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Subject: Re: `_extra` keyword

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Antonio writes:

- > Yes I think that's I want but...
- > but in the procedure that I try to use this keyword seems not to run.
- > The compiler don't made error message but there's no evident effect of
- > this keyword in my plot (a map).
- > More simply:
- > if I have a `_extra` keyword in a procedure how can I use it?
- > I can use EVERY other keyword of the procedure associated to them?

The problem (and beauty) of `_EXTRA` is that unknown keywords are silently ignored by the procedures that use this mechanism. In practice, this means that if you misspell a keyword, no one ever complains, but the keyword has no effect, either. I strongly suspect that is your problem.

One way to handle this problem is to use the `_STRICT_EXTRA` keyword (in place of `_EXTRA`) on the last procedure or function in the keyword inheritance chain. The `_STRICT_EXTRA` *will* complain if it gets a keyword it doesn't understand, so you can use this to trap for misspelled keywords.

Cheers,

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