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Subject: Re: Declaration of variables in IDL

Posted by [Todd Clements](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2001 19:49:39 GMT

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I get ahead of myself sometimes on the sarcasm. In my family, we first assume that what you say is a joke. Then we consider whether or not it may be true. Sometimes this get me in trouble. ;>

But like I said, using the same variable name many times is great for job security. Or at least guaranteeing that you'll be bugged for years to come. Someone wrote a monolithic code a while back which he called "SDC" standing for "self documenting code". This was because some of his variables actually had \*gasp\* more than seven characters. Let's just say (TM) that for a while after I started working on the code, he was on speed dial.

Todd

>> It's much  
>> better to embrace the weakly typed variables and reuse the same variable  
>> several times in each function.  
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> Note to original poster: Apologies for maybe stating the obvious, but Todd  
> Clements is joking.  
> If you can avoid it, you should not reuse the same variable several times in  
> each function - it  
> can be a maintenance nightmare depending on the complexity of the  
> function/procedure in  
> question.

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