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Subject: Re: Name of arrays

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 19 Feb 2012 16:00:41 GMT

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Israel Rodriguez Hermelo writes:

- > Why did you say that's a slippery slope? Is there a better solution?
- > I'm already using it with no problems.

I see a lot of people who are just getting started with programming wanting to name their variables like this. It seems cool, but in the end it just leads to unmaintainable programs. A variable is a variable. The variable named "a" is just as good as the variable named "b". Yes, variables should have good names in programs. But just give them a name (e.g., "theseMonths") in the program module where you need them. Don't go looking for them all over God's creation!

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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