
Subject: Runtime IDL for UNIX

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When starting an IDL runtime application on a WINDOWS machine it's possible to give parameters to the program call. For an IDL application called "main.sav", needing a (STRING-)parameter which is e.g. "lap", this program call from the command line has to be "idlrt main,'lap'".

The question now is whether there is a possibility to call the same program using this "lap"-parameter under on a UNIX machine running IDL? Trying to do a comparable program call from the UNIX command line using the "idl -rt" command wasn't successful with respect to parameter passing. Is there anybody out knowing how to make the correct program call under UNIX using a program parameter or is this feature just impossible on a UNIX machine?

Another problem seems to be how to call such a runtime application automatically at a predefined time schedule: On a UNIX machine this should be easy using the cron utility. However, on a WINDOWS-NT machine the easiest way would be to use the "at" command. Obviously, this solution don't do the job although it looks like that, i.e. there seems to be a bug of IDLRT under WINDOWS!? Does anybody have some experience in preparing automated runtime applications using IDL?

Thanks for your time.
Best regards,

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