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Subject: Re: Data passing & CALL\_EXT

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mallozzi@ssl.msfc.nasa.gov wrote:

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> Hi,  
>  
> Is it possible to pass the following data structures from C code back  
> to IDL via CALL\_EXTERNAL:  
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> 1. An array of strings?  
> 2. A C structure, containing int, float, char  
> 3. A C union  
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> I got my C code to pass back a single string, but could not do an  
> array of strings. Really I would like to pass a structure back to  
> IDL. Does anyone have any examples of this? The IDL examples treat  
> only the simplest cases.  
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> -bob  
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> PS I am using OpenVMS :-(

The returned variable from a call\_external can only be a single value.  
If you want to pass more than one then you must first create the var in  
IDL and pass it to call\_external. Then in your C function you place  
your answer into this var.

Hope this helps,

Phil

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