
Subject: Re: Defining constants in IDL?

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Dominic Zarro <dzarro@yahoo.com> wrote:

- > IDL is very forgiving. Just define a constant to be any name and set its
- > value. For example,
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- > IDL> a = 100
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- > Just be careful not to redefine and, hence, overwrite the variable 'a'.

The problem with this approach is that it is only visible within one particular file. There's no mechanism akin to C's header files for getting a constant into multiple source files, something I frequently find myself missing. You can work around this using common blocks, but that's has its own problems. Perhaps the best solution is user-defined system variables but even that seems rather kludgy.

- Marshall
