Subject: Re: IDL 4 / Callable IDL
Posted by scott on Thu, 13 Jul 1995 07:00:00 GMT

In article 25r@vivaldi.belnet.be, Dennis NEVEJANS <Dennis.Nevejans@oma.be> writes:
> In Research Systems Inc. Software vision volume 5, number 1 is
> written:
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> Callable IDL
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> You can link IDL to your C or FORTAN applications as a
> compute/display library... is delivered via ... UNIX sharable
> object libraries.
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> Who knows in which IDL 4 manual this is documented?
> To my opinion this has nothing to do with using IDL as an RPC server.
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> Thanks for your possible help.

A few weeks ago I asked RSI about this documentation.
Here is their response:

   RSI will be supplying a supplemental manual and examples for users
   of Callable IDL in the future. We wanted to have a complete and
   robust set of examples and information regarding this new feature
   of IDL 4.0. However, we also wanted to release IDL 4.0 to our users
   as soon as possible. The Callable IDL documentation is not yet
   available.

It will be interesting to see how useful Callable IDL will be.
I'm hoping that there will be some mechanism for going the other
way too, ie. having IDL be the client talking to a C server.
IMHO CALL_EXTERNAL and pipes are too limited and LINKIMAGE needs
better documentation and examples.

Scott.