
Subject: Re: Structures and COMMON blocks

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In article <316ADC7A.41C6@irc.chmcc.org>, Phil Williams <williams@irc.chmcc.org> writes:

|>I'm developing several widget based apps and have a question concerning
|>the use of structures and common blocks.

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|>I have found both of these invaluable, but the problem comes when I want
|>to add a variable to a common block or structure. When I try to
|>recompile the .pro file idl won't let me. Is there another way to do
|>this other than quitting IDL and starting it over?

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Phil,

there is no way to enlarge a named common block; but there is a trick to do
it. I use often dummy variables at the end of a block (for example:

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COMMON block, var1,var2,var3,v1,v2,v3,v4
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where v1,v2,v3,v4 are (unused) dummy variables; if you need an additional
variable in the common block, you can just rename one of these dummies, without
need to exit the current IDL session.

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