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Subject: Re: compile a routine wich include a commun  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 22 Jan 2006 14:21:12 GMT  
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L. Testut writes:

- > I am a beginner with IDL and I really enjoy this programmation
- > langage, even if it is not easy at the beginning. I'm building at the
- > moment an application to work with satellite altimetric data of four
- > satellites.
- > My question is "it is possible to compile a procedure or function
- > including a COMMON which is not already defined" in others words : "is
- > it possible to force compilation of procedure or function including a
- > COMMON which is not already defined" ?
- >
- > Your answer will probably be : don't use common at all ! (but I don't
- > know how to do without common)

Well, I admit I don't know much about common blocks, having only used them a handful of times in 20 years of IDL programming, but I am perplexed by your question. I keep asking myself, "How could you NOT compile a procedure or function including a COMMON which is not already defined?" Where else would it be defined?

So, there must be some kind of problem you are running into that I can't envision. What are you trying to do, and what is preventing you from doing that? Are you certain it is a COMMON block that is preventing compilation? Why?

Cheers,

David

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