
Subject: Re: Am I stupid?

Posted by [Jaco van Gorkom](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2001 15:23:30 GMT

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

> "Liam E. Gumley" <Liam.Gumley@ssec-nospam.wisc.edu> writes:
>> Colin Rosenthal wrote:
>>> ... to have a keyword AXISCOLOR in a routine that also accepts
>>> the AX keyword. ...
>> ...
>> "Keywords can be abbreviated to their shortest unique length"
>>
>> 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.
> ...
> Not that this doesn't frustrate the heck out of me sometimes. There
> are many times where I want keywords like TIME, TIMEUNIT, TIMESTEP,
> and so on. My suggestion is that the above policy should hold,
> *unless* there is an exact match to a specific keyword.

There is no reason why this behaviour could not be introduced in the next version of IDL, or is there? So who is frustrated enough to put in a feature request with RSI (/VNI?) for this, for the benefit of us all?

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