## Subject: Re: Ambiguous keyword abbreviation error Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 14:08:17 GMT

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## 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.
- > pro my\_procedures, col=col, color=color
- >
- > 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:

>

> pro my\_procedures, coln=coln, color=color

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:

pro my\_procedures, column=column, color=color

?

cheers,

paulv