
Subject: Re: variables in common blocks

Posted by [lasse](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 14:06:56 GMT

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On 4 May, 14:45, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Lasse Clausen writes:

>> al long time ago, somebody asked the following question in this

>> newsgroup but never got an answer. I was wondering if any of you knew:

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>>> Date: 1995/05/16

>>> Subject: Common blocks revisited...

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>>> 1) Is there a way to list only variables in a common block?

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>>> 2) Is there a way to list the currently defined common blocks?

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> Having spent a couple of weeks trying to deconvolve a program

> with Common blocks, I can understand why someone might

> want something like this, but I'm afraid adding the capability

> would only encourage this kind of nonsense. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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

I won't be drawn into a discussion whether COMMON blocks are a good things or not.

And anyway, I found out that you can list all variables using

help, names='*', output=out

For common block variables the output string contains the name of the common block in brackets, hence the functionality I would like to have is easily achieved by parsing through the output.

Ha!

Cheers

Lasse
