
Subject: Re: Calling IDL from C

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Alexander Jesser wrote:

- > Hello,
- > I am not an expert in IDL, but may be somebody can give me answers to
- > my questions. Is it possible to generate a DLL (dynamic link library)
- > from the IDL code? Further, is it possible to call IDL within C code?
- > If yes, how can I do this?

I'm not sure what you mean by "from the IDL code". If you mean can IDL pro code be compiled into a DLL, the answer is no. But, the MAKE_DLL routine will compile C code into a DLL.

It is possible to call IDL from within C code. The interface is called Callable IDL. It is in the "All topics" tab of the online help under IDL Programmers' Guides > External Development Guide > Part III: Techniques that use IDL's Internal API > Callable IDL.

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