -o vecadd.so vecadd.o
> (see /usr/local/rsi/idl_5.3/external/call_external/Fortran/Makefile for
the
> syntax on other UNIX platforms).
>
> To call the routine in IDL 5.3:
> a = findgen(10)
> x = [3, 5, 7]
> b = [2, 4, 6]
> print, vecadd(a, x, b), format='(10f5.1)'
>   0.0  1.0  2.0  5.0  4.0  9.0  6.0 13.0  8.0  9.0
>
> The IDL External Development Guide is quite helpful in explaining how this
> works.
>
> Cheers,
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