
Subject: IDL, COM/ActiveX, and Python
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Hello all,

I am attempting to drive the COM interface to RSI-IDL from Python as follows:

```
>>> o = win32com.client.Dispatch("IDLDRAWX2.IDLDrawWidget.2")
>>> o.IdlPath = "c:\\rsi\\idl53\\bin\\bin.x86"
Traceback (innermost last):
  File "<interactive input>", line 1, in ?
  File "C:\\Program Files\\Python\\win32com\\client\\dynamic.py", line 413,
in __setattr__
    self._oleobj_.Invoke(self._olerepr_.propMap[attr].dispid, 0,
pythoncom.DISPATCH_PROPERTYPUT, 0, value)
com_error: (-2147418113, 'Catastrophic failure', None, None)
>>>
```

The following variants were also tried with the same result.

```
o.IdlPath = "c:\\rsi\\idl53\\bin\\bin.x86"
o.IdlPath = "c:/rsi/idl53/bin/bin.x86"
```

I have been working with the vendor (RSI) but they do not have Python expertise and suggested I try this news group to see if any one has used Python and Win NT COM/ActiveX.

I would appreciate any suggestions.

Thanks.
