

Problem

Why does the `getComponent` method of `ZLegacy/ACS.ContainerServices` return an object of type `None`?

Solution

Sometimes the *getComponent* method will fail with an error message like:

```
2004-08-09T21:49:09.000 getComponent - Unable to narrow 'FRIDGE1' component: 'NoneType' object has no attribute '_narrow'
```

A few possible reasons for this are:

- the container responsible for activating *FRIDGE1* has been shutdown already or was never started
- the Python CORBA stubs for your IDL interface are not in your `$PYTHONPATH` environment variable. There is a very high probability this is the case if the IDL module (i.e., namespace) your IDL interface is defined in is reopened in other ALMA CVS modules. See [ALMASW2002083](#) in the [ALMA SPR system](#) for more details.
- the wrong component name is being used

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