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Subject: Re: Can C call the function in IDL?  
Posted by [xje4e](#) on Mon, 28 Jul 2003 16:01:51 GMT  
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"Rick Towler" <[rtowler@u.washington.edu](mailto:rtowler@u.washington.edu)> wrote in message  
news:<[bfsb0j\\$28ki\\$1@nntp6.u.washington.edu](mailto:bfsb0j$28ki$1@nntp6.u.washington.edu)>...  
> "Xiaoying Jin" wrote...  
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>> Can C call the function in IDL? There are some functions build in IDL  
>> very efficient, such as label\_region, can I call it in C?  
>  
> Yes, but probably not in the way that you want to. Callable IDL allows you  
> to call IDL from your C program but in a manner nothing like  
> "IDL\_label\_region(args);". Check out your options in the External  
> Development Guide, [edg.pdf](#), found in IDL's help directory.  
>  
> -Rick

I checked the External Development Guide. The environment I am working  
with is windows NT or XP. It seems that the simplest way to call C  
from other program in Windows is "Including the IDLDrawWidget ActiveX  
control in an application written in a language other than IDL." I

It is easy to do it in Visual Basic. VC++ also support ActiveX. But I  
am not sure if C support ActiveX or not. Any one has some experience  
on that?

Thanks,

Xiaoying

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