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Subject: Re: Converting IDL Application to C++ or C?  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2003 19:46:00 GMT  
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(Sigh)

I really have to brush up on my writing skills to avoid the curmudgeon factor propagation in my  
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Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2003 20:31:51 GMT  
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The difference in structure between IDL and C++ are too great for any large amount of automatic conversion between them. I'm not personally aware of any such converter. However, I'm willing to predict that if one does exist, it would convert good IDL code into bad C++ code. You need a highly skilled human being to make such a conversion efficiently. Such people are correspondingly expensive. That's all that Paul was trying to tell you - he just took a humorous approach to saying it.

It didn't sound to me like he was proposing to contract this task. The form of your question suggested that you were unaware of how complicated this would be, and therefore how expensive, so I suspect he wasn't sure whether you'd really be interested in hiring such a consultant. Most people competent to take on this task are already very busy, with little need to drum up business. Still, it couldn't hurt to ask.

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