
Subject: Re: Defining constants in IDL?

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Bob wrote:

> I have a quick question. I am a big newbie when it comes to IDL, but
> the place that I work at uses it extensively. I am used to C/C++, and
> I want to know how does one define a constant in IDL (similar to
> #DEFINE TRUE 1 in C/C++). I have read through the user manuals, but to
> no avail. Also, are there any good tutorials online to help a
> struggling newbie like me? The user manuals 'cover' all the material,
> but rather poorly.
>

in your startup file, you can define system variables

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

```
print,!twopi
```

CHeers,
bob
