
Subject: Problem addressing arrays from C routines running OSF
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I am writing a program which have to access some routines written in C. These routines

have the form somewhat like this:

---- C -----

```
int routine(int argc, void *argv[])
{
    short *ptr = (short *)argv[0];

    // do som operations on the array addressed using <ptr>

    return TRUE;
}
```

---- IDL -----

```
; array = intarr(512, 512);
function routine, array
    return, call_external('routine.so', 'routine', array)
end
```

This method of addressing an array works under Solaris, SGI Irix and Windows
but not under OSF/1 on a DEC alpha workstation.

I think that the problem is that IDL tries to send a 32 bit pointer, and the C program expects a 64 bit pointer (a good way to create chaos :-)

Any suggestions on how to solve this problem?

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