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Subject: Re: IDL routines dependencies map maker  
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2012 17:53:22 GMT  
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On 3/12/12 9:26 AM, DavidPS wrote:

> Hello IDL-gurus,  
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> I've been from time ago interested to find which routines are more critical than others in a library. In my case, I work with a huge library, and I'm certain that some routines are critical for the whole system. So, I've been thinking how to get that info, which procedures call what...  
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> ...after searching around I've found nothing (maybe because I'm looking for the wrong names). So I've decided to create my own mapper program for IDL routines.  
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> I've done it using bash scripts (lots of sed, grep and awk) and surprisingly, though far from efficient, it works. It creates a graphviz file (dot), and it also tries to generate a png from it (this step fails sometimes).  
>  
> So, if you want to test it, here it is:  
> <https://github.com/dpshelio/IDL-mapper>  
>  
> follow the instructions and visualise the png (if it works) or use one of the tools in here:  
> <http://www.graphviz.org/Resources.php>  
>  
> ZGRViewer is quite nice (<http://zvtm.sourceforge.net/zgrviewer.html>)  
> but Gephi(not listed above) is amazing!: <http://gephi.org/>  
>  
> if you feel adventurous and want to improve it! please, do! My idea is to run it on that huge library (>3540 files), but I would be mad if I try this script on there...  
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> If you are interested, this is (in short) how it works:  
> 1) Search for any pro, function definition in all the files  
> 2) Search for any call of these saved pro/functions in all the files  
> 3) Generates the dot file using pygraphviz  
>  
> Of course, the script is quite convoluted, and I'm sure there's better ways to do it, but my brain is a bit dry after all this weekend, so I would really appreciate some help, comments and suggestions.  
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> Also, it's possible that there's a way to do so within IDL.. but I did not find it.  
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> Cheers,  
> David

Cool! I have the tool chain running and get a graph for the sample code:

<http://michaelgalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/map.png>

Running on GPULib didn't take long (maybe a minute or so) and produced useful results:

<http://michaelgalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/gpulib-dependencies.png>

I think this is a very useful project and have long thought about including something like this in IDLdoc.

Mike

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Modern IDL, A Guide to Learning IDL: <http://modernidl.idldev.com>

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