
Subject: Re: WIDGET_LABEL FONT cross platform compatability

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Chad Bender writes:

> Are the 4 standard IDL font families included as device fonts, or only
> vector fonts? The WIDGET_LABEL documentation states that it requires
> device fonts. Setting the 'Font' keyword to Font='symbol' or
> Font='Symbol' just returns the error: "Requested font does not exist: symbol".
>
> I'd be quite happy to use the IDL symbol font, as it does provide
> everything I need. I just couldn't figure out how to use it with
> WIDGET_LABEL.

Well, I guess I was mistaken. I thought you could
use WIDGET_CONTROL, DEFAULT_FONT='Times' to set
a times font. And although that command doesn't
complain in UNIX, it does complain when I try to
make a label with the font.

Fonts are one of those things that are always
site-specific, I'm afraid. The original IDL FAQ
used to have an article about how fonts could be
set to work everywhere, but I think even that scheme
failed more than it worked. :-(

Cheers,

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