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Subject: Re: [Q] Any FAQ for IDL  
Posted by [chris](#) on Tue, 14 Feb 1995 07:45:24 GMT  
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Seong-Whan Kim (video@casaturn.kaist.ac.kr) wrote:  
: Hello.  
: These days, I am working with IDL, good tools, you know.  
: I am a novice, and needs FAQ for IDL. Mainly, I would  
: like to know how I can call C functions from IDL.  
: I will be very appreciated for your help.

A lot of stuff including FAQ's can be found by ftp in:  
eos.crseo.ucsb.edu:/pub/idl

The best way to call c funtions is using CALL\_EXTERNAL  
see the manual for more info. A less elegant way is just  
to issue them as unix commands:  
(from within IDL) using spawn:

spawn,'my\_program < input.dat' ; for example

-chris

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