
Subject: Re: Linux Font Warning

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On Fri, 30 Sep 2005 11:13:46 -0500, Michael Wallace wrote:

> This isn't a big deal, but sometimes when I run IDL commands that bring
> up a GUI, I get a warning about the fonts used. I just got this when I
> ran `ascii_template()`.
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> Warning: Cannot convert string "courier*12" to type FontStruct
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> I've seen this thing happen before and it doesn't concern me at all, but
> just wondering why I see it. It's curiosity more than anything else.
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That's coming from an X toolkit, most likely Xt. You've got a resource set someplace that is referencing this font and that font isn't available or there is some other problem with it.

You can issue:

`xrdb -query`

to see what resources are in your resource database. Chances are this font name is used to set one of the resources. The resource name would be a big clue. But in general, you then would have to hunt around for the place/file that is setting the resource, and that can be tricky because it could be in any one of a number of places. There could be system-wide resource files, application-specific resource files, and your own resource files. If the resource is in a place that you can't change (or find), then you could try setting it yourself, overriding it, in your own resources to a value that works. That should get rid of the message.

Karl
