
Subject: Re: Is there a way to use C++ code in IDL
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David Fanning wrote:

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> CelticBlues (idluser@celticblues.com) writes:
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>> 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?
>
> 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.
