Subject: disable keyword "short forms"
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hi,

Is there a compiler option that I can use to turn off the "feature" that allows you to specify a keyword using only the first few characters of the keyword name?

This is an AWFUL feature of IDL.. especially when it comes to object programming.

I have an object, MYOBJ, that inherits IDLgrModel, for example. Now, one of the properties of MYOBJ is "Hidetext". This compiles and runs with no errors.. however, this is a serious bug. When you try to set the HIDE property of MYOBJ, it doesn't work, because IDL thinks you are trying to set "Hidetext" instead.

This "short form keywords" feature is, therefore, a surefire way to generate bugs. Fix please?

thanks Mark