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Subject: Re: Another Windows Question Related to IDL  
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:25:32 GMT  
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"Karsten Rodenacker" <Karsten@Rodenacker.de> wrote

- > Hello,
- > I try to build an 'external' dll with callable IDL parts. Under Windows
- > I need for initialization the HINSTANCE of the calling application. Does
- > anybody know how to get that inside the 'external' dll? The application
- > program is nicely protected and dinged and calls the planned
- > external dll with a special extdll mechanism.

Try `AfxGetInstanceHandle()`. It returns an HINSTANCE to the current instance of the application (your .exe file). I haven't done this so I don't know what you'll run into (I have done window handles, but not instance handles.) In your case I would assume that would return an HINSTANCE to the calling instance of `idlde.exe` which I think is what you are looking for.

-Rick

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