Subject: use of 'obj_new' within another object definition Posted by wisehart on Mon, 18 Nov 2002 21:48:35 GMT

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Hi, I am experiencing a problem in IDL 5.4. I create an object called 'my_object', and define it in a file called 'my object define.pro' I do the same thing with 'other_object', and 'other object define.pro'. Both of these objects compile and i can create variables with them. They both have 'init' functions that do basic initilization stuff. I know that the 'init' functions are getting called because I can put... print,'i am here ...' ...statements in the init functions, and I will see the output when i initialize an object of that type. Now, my problem is that if I want 'my object' to have an instance of 'other_object' as a member object, the init function(of 'other object') doesn't get called. To eleborate...(snipping irrelevant stuff) ;my_object__define.pro pro my_object__define foo: obj_new('other_object') end; my_object ;other_object__define.pro

function other object::init

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print, ' i am here!'
 return, 1
end; init
pro other_object__define
  ;object definition stuff here
end; other_object
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When type ' x = obj_new('other_object') ' on the command line, I see the 'i am here!'.

When type 'y = obj_new('my_object') ' on the command line, I DON"T see the ' i am here!'.

Why is this?

I don't get any errors otherwise, and according to the documentation on 'obj new' it seems it should call the 'init' function in BOTH circumstances.

Any ideas greatly appreciated,

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