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Subject: Re: Font problems in Linux

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> I seem to recall a similar problem on Sun Solaris. In that case, the  
> only way I could change the font in dialog\_pickfile was to set the  
> following resource in \$HOME/.Xdefaults  
>  
> Idl\*fontlist: 7x13  
>  
> This is the only X resource I normally set for IDL.

Didn't work. But here's the reason. According to the procedure,

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device, font='*', get_fontnames=list_of_fonts
```

list\_of\_fonts doesn't contain entries such as "7x13", although the xlsfonts command definately says they're there.

I tried substituting a type1 font name as I did for widget\_control, but it didn't work. My bet is that the .Xdefaults fontlist option no longer exists - it's not mentioned \*anywhere\* in idlhelp.

nick

> Nick Bower <[bowern@ses.curtin.edu.au](mailto:bowern@ses.curtin.edu.au)> wrote in message  
> news:39BB3167.47CBBBD3D@ses.curtin.edu.au...  
>> Hi. After upgrading to Mandrake 7.1 (using XFree86 v4.0.1), I've found  
>> IDL is not displaying fonts properly on the faces of widgets. All the  
>> characters look like empty squares.  
>>  
>> I was using:  
>>  
>> widget\_control, default\_font='8x13'  
>>  
>> So I changed this to use a specific font:  
>>  
>> widget\_control, default\_font = \$  
>> '-adobe-courier-medium-r-normal--12-120-75-75-m-70-iso8859-1 '  
>>  
>> This rectifies the problem for widget faces, but the text inside  
>> dialog\_pickfile dialogs is still garbled.  
>>  
>> Can anyone help me understanding this?  
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> Cheers,  
> Liam.

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