
Subject: Re: Passing zero as a Parameter/ NOT KEYWORD_SET

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 30 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Martin Schultz wrote:

> Martin Schultz wrote
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> and D. Fanning, R. Bauer and J.D. Smith replied
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> [...]
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> oh well! Just when I for once thought I knew IDL ;-(
> (1) I confess: I confused IF with KEYWORD_SET. It is still sometimes
> enstranging that
> IF (2) THEN PRINT,'TRUE'
> will not print anything...

Did you know that's

if (3) then print,'true'

will print 'true'

All odd number gives true.

Reimar

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> (2) Of course, n_elements(var) eq 1 only makes sense when you expect a
> scalar. Guess, I wasn't clear enough here. It's just that I sometimes
> found I was running into trouble with ambiguous keywords such as COLOR
> which can occasionally be a vector (see SPLOT), but must be scalar on
> (most) other occasions. Now the test 'EQ 1' is of course only suitable
> for the 'other occasions'.
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> (3) Reimar Bauer makes a good point that you want to define a variable
> locally if you want to make sure not to pass it back (however, I often
> find that passing previously undefined variables back is useful)
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> Gotta go back and learn some more ;-)
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> Martin
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