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Subject: Re: Copying (Duplicating) Objects

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"M. Katz" <MKatz843@onebox.com> wrote in message  
news:4a097d6a.0206050708.7dc1b091@posting.google.com...

> After 4 months away from IDL, I can't remember how to duplicate an  
> object variable.

That's OK. After 10 years with it, I can't remember it either.

> I know that the simple command, `b = a`, only makes `b` and `a` have the  
> same reference--they point to the same object.

Indeed.

> What's the command to make `b` an entirely new object but identical to  
> `a`.

There isn't one, at least not built-in. The simplest & most robust  
(though not foolproof) method of doing this is to SAVE the object to  
disk then RESTORE it.

Try searching Google groups for "clone object group:comp.lang.idl-pvwave"

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