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Subject: Re: How to call an IDL procedure from a DLM  
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Fri, 24 Feb 2006 16:27:19 GMT  
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Maurizio Tomasi wrote:

> Karl Schultz wrote:

>> On Thu, 23 Feb 2006 08:26:54 -0500, Haje Korth wrote:

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<snip>

> The log window is of course implemented using pure IDL. The problem is  
> that the DLM should write a message in the log window for each FITS file  
> that is loaded successfully. And in order to do this it should call a  
> "write\_log\_message" procedure, which is obviously written in IDL  
> (because it uses IDL widgets).

Could you not still refactor your code... You wouldn't even have to  
return the data to IDL while you are reading the files, just the status.

You could have a setup routine which you pass all of the filenames, a  
read\_one routine which reads a single file and returns the status, and a  
data\_return routine which returns all of the data to IDL. There would  
be other ways too. I think you could do this with little impact on your  
applications performance.

I believe you could also possibly use the external widget API  
(widget\_stub and associated functions) to create an invisible widget  
that your DLM issues events to (IDL\_WidgetIssueStubEvent()). Since the  
event struct only has a single long field that you define, you also need  
to write a routine that takes that value (say an address) and gets the  
status of your DLM function. All of this is in the EDG under internal  
API/Widgets.

-Rick

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