Subject: IDL and external app in concurrent mode Posted by barban74 on Tue, 12 Dec 2000 13:16:19 GMT

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Hi everybody,

my name is Andrea Barbaresi and I work in the research center of Telecom Italia Group, here in Italy.

I read on "External Development Guide" that "IDL was not designed to be used in a threaded program" so I'd like to know if it's possible to accomplish, both in Windows and in Unix environment, a task like the one described below:

Use a C++ program to activate a IDL widget-app in a non-blocking way (by means of "IDL_RunTimeExec()" statement?); after this call the program must be able to continue its execution and periodically give back the control to IDL to check if there are any messages from the GUI created by widget-app.

Can it work?
(Does the XMANAGER statement in IDL program return immediately or not?)

Are there alternative ways to do the same task?

Should I think about a different scenario where there are two concurrent processes,

with IDL program that pass widgets events to the C++ program in one way or another?

Can "non block" widgets be usefull?

It is possible to have a shared memory between the two processes?

Any help or suggestions will be very much appreciated, thanks a lot!

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