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Posted by [ijg9766](#) on Thu, 20 Apr 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: calling c from idl

Posted by [Emmanuel GUYOT](#) on Mon, 24 Apr 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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Posted by [pellet](#) on Mon, 01 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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You could also spawn your C program in the background with something like: SPAWN, 'c_program &' This can also be used to make a link to your external and make an I/O connection between IDL and the C program.

Jeff

Subject: Re: Calling C from IDL
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Thu, 23 Oct 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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Tron Darvann wrote:

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> Dear IDL-users,

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> We have a C++ program (SGI IRIX) that we wish to call from IDL
> in order to provide 1) a user interface by use of IDL widgets, and
> 2) visualization capabilities.

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> The C++ program, as it is used today, needs input from the user at
> several levels during execution. I wish to be able to give this input
> to the C++ program FROM IDL.

Tron -

I would suggest getting RSI's "Advanced Development Guide", and also "Linking Other Software with IDL". This sounds like a problem that might be solvable by using either Remote Procedure Calls or Callable IDL. Both have examples, though they are always the simplest cases.

Dave


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> my IDL-Prog "c_call_from_idl.pro"
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> pro c_call_from_idl
>   print, 'vor c aufruf'
>   result =
>   call_external('C:\sgossen\idl\igor\c-prog\probiere.dll','pro biere')
>   print, 'nach c aufruf'
>   print, 'result: ', result
>   help, result
> end
>
> Executing this file I get following error-message:
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> % CALL_EXTERNAL: Error loading sharable executable.
>       Symbol: probiere, File =
> C:\sgossen\idl\igor\c-prog\probiere.dll
>       ERROR_PROC_NOT_FOUND
>
> I don't really know where the error could be. The path of the
> .dll-file is still correct.
> Can you help me with my problem?
> Thank you!
> Sascha Gossen
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