
Subject: Re: IDL 5.5 call_external passing strings
Posted by [mikef](#) on Mon, 05 Nov 2001 23:03:45 GMT
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In article <3BE7178F.851EE28@facstaff.wisc.edu>,
Paul Probert <pprobert@facstaff.wisc.edu> wrote:
> Folks,
> Under IDL 5.5, if I call into my dll with call_external, passing a
> string
> into the C program as an IDL_STRING structure (as per the documentation,
> and which
> worked fine in 5.3) the pointer to the string, the "s" member of the
> structure,
> now points to invalid memory (address of 0x00000001 in my case), even
> though the slen
> member is right (21 bytes in my case). Is this a bug in 5.5, or what?
> Anybody else
> have this problem?
>
> Paul Probert
> University of Wisconsin

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this time to increase the maximum length. Now it's using a 32 bit integer.
You will need to recompile your dll to use the external.h from IDL 5.5

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Subject: Re: IDL 5.5 call_external passing strings
Posted by [Paul Probert](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2001 19:58:48 GMT
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Mike,
Thanks much. Indeed the only place this is mentioned is in the
export.h
file. The actual documentation is wrong. The "what's new" file is all
marketing tripe, and the relnotes.txt says nothing about this. So the
"10 times faster than fortran" thing didn't work for me today.

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Mike Fitzgibbon wrote:

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