
Subject: Re: wrapper functions

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In article <MPG.1f8f75b654670c76989d07@news.frii.com>,
David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

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>> I find that N_PARAMS() with SWITCH is very handy for setting defaults in
>> procedures where optional positional parameters make sense.

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>> PRO BLAH, A, B, C

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>> SWITCH N_PARAMS() OF

>> 0 : A = ...

>> 1 : B = ...

>> 2 : C = ...

>> END SWITCH

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> In thinking about it, I guess I use N_ELEMENTS for
> all my parameters because I can throw better errors
> since I know *exactly* which parameter is missing:

As I said, this is only useful in cases where optional positional parameters makes sense. That is, where some positional parameters are optional AND they have a logical ordering such that you can pass A, or A and B, or A and B and C, but not A and C or B and C. In that case, keyword parameters make more sense.

And, of course, KEYWORD_SET should only be used with binary keyword parameters, that is, parameters that are set like this: /KEYWORD.

Ken
