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Subject: Re: trying to link with C++ on Unix  
Posted by [Martha Kusterer](#) on Thu, 10 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT  
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Hi,  
You were right, when I created a main.c to link with the C library it didn't work.  
I inadvertantly saved the C++ code without the extern "C" {} around the forward declarations. It now works.

If anyone needs examples email me at [martha.kusterer@jhuapl.edu](mailto:martha.kusterer@jhuapl.edu) and I will send them.

thanks,  
martha

Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan wrote:

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> In article <366F2CCC.1DC69990@aplcomm.jhuapl.edu>
> "Thomas L. Kusterer" <kustetl1@aplcomm.jhuapl.edu> writes:
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>> in C and IDL. I have linked the C and C++ libraries to be position
>> independent and sharable but the IDL code runs the C and then says that
>> it can't resolve the C++ routine name. I have included the extern "C"
>> around the C++ routine names. I have made the C library link with the
>> C++.
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>> Does anyone have any ideas?
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> Let me get this right: The IDL wrapper calls a C wrapper function,
> which in turn calls a C++ library function, right? (That's the
> way it's supposed to be, normally)
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> But IDL complains (on loading the shareable) that it cannot find
> the C++ library function?
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> Then your problem is not in IDL, but in the C wrapper.
> I suspect that declaring the C++ to be extern "C" is a
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> (if that's allowed...never done this before). 'Cause
> that's what it is, I mean. To simplify your testing,
> write a C main() program that calls your C wrapper,
> then try to compile the thing into an executable.
> This should *not* work at the present, if I got your
> problem right. Now, try pre-/postfixing the C++
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> routine name with underscores (one, or two, or...).

> Better yet, find out from your C++/C documentation

> exactly how to call C++ routines.

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