
Subject: Re: Can IDL be used to generate microsoft word documents automatically?

Posted by [jeffnettles4870](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 14:22:06 GMT

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On May 10, 10:01 am, Dave <daikan1...@tom.com> wrote:

> Dear people:

> Everyday, i have lots of word documents to produce, which have the
> same forms but different text and image contents. Please tell me if
> there are any ways to using IDL to generate word automatically? thanks
> a lot.

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> dave

If you are using Windows and have a fairly recent version of IDL (6.3+ i think), then yes you can theoretically do this using ActiveX/COM objects. I've tried it however, and have met with mixed results.

It's fairly easy to get Word running with an IDL program, but beyond that I wasn't able to do much else that was useful. The reason for this was not anything that was the fault of IDL, but that Word's object model is so, well, obtuse i guess is the nice way to put it.

So i had the same trouble controlling Word from several different ActiveX-aware languages, including perl and visual basic itself. But yes it's theoretically possible, look at IDLcomIDispatch objects in the IDL help files to get you started, and good luck!
