
Subject: Re: Two Questions

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In article <40ag77\$dvs@post.gsfc.nasa.gov> offenbrg@fondue.gsfc.nasa.gov (Joel D. Offenbergl) writes:

> 1. Global variables do not exist. However, "Common blocks" can be used to
> achieve the same effect. (A "common block" is a group of variables which
> are declared in each function/procedure, but retain their values when out of
> scope, and can be declared in as many functions/procedures as you wish).

While "Global" variables do not exist, System variables do. These are created with the procedure DEFSYSV, and are globally visible. They can also be made Read_Only, so that functions cannot change them. Personally, I prefer common blocks, but the original poster might want to give both possibilities a try.

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