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Subject: Re: resizing system variable

Posted by [astroboy.20000](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2012 21:44:37 GMT

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On Thursday, December 20, 2012 3:28:45 PM UTC-5, Craig Markwardt wrote:

> On Thursday, December 20, 2012 2:38:00 PM UTC-5, Bob Plano wrote:

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> You can only set the dimensions of a system variable once, the first time you initialize it. You can get around it using a pointer.

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> It sounds to me you are trying to use a system variable like a common block (i.e. global variable). See if you can rethink how you do it without a system variable, because it will probably come back to bite you.

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> Craig

Thanks Craig,

I have a program that I call in nearly every program I write, that defines about one hundred global variables, such as the date, time, working directory, default color table, etc., using the defsystv command. In any given program I'd use only a handful of these, but I wouldn't necessarily know which ones until the program was finished.

Based on David's books, it seems to me that using a common block in such a case would be a real pain.

Am I missing something as regards global variables?

Thanks,

Mark

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