
Subject: Re: Number of local variables in MAIN
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Dean Schulze <schulze@cassini.lpl.arizona.edu> writes:

> I got the message
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> 'Program unit has too many local variables'
>
> while running a series of scripts. 'help' shows 251 local
> variables. The program level is MAIN.
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> Is there some way to increase the number of local variables?
> I'm running IDL v3.6 on HP-UX 9.05.

There is no way to increase the number of local variables allowed.

There are **lots** of ways to decrease the number of local variables in your programs, starting with making your programs more modular. This has the wonderful side-effect of making you a **much** better IDL programmer automatically. :-)

If it were me, I'd try to run fewer "scripts" and more "programs".

Happy Holidays,

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