
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:

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>> 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
```

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cheers,

paulv
