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Subject: Re: name a variable with number

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rjp23@le.ac.uk writes:

> If anyone feels the inclination to cover this in more detail it'd be appreciated as I find myself using it quite often, normally as a shortcut to repeating the same thing over and over.

I think we are all confused about how hard-coding more variable names can be a shortcut to doing \*anything\* over and over again. It seems to me to be the \*last\* thing you would want to do. Doing things over and over again are exactly what arrays and lists are good for.

Giving things names may be good for the soul (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, etc.), but doing it in a program just seems crazy. :-)

Cheers,

David

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

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