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Subject: Re: object reference in a structure  
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"Charlie Solomon" <crsolomon@west.raytheon.com> writes:

>  
> Hi everyone...is it possible to put an object reference in a structure  
> variable? For example, I create a new object, then create a pointer to an  
> info structure for my widget and try to include the object reference in the  
> structure:  
>  
> junk = 'charlie was here'  
> ptr\_new, info( { junk:junk, oWindow:0 } )  
>

Imminently doable. The thing you must store in the structure is a null object reference. You get one in a way analogous to how you get a null pointer reference, i.e. with `Obj_New()`. Try...

```
Widget_Control, widget_id_where_you_want_to_store_this_info, $  
  set_UValue=Ptr_New( { junk:junk, oWindow: Obj_new() } )
```

Then everything else will work fine. I do this sort of thing all the time.

>  
> But when I try to access it bad things happen (I can get the actual error  
> message if needed). Here's how I try to access it:  
>  
> (\*info).oWindow = obj\_new('IDLgrWindow') ;no worky  
> (\*info).oWindow -> method, keywords ;no worky  
>  
> Should I even be trying this? I want to be able to store the object  
> reference in info after it is created in another procedure and passed back  
> so that my widget program can modify properties and destroy it based on  
> xmanager events. Thanks!  
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I don't speak for JPL, it doesn't speak for me.  
Well, not all the time, at least.  
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