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Subject: Re: Generating keyword parameters from strings  
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 27 Jul 2009 21:26:03 GMT  
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In article <MPG.24d76d9aa33164a7989836@news.giganews.com>,  
David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:  
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>> It certainly would make it easier for new users who wonder what  
>> they've done wrong until they discover you can't pass arguments \*out\* from  
>> procedures...  
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> I don't think new users are meant to use direct  
> graphics commands. That's why they are made as  
> difficult to use as possible. These problems don't  
> exist with iTools. :-)  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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> P.S. \*Are\* there any new users? I can't think of  
> one person using iTools, with the possible exception  
> of Ken Bowman, who always seems to be complaining  
> about them. ;-)

Well, I don't teach iTools graphics when in my beginning IDL  
course. The students are supposed to be learning to program,  
not point, click, and drag. And \*programming\* the iTools is not  
for the faint of heart.

I do use iTools when I have to do 3-D interactive graphics because  
I am not smart enough to write my own object graphics programs.

Cheers, Ken

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