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Subject: Re: IDL Fonts

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> 3. Assuming I could get the fonts to work correctly, how do I get  
> special symbols? For example, using vector fonts, I would type,  
> "title='!4d!B'" to get little delta B -- how can I do this with the  
> other font styles?

First I made a typo here -- it should say: title='!4d!3B'

Answering my own question:

For Truetype, there are 4 fonts instead of the 20 vector ones. The commands are the same but one has to look up the exact truetype font being used since the numbers don't necessarily correspond between truetype and vector.

For device fonts, the IDL manual states:

"Embedded formatting commands prefaced by the exclamation mark have no special significance for hardware-generated characters unless the ability is provided by the particular device in use. The IDL PostScript device driver accepts many of the standard embedded formatting commands, and is described here. If you wish to use hardware fonts with IDL Direct Graphics devices other than the PostScript device [like 'win'], consult the description of the device in IDL Direct Graphics Devices before trying to use these commands with hardware characters." Since the entry on 'win' is sparse to say the least, I think we're on our own.

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