
Subject: Re: Running IDL .pro script from another app, using the IDL API

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 17:42:36 GMT

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Jim Brown wrote:

> Hi,
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> Our R&D group uses IDL and has written .pro scripts for use in
> testing. Our test engineers use a Microsoft Windows desktop app
> (developed in-house) but have to get out of the app, start IDL, and
> then run a script. This happens several times during a test. What I'd
> like to do is to have our testing app call an IDL API and run the
> script "in the background" while the test engineer did something else.
> However, I don't know if this can even be done. Most of the
> documentation that I've been reading addresses calling an external
> program from within IDL - I want to do the opposite.
>
> Does anyone have any experience doing this? Just point me in the right
> direction if you can.
>
> Thank you.
> - Jim Brown
>

Hi Jim

this can be done you can have a look at the

compile or resolve_dependencies routine

from our lib at

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

which do call another idl session.

cheers

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