Subject: Fortran call_external under linux
Posted by u600067138 on Tue, 06 Mar 2001 10:06:47 GMT
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Dear all,

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Does anybody have experience with compiling fortran under Linux and linking
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Greetings, Ole BC, Danish Met. Institute

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Subject: Re: Fortran call_external under linux
Posted by James Tappin on Thu, 08 Mar 2001 15:35:45 GMT
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Records/structures are indeed an extension that g77 doesn't support.

I haven't actually tried it, but I believe that passing the string by
value, which passes a normal C-type string pointer and passing the length
explicitly should do the job.

g77, like most modern fortrans, adds one extra argument for each string at
the end of the argument list.

You'll need a C-stub to convert the argc, argv arguments.

James

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