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Subject: qualifying object classes on the fly

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Is there an accepted method, or an available function, for determining if an object class exists. I'd like to declare an object with the class specified as the argument to `obj_new()`, and if it fails to find a known class, have the object return as `!null` or `obj_new()`. This is the behavior I would like.

```
o = OBJ_NEW('testclass', /RETURN_NULL_ON_FAIL)
```

Currently, asking for a non-existent class breaks the program. Some part of me thinks it would be too inelegant to use `CATCH` for something like this.

Alternately, is there a routine like this:

```
result = TEST_OBJ_CLASS('testclass') ?
```

Thanks

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