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Dyalog for Windows supports Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) using Shared Variables. Shared Variables are defined by the ISO 8485 APL standard and are designed for communicating data between two applications. It is natural therefore to use them for DDE.

A shared variable can act as either a client or a server in a DDE conversation and any number of variables can be shared with one or more different applications.

Dyalog for Windows can also start up another application, and execute commands in it as well as exchange data with it. This makes it possible to fully integrate spreadsheets, databases, and other software into your APL applications.

You can also develop Dyalog for Windows workspaces that can be loaded and run from another application. For example, you can use APL to perform calculations on spreadsheet data using a macro. Your user need not even be aware that APL is involved.

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