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Subject: Re: running an application from the IDL virtual machine  
Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Fri, 20 Nov 2015 10:14:06 GMT  
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On Friday, November 20, 2015 at 10:41:53 AM UTC+1, marka...@gmail.com wrote:

> On Friday, November 20, 2015 at 1:52:20 AM UTC+1, Jim P wrote:

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>> You will probably want your main widget event loop to be blocking if that's all your object is responsible for.

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> I don't understand what you mean here. Do you mean that the object initialization should never finish, and that the variable foo in the above example should not be returned, until the application closes?

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> The application itself is a graphics window. It can spawn further instances of itself if it needs to create new windows. The object initialization needs to finish smoothly, in order for things like that to work.

Hi,  
the way I do this is to make an executable of a pro that calls the object.  
This is how it looks like:

```
function myObj::init
;make your widget here or elsewhere within the object
;no need to block the widget
self.wBase = widget_base()
self.wlabel = widget_label(self.wBase, value='show something')
widget_control, self.wBase, /realize
xmanager, 'myObjWid', self.wBase, /no_block
print, 'wid obj initialized'
return, 1
end
```

```
pro myObj__define
void = {myObj, wBase:0l, wLabel:0l}
end
```

```
pro runMyObj
obj = obj_new('myObj')
print, 'obj called, exit pro. Obj lives on.'
end
```

This does the trick for me.  
Is this what you're looking for?

Cheers,  
Helder

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