
Subject: Multi-Threading - IDL_IDLBridge
Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Tue, 23 Feb 2016 10:33:30 GMT
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Many thanks

Subject: Re: Multi-Threading - IDL_IDLBridge
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 24 Feb 2016 21:19:18 GMT
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On 2/23/16 3:33 AM, dmfl0590@gmail.com wrote:

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There are some small differences between UNIX, OS X, and Windows, but it should work on all of them. I'm more worried about IDL 6.4. The IDL_IDLBridge was introduced in IDL 6.3, I'm not sure how many bridge bugs have been fixed since 6.4 and 8.5.1.

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That's a bit daunting then. Parallel programming is generally not the best place to start when learning to program.

I have some library routines and examples in my library that might be close to what you are doing and hopefully simple to modify for your needs. My library is at:

<https://github.com/mgalloy/mglib>

Library routines are in src/multiprocessing and the examples are in examples/multiprocessing.

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Modern IDL: A Guide to IDL Programming (<http://modernidl.idldev.com>)
