
Subject: Re: String length when FONT=1
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2002 21:20:25 GMT
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Paul van Delst wrote:

>
> Hey there,
>
> Anyone know how to determine string length in normalised units when you're using truetype
> fonts?
>
> Currently I have:
>
> ch_size = CONVERT_COORD(!D.X_CH_SIZE, !D.Y_CH_SIZE, /DEVICE, /TO_NORMAL)
> x_ch_size = ch_size[0] * charsize
> x_length = STRLEN(my_string) * x_ch_size)
>
> which works great for the regular on-screen hershey type of fonts, but not for proportional
> fonts.
>
> any ideas? what I want to do is blank out the plot behind the text, e.g. like for legends etc.
>
> paulv

Hiya Paul,

Does the Width keyword to XYOUTS not help? e.g. :-

XYOUTS, x, y, string, WIDTH=thisWidth, CHARSIZE=-1

Charsize of -1 suppresses printing to the window, and the variable
thisWidth returns the width of the string in normalized coordinates.

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