Subject: Re: WIDGET\_LABEL FONT cross platform compatability Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 28 Oct 2004 07:48:50 GMT

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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".

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- > I'd be guite 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.

David

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