
Subject: Is there a way to find every variable in current session where the variable name contains a specific string?

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I wondered if the above was possible in IDL 7. I have 2 datasets which have a lot of variables associated with them and all the variables are prefixed with for example dataset1_something and dataset2_something.

I know what all the "somethings" are so using EXECUTE to construct the variable name from a string I can loop over all of these variables and operate on them but it would be nicer if there was some way to identify them without needing to know their names beforehand.

I suspect the answer is "no" but it'd be nice to be surprised ;-)

Cheers

Rob
