Colin Rosenthal (rosentha@asp.hao.ucar.edu) writes:

> This may be really stupid, but is there a way around the following
> feature:
>
> pro x_test,x=x,x2=x2
>   if n_elements(x) ne 0 then print, 'x=',x
>   if n_elements(x2) ne 0 then print, 'x2=',x2
> end
>
> when I run it with
>> x_test,x=1
> I get
> % Ambiguous keyword abbreviation: X.
> % Execution halted at: $MAIN$
>
> Does this mean no IDL procedure will ever work if one keyword is a left
> substring of another keyword? Can I force IDL to interpret the "x" as "x"
> and not an ambiguous abbreviation for "x2"?

As far as I know, there is no way around this. But would
you believe that with as many IDL programs as I've written,
I've only run into this problem a handful of times. (But
once last week, as a matter of fact.)

Cheers,

David