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Subject: Re: Returning result from a widget program.  
Posted by [Eddie Breeveld](#) on Mon, 13 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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But common blocks are clear and easy! Your pointer example  
(this is me showing some prejudice!) is unclear and more importantly  
easy to get wrong.

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David Foster wrote:

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> mirko_vukovic@notes.mrc.sony.com wrote:
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>> Imanol Echave <ccaeccai@sc.ehu.es> wrote:
>>> Hi people:
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>>> I'm writting an IDL function that works with widgets. The user calls an
>> IDL
>>> function that shows an widget interface to input data. When the user pushes
>> the
>>> "OK" button the function has to return a result that depends on the input
>> data.
>>> My problem is where to store this result to return it. Any advice?
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>> common block, pointer variable?
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>> You can setup a widget cleanup routine (and frankly, I forget their syntax
>> now), where you can do that kind of stuff.
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>> mirko
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> This is definitely the easiest approach, but it's messy and you'll
> regret it later. There is almost always a way to avoid common blocks,
> like my recent reply to Imanol.
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> Dave
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