
Subject: Re: EGAD! A common block question.....
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 22 May 2002 15:27:34 GMT
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paul (psisk@ball.com) writes:

> I realize common blocks are kind of a nasty subject around here,
> anyway, I'm a newbie to this whole IDL thing, so here is my
> question.....

Don't listen to all the nonsense. Common blocks are fine.
RSI uses them all the time in the IDL code they write. :-)

> I have multiple widget based tools that need to share properties
> (mostly directories and such), my first thought was to create a common
> block that holds a hashtable. Upon initialization, properties are
> read from a file and set in the common block. Also I wanted each tool
> to be able to set its own properties into the common block, therefore,
> the hashtable can grow with each tool initialization. This process
> seems to work fine in the development environment, but not in the
> runtime environment. Any suggestions? Comments? Alternatives?

Is your initialization routine a procedure, or is it a
main-level program. You won't be able to have any
main-level programs in a run-time environment. If it
is a procedure, I can't see why this won't work as
a run-time program. Your "main" routine calls
the initialization routine, then fires off the
tools, right?

Cheers,

David

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