
Subject: Re: !ERR and MPFIT

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Craig Markwardt (craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

> * to everybody: any suggestions on how to generically signal an error
> condition? My thoughts were:
>
> - ERROR keyword variable - don't like this, since then the
> function has to accept keywords
>
> - define a new system variable - don't like this either, since
> it's hard to do system variables right
>
> - common block variable - not very pretty, but gets the job done.
>
> To be clear, this is some kind of error flag that a user routine would
> (optionally!) set to signal an abnormal termination condition. Right
> now I am leaning toward the common-block approach. Sorry David.

Oh, I like it. And to tell you the truth, this might
be the *perfect* situation for a common block. Just
don't be putting 'em in a widget program! :-)

Cheers,

David

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