
Subject: Re: Dumb Dumb Question

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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.

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.

Craig

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