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Subject: Re: Preferences

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Niel Malan writes:

- > I often find my self in need of a file that contains information specific to a user or application, such as axis settings, or
- > file locations, stuff that needs to be adjustable, but mostly stays the same. Usually I cobble together a few functions and a
- > text file with some kind of format.
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- > I've had a look on the web, but could not find anything specific enough. This might be because I use the wrong search terms.
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- > Is there a IDL function library somewhere that provides a generalised 'preferences' or options system?
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- > Does anybody else have the same need?

I often have the need, but I do the same as you: cobble something together. I think it would be almost impossible to write a "generalized" preferences system, although I'm sure if you gave it a try you would be using an object of some sort. :-)

Objects are a terrific way to keep track of the current "state" of something. They are used, for example, in FSC\_PSConfig to keep track to the current state of the PostScript device and in MPI\_Plot to keep track of current line plot settings.

Cheers,

David

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