
Subject: Re: OBJ_HASMETHOD

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 18:07:27 GMT

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On Fri, 25 Feb 2005 10:47:12 -0700, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
>
> Oh, oh. I discovered quite by accident (I assumed it would
> be there) that there is a function OBJ_HASMETHOD that can
> be used to tell if an object has a particular method or not.
> But I can't find any reference to it in the IDL documentation.
>
> obj = Obj_New('trackball')
> Print, Obj_HasMethod(obj, 'UPDATE')
> 1
>
> Does anyone know anything about this function? In particular,
> I would like to know when it was introduced. I don't spend
> a *great* deal of time thinking about backward compatibility,
> but in this particular instance I must. It will replace a hack
> from a long time ago in a fundamental part of the code. :-(

I don't think it ships with IDL, but instead it was found on the RSI
contrib site, contributed by Jim Pendelton. You even remarked:

<http://groups-beta.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/msg/1c08f8398539fcd6>

Maybe you need to make that webpage after all ;). Or you could just do:

http://groups-beta.google.com/groups?as_q=object_hasmethod&as_m=as_ugroup=*idl-pvwave*

JD

Subject: Re: OBJ_HASMETHOD

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 18:14:55 GMT

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Well, that explains a couple of things. I thought it was odd that the name would just "come" to me. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: OBJ_HASMETHOD

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 23:26:50 GMT

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"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message news:MPG.1c89190c4867abbc989945@news.frii.com...

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You are indeed prescient, David, since my version of the functionality on the codebank

is named "OBJECT_HASMETHOD". Of course, in spending weeks plowing through the source code of the iTools, as you've probably done, you probably subliminally noted its use therein.

Jim P.
