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Subject: Re: \_Ref\_Extra : BUG? (in Win2K 55b) corrected test file  
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From: "Martin Downing" <martin.downing@ntlworld.com>  
> ...the best way would be byreference to avoid copying. ...Are  
> you saying that this is determined purely by the definition,  
> and that calling with \_REF\_EXTRA as below  
>> test\_ref\_extra2, \_REF\_EXTRA=e ; Here be dragons! (indeed)  
> is supposed to be a syntax error?

Yes, that's exactly what I'm saying.

Although it is actually legal (though uncommon) to have regular keywords beginning with underscores. So I guess strictly speaking it is legal to have a regular keyword called "\_REF\_EXTRA". Not a good idea though!

> I am concerned as to which causes passing by reference/value, the  
> definition or the call?

The definition!

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