
Subject: Re: Dumb Dumb Question

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Thu, 19 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

> Liam Gumley <Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> writes:

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>> "When calling a routine with a keyword parameter, you can abbreviate the
>> keyword to its shortest, unambiguous abbreviation".

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>> Cheers,

>> Liam.

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> I have been bitten by this alot. I have often wanted to have keywords
> like TIME, TIMEBIN, TIMECOL in the same procedure. For some reason
> it's perfectly legal to compile such a procedure, but I can never use
> the "TIME" keyword because it's ambiguous.

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> I would much prefer that the IDL byte compiler would issue a *warning*
> when an ambiguity like that appears. I think that when a procedure is
> called with "TIME=xxx", and that exact keyword exists, then there
> should be no ambiguity.

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> Craig

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I fully agree! I always run into this problem when I try to specify a PS
keyword to turn postscript output on and a PSFILENAME keyword to direct it
into a specific file....

Martin.

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