
Subject: Re: Static Variables in IDL

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In article <4i7ara\$606@vixen.cso.uiuc.edu>, santanu@ux7.cso.uiuc.edu (Santanu Bhattacharyya) writes:

> Hi,
> Is there a way to statically allocate variables in IDL ? I would
> like to define a static variable in a .pro which is repeatedly called
> from an upper level. I am specifically looking for the IDL counterpart
> of
> static int testint;
>

Yes, it is easy. Use a common block. Make the name of the common block unique enough that you can be sure it won't conflict with common blocks used in other procedures.

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common unique_name, testint  
testint = 14
```

testint will have the value 14 the next time the .pro file is called.

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