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Subject: Re: Bad Advice?

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2014 23:00:55 GMT

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On 10/30/14, 12:14 PM, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,

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> The latest article on the IDL Data Point blog contains this advice:

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> "Be very careful using the OBJ\_DESTROY method."

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> I'm not sure this is particularly good advice, especially if you write

> IDL code that might inadvertently be run on a non-IDL 8 version of IDL.

> In those cases (and I think I would still argue in ALL cases), you might

> want to be *\*sure\** to use the OBJ\_DESTROY method!

Yes, I use OBJ\_DESTROY as well since it's easy and doesn't make a compatibility issue.

But the context from the article is to be careful with OBJ\_DESTROY when you have multiple references to a single heap variable. Calling OBJ\_DESTROY on one will destroy the reference of all of them.

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