
Subject: Re: variables in common blocks

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On Fri, 4 May 2007, Lasse Clausen wrote:

> why are common blocks bad?

They is an area where they are really useful: preserving the state of a user routine (like static local variables in C/C++):

```
pro mypro
common mypro_state, a, b, c

if size(a, /type) eq 0 then begin
    ; first call, initialize
endif
```

...

end

regards,
lajos
