
Subject: Re: BETTER FONTS

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Mon, 19 Mar 2001 15:08:28 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Liam Gumley (Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu) writes:

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>> If you are running IDL 5.4 on a Windows platform, you can use the METAFILE

>> device to create graphical output which looks great in Microsoft

>> applications (such as Word or Powerpoint). For example:

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>> entry_device = !d.name

>> set_plot, 'METAFILE'

>> device, filename='test.emf'

>> device, set_font='Helvetica*32'

>> x = findgen(200) * 0.1

>> y = sin(x)

>> plot, x, y, title='Test Plot', xtitle='X-Axis', ytitle='Y-Axis', font=0

>> device, /close_file

>> set_plot, entry_device

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>> To import the resulting Windows Enhanced Metafile (test.emf) into Word, use

>> 'Insert/Picture/From File'.

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> Humm. Using exactly this code, I find the Y axis

> label is not rotated when I import this into

> Microsoft Word. Do you see something else, Liam?

> I'm running on Microsoft products, naturally. :-(

That will teach me a lesson. The example I actually *ran* didn't have a y-axis label. Note to self: don't post code without testing it.

However if one can live without a y-axis label, the fonts really are quite nice in METAFILE output.

Cheers,

Liam.

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