
Subject: Re: Sun Symbol

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> Postscript output (with default vector fonts) and Postscript output (with
> Postscript fonts) are two different things.

Besides explaining why Craig was able to get a Sun symbol in postscript output from textoidl (i.e. he wasn't using Postscript fonts, !p.font=0) this may also explain David's difficulty switching fonts to incorporate a unicode glyph with truetype fonts:

>All ideas welcome. I don't even think my font_index
>code is switching to wingdings, because if I print
>text I get helvetica looking character, not wingdings.

According to the documentation, the FONT_INDEX keyword to DEVICE only works with the POSTSCRIPT device. Perhaps this means that it can only be used with POSTSCRIPT fonts - and not with truetype fonts? At least I haven't be able to successfully use FONT_INDEX to switch any truetype or vector fonts.

If this is true, then probably DEVICE needs to give a warning if the user tries to set both /TT_FONT and FONT_INDEX.

--Wayne

P.S. My solution to the Sun symbol postscript font problem has been to use the kluge in sunsymbol.pro which displays the inner dot slightly offcenter. If you print it small enough, no-one will notice...
