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Subject: Non-blocking read

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Dear Folks,

I'm using OPENW, WRITEU and READU to interact with a piece of equipment through a serial port. Everything's fine unless there's an error condition on the read. If the read fails, then the IDL session hangs irretrievably. I'd like to use a non-blocking read so that failure yields no value and some error condition that I can check.

I suppose I could roll my own non-blocking read with CALL\_EXTERNAL.

Is there a better (more elegant) way?

Many thanks,

David

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