
Subject: Re: Question on: IDL link with External C program

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 22 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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> The functions to look for are call_external and linkimage, both documented in
> the online help. Especially if you are working with linkimage there is also
> the Advanced Development Guide which comes with IDL in an online version that
> can be read with the Online Help application (using the file->open menu item).
> After working with both call_external and linkimage I normally prefer
> linkimage but call_external is good for quick and (not necessarily) dirty
> things. The biggest trouble you have in the beginning is finding the right
> compiler and linker flags to use on your platform (see user guide) but after
> that it works quite nicely.

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> For less complicated tasks you can also invoke standalone programs through
> spawn and catch output in an IDL string.

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> Best regards,

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Thanks for the information. I'm using window95 platform. I thought
LINKIMAGE only work under WindowNT. What platform are you running IDL on. Am I
stucked with CALL_EXTERNAL with WIn95.

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