
Subject: Dumb Dumb Question

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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"?

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