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Subject: Re: 1)analog #define in IDL? 2) get position of a window?

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Michael Feigin,ARC Research Fellow,AS,951231 (feigin@saturn.gas.unsw.EDU.AU) wrote:

: Dear colleagues,

: 1. The problem is that it's necessary to define some variables in a IDL program  
: in such a way that allows easy to change them in the future. I understand  
: that it may be implemented via using COMMON BLOCKS but it's extremely poor  
: style.

Why is it poor style?

Anyway, the only other way I could think of doing this would be to have  
your variables definid in a file, say define.pro, as

```
variable1= 23l  
variable2= 34d001
```

etc.

and then use an @define.pro near the start of the routine to set them all up.  
Then you'd only need to edit define.pro to change their values. As to  
whether this is any nicer than common blocks.....

Tim Patterson

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