
Subject: Problems with CALL_EXTERNAL on AIX
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I am trying to use the call external routine on an IBM R/6000 machine running AIX 3.2 and IDL 2.3.2. I have succeeded in linking the following file as a shareable object library.

```
main()
{
}

test1(argc, argv)
  int argc;
  void *argv[];
{
return(101);
}

test2(argc, argv)
  int argc;
  void *argv[];
{
return(102);
}
```

I compile this with:
cc -c -bloadmap:test.map test.c -o test.o

and link it with
ld -o shrtest.o test.o -bE:shrtest.exp -bM:SRE -T512 -H512 -lc

where shrtest.exp contains:
#!
test1
test2

If I link this shareable object library to a main C program it works fine, test1 returns 101 and test2 returns 102.

However, when I try to call this from IDL I get the following:
; IDL Version 2.3.2 (AIX ibmr2)
; Journal File for rivers@xray1
; Working directory: /user/rivers
; Date: Sat Sep 12 00:05:48 1992

```
a = call_external('shrtest.o', '_test1')
print, a
```

```
; 101
a = call_external('shrtest.o', '_test2')
print, a
; 101
a = call_external('shrtest.o', 'zzzjunk')
print, a
; 101
```

It thus seems that IDL always calls the first function in the shareable object library no matter what the second argument to call_external is. The last call above should have given an IDL error.

Any idea what the problem is?

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