
Subject: Re: Keyword checking

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Wed, 29 May 2002 15:22:14 GMT

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William Thompson wrote:

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> I agree. I can't think of any legitimate reason why one would want to generate
> an error message if an undefined keyword was passed.

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As David points out, there are ways to do this sort of checking. However I must agree with William. In my mind, the whole point of keywords is that they are *optional*. If a valid defined variable is not passed for a keyword, then the called routine must take some default action. If the keyword is important enough that the developer thinks argument checking wizardry is necessary, then perhaps it should be a positional parameter instead.

Cheers,

Liam.

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