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Subject: Re: Passing variables between procedures  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2012 03:42:48 GMT  
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On Friday, July 6, 2012 5:43:30 PM UTC-4, Thesource007 wrote:

- > Hi all.
- > This is my problem. I have two IDL procedures
- > hr2altaz, hour, dec, alt, az -- which takes the HA and DEC and
- > converts it to ALT and AZ
- > altaz2hr, hour, dec, alt, az -- which takes ALT and AZ, and converts
- > it to HA and DEC.
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- > What I need to do, is to begin with a certain HA and DEC, execute
- > hr2altaz, which will give me the ALT and AZ, and then take those two
- > outputs to execute altaz2hr, which will convert themj back to HA and
- > DEC, and then repeat the process many times (say 100).
- > The purpose being to compare the initial HA, DEC to the final (after
- > 100 reps) HA, DEC.
- > Is there a simple way to do this? Or I just have to use an input file
- > and loops?

Applying the function and its inverse: yes, just use a loop. The overhead of executing a loop 100 times is minimal.

"An input file" : that's up to you. But you can always read your values into an array once at the beginning.

Craig

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