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Subject: Using CALL\_EXTERNAL with C++ Code  
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Hello,

I have a problem compiling and linking a DLL in C++ and integrate it into IDL via CALL External. Everything works fine with C in this way using a wrapper function:

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C-Code of wrapper function:

```
#include "stdio.h"  
#include "idl_export.h"  
#include "myDLL.h"  
  
_declspec(dllexport) IDL_INT IDL_CDECL mydllquest(int argc, void  
*argv[])  
{  
    return (dllquest(((IDL_INT) argv[0])));  
}
```

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compiling and linking were done from the DOS Console (VC6 is installed):

```
cl -DLL -DWIN32 -D_MT /nologo /I"C:\RSI\IDL60\external\include" /c  
mydllglue.c /Fomydllglue.obj
```

```
link /out:mydllglue.dll /nologo /nodefaultlib /dll mydllglue.obj  
"C:\RSI\IDL60\bin\bin.x86\idl32.lib" dll.lib msrvct.lib kernel32.lib
```

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The call in IDL works like this:

```
res=call_external(<path of  
mydllglue.dll>,'mydllquest',1,/cdecl,value=[0])
```

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Compiling with C is working fine, but when the ending of the wrapper file is \*.cpp or if you use the option /Tp (means: compile this as C++) then IDL is causing an error.

Can anybody give me a hint, what could be wrong or need to changed when switching to c++?

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