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Subject: Selecting fonts in WIDGET\_TEXT

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A while back I complained about the fact that I couldn't pick a fixed-length font that worked both on the Sun workstation and on VAX/VMS. In particular, it was frustrating that one font on the Sun that seemed appropriate, i.e.

```
-dec-terminal-medium-r-normal--14-140-75-75-c-80-iso8859-1
```

appeared on the VAX as

```
-DEC-Terminal-Medium-R-Normal--14-140-75-75-C-8-ISO8859-1
```

where the case changed, and the -80- was replaced with -8-. However, I have determined that the case doesn't matter on either machine, and that I can put a wild card in to take care of the alternate forms. I.e., the font

```
-dec-terminal-medium-r-normal--14-140-75-75-c-8*-iso8859-1
```

works on both machines.

Does anybody know if this font is apt to be found on most off-the-shelf X-windows displays? There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of overlap between the fonts on the Sun and the fonts on the VAX, even when the different naming conventions are taken into account.

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