
Subject: Re: static variables

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Jonathan Rogness (rogness@sg1.cr.usgs.gov) wrote:

: Sorry to answer my own question, but I had forgotten IDL supports global
: variables using Common Blocks. All my training as a programmer tells me
: not to use global vars, but if it works then I guess I can deal with it.
: :-)

Well, you're in luck! Variables in common blocks are not global, merely static; they have scope only over the functions in which the common block is declared. This is true even for the main level, the common block has to be declared there for the variables to exist. In general, the same name can be reused inside different common blocks, provided they aren't both used in the same namespace.

Peter
