
Subject: Re: Special characters in axis labels
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am9963@glhpx6 (Alan Edwin Munter) writes:

> Does anyone know how to put special characters in the axis labels when
> you make a postscript plot in idl? I need to label one axis as angstroms
> and I can't seem to be able to find a way to put the ascii code for the
> angstrom symbol in the text string which describes the x-axis.

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Alan:

When I had to do what you wanted a long time ago, I looked it up in Adobe's Postscript Lang Reference Manual. I don't have my manual handy, so I don't recall the octal reference number. (For example, for degree, the octal value is : \260.) I tried to find the angstrom symbol in another postscript book that I have, and I could only find the octal number for the "ring" symbol, the circle over the A: \312. So how about trying this: draw a regular A, and back up and put the ring over it? Say the A is in Times-Roman font: !7. Note, !9 is the symbol font, !S is the save position action, !R is the restore position action, !X returns to the entry font, and !N shifts back to the normal level (probably not necessary).

So, try this: (haven't tested it, so I don't know if this works)

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Angstrom = '!S!7A!R!9\312!N!X'  
xlabel = 'Wavelength ('+Angstrom+)'  
(draw xlabel)
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"If you wish to drown, do not torture yourself with shallow water."
--A Bulgarian proverb
