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Subject: Win32 jacket routines between IDL and third-party DLL

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I have very little programming experience in the Win32 environment, so apologies if this is a trivial question.

The problem I'm looking at is that a colleague wants to use an IDL front-end program to control a CAMAC crate. The crate controller comes with a set of C-callable routines in the form of a DLL, but the arguments expected aren't in the form that IDL's `CALL_EXTERNAL` will generate.

So, what's needed are jacket routines that accept arguments from IDL, and then generate calls to the CAMAC controller routines.

Is it straightforward to write a DLL called from IDL that in turn calls another DLL, and where do I look up the details?

If anyone has done something like this already, I'd much appreciate a peek at the code!

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