
Subject: Re: Some MAKE_DLL questions

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On 10/19/15 7:30 AM, nata wrote:

> Hi guys,

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> I've never created a sharable library from C code to be used by IDL with CALL_EXTERNAL.

> I was wondering if it would be possible to create some parallel code using C + OpenMP and then generate de DLL. I don't know if this is possible since the documentation says:

> "Not every possible option supported by the C compiler or system linker is addressed, only those commonly needed by IDL-related C code."

You can pass flags to the EXTRA_CFLAGS and EXTRA_LFLAGS keywords. I've not used OpenMP, are there just special flags to use? You will also have to make sure MAKE_DLL is set to use the correct compiler.

> I have some more questions related to the DLLs:

> - Are they platform independent? Can they be used in Mac, Win, Linux?

Absolutely not. But use the PLATFORM_EXTENSION keyword with MAKE_DLL (or just use the correct string in the name) to make many shared objects, each one valid and named for a particular platform. IDL will use the correct one.

> - How is the memory managed? Are the variables copied to a different block?

I'm not sure what you mean.

> Thank you for all your help and clarifications,

> Nata

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