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Subject: Re: resolve\_routine

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Klaus Martin Pontoppidan wrote:

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> IDL complains that the  
> function/procedure that I'm trying to compile from inside a procedure is  
> undefined! And of course it is undefined - it isn't compiled yet...  
> The syntax as described in the documentation is:  
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A common reason for this problem is that the called routine is in the same file as the calling routine, but AFTER the calling routine. When IDL compiles the calling routine, it cannot link in the called function because it is undefined at that point.

If you force the file to recompile, it will then see the the compiled called function.

This is still a dangerous situation because any changes you make to the called function will not take effect when this function is called from the parent routine until the second recompilation.

The obvious way to avoid this sort of problem is to always put all of the called sub-routines before the parent routine in any file that contains both.

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