On Tue, 10 Jul 2001 08:53:30 -0500,
Liam E. Gumley <Liam.Gumley@ssec-nospam.wisc.edu> wrote:
> Colin Rosenthal wrote:
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>> pro stupid,a=a,a1=a1
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>> print,'a=',a
>> print,'a1=',a1
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>> end
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>> IDL> stupid,a=1,a1=2
>> % Ambiguous keyword abbreviation: A.
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>> so is there a sensible way around this? What I'm actually trying to
>> do is to have a keyword AXISCOLOR in a routine that also accepts
>> the AX keyword. I know I could call it something different but am I
>> just being a whiny luser if I think the above code should work
>> as is?

> According to the IDL documentation:
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> "Keywords can be abbreviated to their shortest unique length"
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> In your case, the keyword AX precludes the use of another keyword which
> begins with the letters "AX". A good rule of thumb is to make the first
> 3 characters of each keyword unique.

Thanks Liam, but I didn't invent the "AX" keyword!

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