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Subject: Sun Symbol

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Folks,

I'm asked about every 10 minutes around here how to get a good looking sun symbol on IDL plots. A sun symbol is a circle with a dot in the center of it. Usually you subscript a capital M with it, and it represents the mass of the sun, a standard astronomical unit.

I've read the back issues of the IDL newsgroup (which are bound in leather on my shelves), and I've seen Wayne Landsman's sunsymbol.pro in the Astro Library (how in the world does anyone do any astronomy without Wayne's Library!?), but I thought I would ask if there is any news I may have overlooked.

Or, how is the world does LaTeX do it? They seem to get it right, but we can't seem to work it out as nicely.

Cheers,

David

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