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Subject: Re: C++ and CALL\_EXTERNAL  
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I would recommend making your own DLM's in preference to using CALL\_EXTERNAL and /AUTO\_GLUE. Making your own DLM is a bit more tedious but gives you more control in the way that IDL variables are type cast.

If your keen to get dirty with C++ then I would recommend having a look at my examples of converting Boost::MultiArray objects to and from IDL Variables.

I take advantage of template specialization so that you only need to ever use two functions:

```
const IDL_TYPE i = idl_cast_in<IDL_TYPE>(argv[0]);
```

and

```
idl_cast_out(argv[1],i);
```

Source code available from

<http://barnett.id.au/idl/>

Robbie

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