
Subject: boost::multi_array

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Does anyone have examples of interfacing IDL with the boost::multi_array C++ library? I am trying to write a set of type casting methods using templates. I'm hoping to use template resolution of assist the writing of wrappers.

Examples and notes below

Thanks,

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// Takes in an integer and returns an integer

```
IDL_VPTR some_function_wrapper(int argc, IDL_VTPR argv[]) {  
    f = some_function(idl_cast_in<int>(argv[0]));  
    return(idl_cast_out<int>(f));  
}
```

// The first argument is the 3d array input, the second arguement is
the 3d array output

// Returns an integer

```
IDL_VPTR some_function_wrapper(int argc, IDL_VTPR argv[]) {  
    multi_array<int, 3> m();  
    f = some_function(idl_array_cast_in<int, 3>(argv[0]),m);  
    argv[1] = idl_array_cast_out(m,argv[1]);  
    return(idl_cast_out<int>(f));  
}
```

// The first argument is the 3d array input and output

// Returns an integer

```
IDL_VPTR some_function_wrapper(int argc, IDL_VTPR argv[]) {  
    f = some_function(idl_array_cast_in_out<int, 3>(argv[0]));  
    return(idl_cast_out<int>(f));  
}
```

// Casting methods

idl_array_cast_in

Turn an IDL variable into a const_multi_array_ref with the given
signature.

The array can't be altered from within C++.

idl_array_cast_out

Create a multi_array and copy into an IDL variable after returning.

`idl_array_cast_in_out`

Turn an IDL variable into a `multi_array_ref` with the given signature.

The array can be altered and returned to IDL

`idl_cast_in`

Turn an IDL variable into a constant scalar.

The scalar can't be altered from within C++

`idl_cast_out`

Turn a scalar into an IDL variable.

`idl_test`

Returns true if a variable matches the signature

`idl_array_test`

Returns true if an array matches the signature

// Template definitions of casting methods

```
template<class IDL_TYPE, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
const_multi_array_ref<IDL_TYPE, IDL_VNDIM> idl_array_cast_in(IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_TYPE, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
IDL_VPTR idl_array_cast_out(multi_array<IDL_TYPE, IDL_VNDIM> a);
template<class IDL_TYPE, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
IDL_VPTR idl_array_cast_out(multi_array<IDL_TYPE, IDL_VNDIM> a, IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_TYPE, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
multi_array_ref<IDL_TYPE, IDL_VNDIM> idl_array_cast_in_out(IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_TYPE>
const IDL_TYPE idl_cast_in(IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_TYPE>
IDL_VPTR idl_cast_out(IDL_TYPE c);
template<class IDL_TYPE>
IDL_VPTR idl_cast_out(IDL_TYPE c, IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_TYPE>
bool idl_test(IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_TYPE, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
bool idl_array_test(IDL_VPTR v);
```

// Type conversions

Most type conversions are inferred from `export.h`.

`uchar` `BYTE`

`short int` `INT`

`long int` `LONG`

`float` `FLOAT`

`double` `DOUBLE`

`unsigned short int` `UINT`

`unsigned long int` `ULONG`

`long long` `LONG64`

`unsigned long long` `ULONG64`

Other type conversions

```
std::complex<float> COMPLEX
std::complex<double> DCOMPLEX
std::string STRING
bool BYTE
```

Types not supported

POINTER

OBJECT

UNDEFINED

// Structures will be supported via their own casting methods.

// Structures are always array variables.

// The structure definition is passed as a template variable

idl_struct_cast_in

Turn an IDL variable into a const_multi_array_ref with the given signature.

The array can't be altered from within C++.

idl_struct_cast_out

Create a multi_array and copy into an IDL variable after returning.

idl_struct_cast_in_out

Turn an IDL variable into a multi_array_ref with the given signature.

The array can be altered and returned to IDL

idl_struct_test

Returns true if a variable matches the signature

// Template definitions of casting methods

```
template<class IDL_S, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
const_multi_array_ref<IDL_S, IDL_VNDIM> idl_struct_cast_in(IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_S, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
IDL_VPTR idl_array_struct_out(multi_array<IDL_S, IDL_VNDIM> a);
template<class IDL_S, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
IDL_VPTR idl_array_struct_out(multi_array<IDL_S, IDL_VNDIM> a,
IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_S, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
multi_array_ref<IDL_S,IDL_VNDIM> idl_struct_cast_in_out(IDL_VPTR v);
template<class IDL_S, const unsigned int IDL_VNDIM>
bool idl_struct_test(IDL_VPTR v);
```
