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Subject: Re: `_extra` and `call_method`

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David Fanning wrote:

> Benjamin Hornberger writes:

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>> Any more hints, except defining a dummy keyword for each method?

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> I pretty much make `_Extra` a feature of every procedure or

> function definition statement I write. It never hurts, and

> sometimes helps. :-)

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> Similarly, I've gotten in the habit of returning

> the dummy structure as an output argument for every

> object I create. That *\*really\** comes in handy!

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> PRO myobject\_\_define, class

> class = {MYCLASS, myvar:0}

> END

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Hi,

I'm running on just one cup of coffee this morning so maybe this is a fuzzy question: could you explain the circumstances in which this is useful? If you return dummy named structure - well, what about all the work that goes into populating its properties it via the INIT function? Or is this for simple data structures (ala widget event structures, etc. ?)

Thanks,

Ben

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