Subject: Re: Is there a way to use C++ code in IDL Posted by James Kuyper on Thu, 20 Feb 2003 17:08:27 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

David Fanning wrote:

> CelticBlues (idluser@celticblues.com) writes:

- >> I have an ascii data file that I need to read. I already have C++ code that
- >> will parse the file and store it in a structure. Is there a way to reuse
- >> this C++ code in IDL so that I don't have to recode the parse routines?

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- > Yes, there is a way to reuse this code, but learning
- > the methods to do it will far surpass (by many orders of
- > magnitude) the time it will take (say 5 minutes) to
- > learn to parse an ASCII file in IDL. :-)

That depends entirely on how complicated the syntax that it parses is. If he's worried about the recoding effort, I doubt that the parsing is simple enough to be a 5 minute job in IDL. With all due respect to IDL, most things that can be parsed correctly by a 5-minute IDL program have a fairly simple syntax.