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Subject: Re: database connection with idl without dataminer  
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> I noticed this has come up every so often in the group. I wanted to  
> ask if anybody has had any success in interface to a database(i.e.  
> access or mysql) without the use of dataminer. We are currently using  
> IDL in a windows XP environment.

The only way I know to communicate with a database without using Dataminer is to use external code. I use Java to handle all of my database interactions from IDL. You could potentially use C code to handle the database communication if you're more familiar with C than Java.

The IDL-Java Bridge (new in IDL 6.0) allows you to create Java objects within IDL. Since there are a plethora of classes within the java.sql package, I wrote a couple of Java classes which act as a facade into the package. By doing this, I only have to instantiate one or two Java classes in IDL which keeps the IDL code much cleaner. So far this has worked pretty well for what I need to do.

-Mike

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