
Subject: Re: Ambiguous keyword abbreviation error
Posted by [Conor](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 15:07:36 GMT
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This bug always annoys me (well, I guess it's a feature, not a bug, but that's how I see it). For instance, in a lot of my programs I like to use the keyword /s for silent. Unfortunately, since it is a one-letter keyword, once I've declared it I can't use any other keywords that start with the letter 's'. I find this to be highly irritating. You would think that since the keyword I'm using exactly matches an actual keyword, IDL could figure out that I'm referencing that keyword, rather than using an abbreviation. Oh well. At least when you get this error, you know exactly what the problem is.

On Sep 12, 10:08 am, Paul van Delst <Paul.vanDe...@noaa.gov> wrote:

> jkj wrote:

>>> I was under the

>>> mistaken notion that these were like named variables, so as long as I had

>>> unique names for each one I was good to go.

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>> pro my_procedures, col=col, color=color

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>> I'm thinking "column" when I use col=col and in parts of the code

>> where "color" is not also a keyword "col" works just fine, but as soon

>> as I have "col" as the beginning of another keyword IDL cannot tell

>> the two apart (because IDL does not require you to use the entire

>> keyword, only enough of it that it can be uniquely determined)... so I

>> have to at least append 1 letter (other than 'o') to "col" and use

>> something like:

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>> pro my_procedures, coln=coln, color=color

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> This is diverging OT into more of a style thing, but why not bite the bullet and punch out

> the extra two characters for the sake of clarity:

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> pro my_procedures, column=column, color=color

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> cheers,

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> paulv