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Subject: Re: Writing an IDL application using a C++ data model.  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2007 04:35:43 GMT  
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Robbie writes:

> I was wondering if anyone has written an IDL application where most of  
> the data and meta data is stored and handled in C++?

I have to admit, Robbie, your posts have become increasingly incomprehensible to me over the past several months. But I think you may have gone completely over the edge with this one.

Tell me again, WHY do you work with IDL!?

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: Writing an IDL application using a C++ data model.  
Posted by [Robbie](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2007 06:01:53 GMT  
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Wow! That's the first time I've been asked that so directly. Perhaps, I'll try to tone down a bit. I still do plenty of "mere mortal" things with IDL and it works very well.

Indeed, there is an intrinsic problem with IDL when trying to transfer an in-house algorithm to an end-user application. Like every technology, IDL gets used for things it was never originally designed to do, and then gets abused for doing such a poor job.

There are a handful of common problems that seem to crop up on the newsgroup, and interfacing with C++ is certainly one of them. Python has done it very well, Matlab has sort of done it, but why not IDL? Surely a good C++ interface would speed up development at Boulder too.

Cheers,

Robbie

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