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Subject: Re: include file?

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Stu <stu.c@freeuk.com> wrote in message news:395B0B0C.C0A5715D@freeuk.com...

> Hi,  
> I have several different routines that all set up the same or slightly  
> different constants etc at the beginning,  
> is it possible to have all the constants in one file, and have all my  
> functions/procedures reference this file  
> when they start? It would make for easier maintenance this way. How  
> would it be done? I can't see a  
> normal function or procedure doing the job as you would have to ask for  
> each constant explicitly, which is a  
> bit of a pain.  
>  
> cheers,  
> Stu  
>

You can make system variables in your startup.pro file  
For instance, in mine I have the following:

```
DEFSYSV, '!imag', complex(0,1)  
DEFSYSV, '!twopi', 2*!dpi
```

(this also avoids the problem of having common blocks,  
where you may inadvertently confuse local and global variables  
(artificially I guess, but the " ! " at the front of the name is  
a good way to identify global variables))

Cheers,  
bob stockwell

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