

Define2: Enhancing define

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Arity errors

- When is the error raised?

```
(define (foo x y)
  (println (list x y)))
```

```
(for ([i 6])
  (sleep 10)
  (if (< i 5)
      (foo 1 2)
      (foo 3)))
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- old style still works: `#:kw-id [new-id val]`

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no-arg not exported 😞

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(require define2)
(define (dict-ref d key #:? [default (λ () (error ...))])
  ...)
...
(define d '(...))
(define (d-ref key #:? default) ; default = no-value
  (dict-ref d key #:default default))
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  (rectangle #:x x #:y y #:width width #:height height))
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(rectangle10 #:x 1 #:y 2)
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; equivalent to:

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(define (foo #:a [a no-value] #:b [b no-value])
  (let* ([a (if (eq? a no-value) 5 a)])
    ...))
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- make-keyword-procedure + keyword-apply
 - too permissive
 - too low level

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- Manual wrapping with Racket's define

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  #:y-min [y-min #f] #:y-max [y-max #f]
  #:width [width (plot-width)]
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  #:title [title (plot-title)]
  #:x-label [x-label (plot-x-label)]
  #:y-label [y-label (plot-y-label)]
  #:aspect-ratio [aspect-ratio (plot-aspect-ratio)]
  #:legend-anchor [legend-anchor (plot-legend-anchor)]
  #:out-file [out-file #f]
  #:out-kind [out-kind 'auto])

(plot renderer-tree
  #:x-min x-min #:x-max x-max
  #:y-min y-min #:y-max y-max
  #:width width
  #:height height
  #:title title
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- define2/define-wrapper

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```

Wrapping + pre/post processing

```
(define-wrapper (plot+time (my-plot2 renderer-tree
                           #:? x-label #:? y-label
                           #:? x-min #:? x-max #:? width #:? height
                           #:? title #:? aspect-ratio #:? legend-anchor
                           #:? out-file #:? out-kind))
  #:call-wrapped call-me
  (define before (current-milliseconds))
  (define the-plot (call-me))
  (define after (current-milliseconds))
  (values the-plot (- after before)))
```

Implementation of define2

- syntax-parse
- syntax classes
- Adapted from `syntax/parse/lib/function-header.rkt`
- helped from several people
 - Likely:
Alexis King, Bogdan Popa, Sorawee Porncharoenwase, Jack Firth, Sam Tobin-Hochstadt, Matthew Flatt, Bogdan Popa, Jens Axel Søgaard ...

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