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Subject: Re: Conundrum

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J.D. Smith ([jdsmith@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu](mailto:jdsmith@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu)) writes:

> My problem with widget fonts is, e.g. for display of formatted  
> text. Non-uniform spacing fonts are very rude. I should probably try  
> to implement things in a table widget or something, but what a lot of  
> overhead just to show some columns of data!

Amen to that! (And have you used the table widget? Yuck!)

I keep hoping that the new True-Type fonts in IDL 5.1  
(!P.Font=1) will help, but I haven't tried them as  
widget fonts yet and don't even know if it is possible  
to make them work this way. Courier is usually found on  
all systems, but \*finding\* it is often a problem. The only  
solution, really, is test, test, test on the systems you  
expect to run on. And then be ready for the unexpected. :-)

Cheers,

David

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