
Subject: Re: Postscript font usage

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Paul van Delst wrote:

> Barbara A Cohen wrote:

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>> I use PS fonts exclusively too, because of the nice aesthetics.

>> It is a big pain to find some of the special symbols but it's

>> worth it (btw how DO you get the sun symbol?)

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> Wow - I wanted that symbol in a plot recently (got sick of having to use "solar" as a

> subscript for everything). Does it exist in a form IDLers can use? I couldn't find it.

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The procedure sunsymbol.pro in <http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/plot/sunsymbol.pro> creates a postscript subscript Sun symbol. (Try saying "postscript subscript Sun symbol " 10 times fast ;-)) However, it is something of a kluge (it draws a circle and then a dot) and the quality may depend on your particular character thickness and size settings.

--Wayne Landsman

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P.S. To answer an earlier question, the procedure ploterror.pro in the same directory can be used to plot X error bars only, by setting the Y errors to zero, e.g.

iDL> ploterror, x, y, xerr, y*0
