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Subject: Re: Optional parameters

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 16:31:48 GMT

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JD Smith writes:

> I would have put it more simply: all parameters, keyword or  
> positional, are optional in IDL. How you choose to treat missing  
> parameters defines the behavior of a routine. See David's linked  
> article for more. I think there are enough useful example (even among  
> RSI's own offerings) which violate this general rule of thumb that it  
> shouldn't be considered a rule.

I wasn't really going to admit this, but I have even  
violated the "no required keywords" rule on occasion.  
(Although not in anything I am offering to the public.)  
The temptation is really too great when you are about  
10 levels up in a superclass and you *\*really\** need something  
like keyword inheritance to work! :-)

Cheers,

David

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