
Subject: Re: Application Development

Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Tue, 27 Oct 2015 19:54:32 GMT

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On Mon, 26 Oct 2015 11:25:15 -0700 (PDT), rryan.asu@gmail.com wrote:

> So is there a way to get a list of all the routines, including objects, for this project?

Hello Russel,

24 hours and no answer. So I will tell you my solution(s), which may be a little bit exotic. [*]

The simple way is to write an extra line of code for each object class. If FOO is the name of the object class, write

```
if 0b then foo__define
```

preferably in every routine creating objects of the class FOO. This statement may look a little bit strange, because this line is never executed. (0b of cause is always FALSE.) However the IDL routine ROUTINE_INFO,/UNRESOLVED responds to this line, and therefore RESOLVE_ALL compiles the file foo__define.pro. As you said, you have all methods of an object class in this file.

The second way uses the same trick, but works with an extra file foo.pro:

```
function foo,par1,par2,...,_ref_extra=extra
return,obj_new('foo',par1,par2,...,_strict_extra=extra)
foo__define
end
```

Again the line foo__define is never executed, however ROUTINE_INFO,/UNRESOLVED finds this procedure, when you write

```
obj=foo(par1,par2,...,key1,key2,...)
```

instead of

```
obj=OBJ_NEW("foo",...)
```

at object creation. (This is important!) Note that this way does not interfere with the "simplified object creation", introduced in IDL 8.0. Even better, it makes it possible for older IDL versions.

I think, the second way would be beneficially, if you had separated files for your class methods, e.g. one file for every method. You would need to write the list of all the files at one place only.

I hope, the above is clearly understandable.

Cheers, Heinz

[*] The best of cause would be, the IDL developers gave ROUTINE_INFO,/UNRESOLVED a new keyword to include the methods in the list of procedures/functions. However I don't know, if this is possible. ;-)
