
Subject: Re: IDL 5.5 help file

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> As an corollary to a previous thread on passing strings to
> call_external in 5.5, is the fact that the string length is
> changed to 32bit mentioned in the "What's New"?

Yes:

"Maximum String Length Limit Increased for 32-Bit IDL

Prior to IDL 5.5, 32-bit IDL had a maximum string length limit of 64K (65534 characters) while 64-bit IDL allowed strings to be up to 2.1GB (2147483647 characters) in length. With IDL 5.5, this limit has been raised to 2.1GB for both types of IDL."

Though AFAIK it doesn't point out the implications of this for call_external.

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