
Subject: CALL_EXTERNAL with DEFAULT keyword in IDL

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Hi,

I am trying to call some external C functions from inside IDL running on VMS.
Since now I succeeded to run:

```
d=CALL_EXTERNAL("LOGICAL_NAME", "functionName", param)
```

after having defined the LOGICAL_NAME in this way:

```
$ DEFINE LOGICAL_NAME user$disk:[idl.silvio]filename.exe
```

where filename.exe was linked with the usual

```
$ link filename,SYS$INPUT/OPT/SHARE  
UNIVERSAL=functionName^Z
```

I would like to use the DEFAULT keyword of CALL_EXTERNAL, so to avoid defining the LOGICAL_NAME every time, but since now I can't figure how to make it work.
In fact all of my tried turned unsuccessful.

Being new to VMS and IDL, I would gladly accept any help.

Email replies or post.
Thanks in advance.

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