
Subject: Text Formatting with TextToIDL

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Folks,

Here is a straightforward string using TextToIDL:

```
IDL> xyouts, 0.5, 0.5, charsize=2.5, align=0.5, /normal, $
      textoidl(' \lambda_{1} (nm)')
IDL> Print, textoidl(' \lambda_{1} (nm)')
      !7k!X!D1!N (nm)
```

Just what I want. But...I want it in object graphics:

```
IDL> string = textoidl(' \lambda_{1} (nm)')
IDL> text = obj_new('idlgtext', string, ENABLE_FORMATTING=1)
IDL> xobjview, text
```

NOT what I want. :-(

What good is it to enable formatting if I'm going to get something completely different!?

Any ideas?

Cheers,

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