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Subject: Re: overload init function in class/object ?

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This thread has been \_extremely\_ enlightening for me.  
I really appreciate all of the input.

I am still new to IDL (pretty obvious from my questions eh? :)  
I still see IDL as a non-native speaker sees a new language.  
I subconsciously translate everything into what I know.  
When someone gets to the point where they really \_know\_ a new  
language they stop translating (even if sub-consciously) to there  
native language and start thinking \_directly\_ in the new language.

Optional parameters is area of IDL where I am still very much  
\_not\_ a native speaker. In the code I write I force myself to  
explicitly use every parameter that I pass. Where more experienced  
IDL programmers use optional parameters I use extra sub-routines.

I am pretty sure this is an example of how I translate IDL into C++  
sub-consciously.

Thanks all for pointing this out to me!

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paul wisehart

(ps. eventually I will start using IDLWAVE, and my vi/vim  
trained fingers are trembling in fear ... boo!)

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