
Subject: Re: About keywords and positional parameters
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2002 16:57:54 GMT
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lily_zhang (fengliza@sina.com) writes:

> Would you tell me how to distinguish the keywords and positional
> parameters in IDL procedures and functions?

Positional parameters are those variables that come after the command name. They have a position after the name (1, 2, 3, etc.). Keyword parameters also come after the command name, but they have a KEYWORD=variable (or sometimes a /KEYWORD, which means KEYWORD=1) appearance. Keyword parameters can come in any order and don't affect the count of positional parameters.

You can't tell from looking whether a positional or keyword parameter is an input parameter or an output parameter (or both). You have to read the documentation to discover this.

Cheers,

David

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