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Subject: defsysv

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Why does this work on the command line

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IDL> '!jeff', 38  
IDL> print, !jeff
```

when this doesn't work as a pro?

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pro test  
defsysv, '!jeff', 38  
print, !jeff  
end
```

We are trying to utilize a user-defined system variable to contain a handle value, but there is this problem of being able to define the system variable inside the application. So far, we can only get it to work on the command line, although after the system variable has been defined on the command line then the application works fine. How do you use "defsysv" in a program?

Jeff

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