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Subject: Re: Reading Excel written .dll files into IDL  
Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 19:39:28 GMT  
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<diane.paulson@gmail.com> wrote in message  
news:1190833933.908631.10750@y42g2000hsy.googlegroups.com...  
> I was given a .dll file written for use with Excel spreadsheets. At  
> this point, a colleague said she just exports IDL-read data into an  
> Excel spreadsheet, performs the necessary algorithms (hidden in  
> the .dll file) and then exports the information back into IDL. This  
> seems a cumbersome way of doing things. I found .pro files for reading/  
> writing excel spreadsheets. Instead of calling Excel from IDL, I was  
> wondering if anyone might know a way for IDL to carryout the  
> procedures within the .dll file itself so I don't have to go back and  
> forth. Thank you!  
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look into call\_external to execute routines in a dll.

Cheers,  
bob

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