Subject: Re: Error Handling Advice Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 14 Jan 2013 15:05:05 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

## John Correira writes:

- > Is there a technical reason behind not making a keyword a required
- > argument, or just a personal preference based on experience? I find it
- > harder to interpret a long series of positional parameters as opposed to
- > a list of somewhat descriptive keywords.

It is not a technical reason so much as a visceral response. :-)

I suppose I write programs differently than most people, but I've never had a need to define more than three required arguments in a program EVER, as far as I can recall. I'm sure there is a reason for the 10-12 I sometimes see in programs I haven't written, but I can't imagine what that reason is. People who come to me with those kinds of programs are always confused. I just assumed that was one of the reasons why. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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