
Subject: Re: Object-Oriented Programming Question
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 17 Dec 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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Peter Stoltz (pstoltz@pppl.gov) writes:

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> I have finally gotten around to trying out object-oriented programming
> with IDL, and I have a question about data encapsulation.
>
> I define an object structure A that has as one of its data members
> another object B (A has a B). So far as I can tell, when one creates
> an instance of A, one cannot invoke the methods of class B through
> the syntax
>
> IDL> a=obj_new('A')
> IDL> a.b->some_method
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I think the correct syntax is this:

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a->b::some_method
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This will search the superclass b and any of its superclasses.

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> Also, is there a mailing list or anything specifically about
> object-oriented programming in IDL?
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This is a good idea. I've been thinking about some kind of programming newsletter. Maybe when I have some time...

Cheers,

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