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Examples of how to use call_external come WITH idl. The are located in a path something like: /usr/local/rsi/idl_4/external/examples/sharelib/

Also check out the IDL FORTRAN-FAQ:

<ftp://eos.crseo.ucsb.edu:/pub/idl/idl-fortran.Z>

Note that the call external example given uses a C interface program, it is also possible to use a FORTRAN interface program.

A very simple shell of a FORTRAN interface program would look like:
(check out the post I made last week about this with a more complicated example, I erased it, maybe someone else will be kind enough to repost it. :)

c Interface routine

 SUBROUTINE pass (argc, argv)

c note size of intergers on the next line depends on your system pointer size

 INTEGER*8 argc, argv(*)

 CALL mysub (%VAL(argv(1)),%val(argv(2)))

 RETURN

 END

 SUBROUTINE mysub (a, b)

 integer*4 a, b

 print *, a, b

 end

idl:

j=CALL_EXTERNAL ('mylib.so','pass_',NBLOCKS,len,VALUE=[0,0])

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| "if free particles were truly free..."                  |  
|                  "they wouldn't be represented by bras, <k| "          |  
| ---oh no, how did a physics joke make it in here? :^)                  |  
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Subject: Re: Calling fortran  
Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Fri, 11 Oct 1996 07:00:00 GMT  
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On Thu, 10 Oct 1996, Howard Onishi wrote:

> Does anyone have an example of calling Fortran from IDL?  
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>

Yep! You will have to chage the link statement to fit your needs.

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;=====
; Originator: Andrew F. Loughe
;
; *** SUN SOLARIS 2.3 TEST ***
; Procedure to call a FORTRAN program from within IDL.
; The first 100 primes are computed in the FORTRAN program and
; passed into an IDL vector called prime_nums.
; We pass into the subroutine the number of primes desired.
;
; NOTE: A large number of "nonsense" function calls are made
;       from within the FORTRAN subroutine in order to test
;       that the link is robust. It found a problem with
;       atan2 and datan2.
;
; **** Set these for yourself ****
; DIR = '/home/afl/ensemble/weights/src/idl/'
```

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LIB_DIR = '/usr/lib/'

; This doesn't quite look like a shared object library!!
; May not need all three libraries, but for other tests I did need them.
compile = 1
if (compile eq 1) then begin
    SRC = DIR + 'primes.f '
    OBJ = DIR + 'primes.o '
    OUT = DIR + 'primes.so '
    LIB = LIB_DIR + 'libV77.a ' + LIB_DIR + 'libF77.a ' + $
        LIB_DIR + 'libsunmath.a '

    spawn, 'f77 -c -Kpic ' + SRC
    spawn, 'ld -G -o ' + OUT + OBJ + LIB
endif

num_primes = 100L          ; Want 100 primes.
prime_nums = lonarr(num_primes) ; Initialize the prime_nums vector.

; Call a FORTRAN program to do the computation.
a = CALL_EXTERNAL(DIR + 'primes.so', 'primes_', num_primes, prime_nums)

print, prime_nums(*)

end

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C=====
C Originator: Andrew F. Loughe
C
C *** SUN SOLARIS 2.3 TEST ***
C A rather simple, inefficient, poorly nested, quickly written,
C subroutine (apology accepted?) to compute the first N primes.
C It is used to demonstrate the ability of IDL to call a FORTRAN
C subroutine to accomplish some task, accepting an input paramter,
C and returning some values.
C num_primes is passed into this subroutine from IDL.
C
C NOTE:
C Some nonsense function calls are added to see if our link is robust.
C From this test I learned that atan2 and datan2 are symbols which
C could not be found.

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subroutine primes1(num_primes, prime)

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implicit none

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integer i, j, icount, num_primes

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```
integer prime(num_primes)
real r, r2
double precision d, d2
```

```
prime(1) = 2      ! By definition 1 is not prime.
prime(2) = 3
prime(3) = 5      ! This simple method requires
prime(4) = 7      ! specification of primes under 10.
icount = 4
```

C Loop through a large number of integers.

C Return only "num\_primes" primes.  
do 100 i = prime(icount)+2, 1e8, 2

C Test for an even divisor.

```
do 200 j = 3, int( sqrt( float(i) ) ), 2
  if ( mod(i,j) .eq. 0 ) goto 100    ! Number not prime.
200 continue
```

C A prime has been found!

```
icount = icount + 1
prime(icount) = i
if (icount .gt. num_primes-1) goto 300 ! Only want num_primes
```

100 continue

C SOME NONSENSE FUNCTION CALLS:

C Sometimes a particular symbol is not found, so the CALL\_EXTERNAL

C routine fails. Let's do some nonsense function calls to see if

C our link is robust. Sorry, not all FORTRAN functions are tested.

```
300 i = 100
r = 100.
d = 100.
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```
i = iabs(i)
r = abs(r)
d = dabs(d)
```

```
i = max0(i, 2)
r = amax1(r, 3.)
d = dmax1(d, d*d)
```

```
i = min0(i, 2)
r = amin1(r, 3.)
d = dmin1(d, d*d)
```

```
r = sqrt(r)
d = dsqrt(d)
```

```
r = exp(r)
d = dexp(d)
```

```
r = alog( abs(r) )
d = dlog( dabs(d) )
```

```
r = alog10( abs(r) )
d = dlog10( dabs(d) )
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```
r = sin(r)
d = dsin(d)
```

```
r = cos(r)
d = dcos(d)
```

```
i = 100
r = 100.
d = 100.
r2= .5
d2= .5
```

```
r = tan(r)
d = dtan(d)
```

```
r = asin(r)
d = dasin(d)
```

```
r = acos(r)
d = dacos(d)
```

```
r = atan(r)
d = datan(d)
```

C COULD NOT FIND THESE 2 SYMBOLS

C r = atan2(r, r2)

C d = datan2(d, d2)

```
r = sinh(r)
d = dsinh(d)
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```
r = cosh(r)
d = dcosh(d)
```

```
r = tanh(r)
```

```
d = dtanh(d)
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return
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end
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