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Subject: Re: variables in common blocks

Posted by [lasse](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 14:42:57 GMT

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On 4 May, 15:11, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Lasse Clausen writes:

>> I won't be drawn into a discussion whether COMMON blocks are a good

>> things or not.

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> Shoot. I thought my Friday troll was less transparent than that. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.

Ok. I'll describe what I am using common blocks for: Whatever day during the week, I am doing one of the following:

1) read data

2) process data

3) plot data

Since there are many different ways to process or plot data, it is nice to read the data into common blocks, so that when I decide to process or plot the data differently, I do not have to read it in again.

If you have an easy solution on how to avoid common blocks, shoot. And why are common blocks bad? Is it the same reason "goto" statements are bad?

Cheers

Lasse

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