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Subject: Re: Need IDL 8 Help

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Matthew Argall writes:

> theHash[message] is the list of objects receiving/sending messages. Lists have \_overloadEQ methods that compare each entity in the list to the desired quantity. If the maximum in the array of 1's and 0's is 0, then you know that the object is not in the list already.

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>
> IDL> message = 'CHANGED_COLORS'
> IDL>
> IDL> theHash = hash()
> IDL> obj1 = obj_new('idl_container')
> IDL> obj2 = obj_new('idlanroi')
> IDL> obj3 = obj_new('idlgrview')
> IDL>
> IDL> theHash[message] = list()
> IDL> theHash[message] -> add, obj1
> IDL> theHash[message] -> add, obj2
> IDL> print, theHash[message] eq obj3
> 0 0
```

Humm. A overloaded operator is kinda like introducing a paragraph into the documentation that is written in Serbian, isn't it? ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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