
Subject: Re: Conundrum

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

> Any ideas why the command:
>
> device,get_fontnames=df,font='*cour*bold-r-normal*--14*'
>
> causes a graphics window to open if one isn't yet? Any way around
> this?

I'm taking a stab in the dark. I suspect because there has to be some kind of connection to the X display system to get the fonts and that connection (e.g. choosing a visual class) is not made until a graphics window is open in an X environment. I'd try making a pixmap before I issued the command to see if my thinking is correct.

> Thoughts on general cross-platform font selection schemes for
> widget fonts (not graphics fonts)?

Uh, let the end user worry about widget fonts. They are going to change it anyway (or *can*, which often amounts to the same thing), no matter what you choose. :-)

Cheers,

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