
Subject: Re: IDL Fonts

Posted by [Jared Espley](#) on Thu, 02 Nov 2006 18:16:57 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

- > It is hard to know what that chart means. For example, if
- > you look on page two of the document (the actual chart),
- > you find that a vertical bar has a Unicode value of 2223
- > (not 22A5, which I read as a "flagpole" or something).

Yeah, it's actually that flagpole symbol (a straight vertical line with a straight horizontal line at the bottom) that I'm going for and not the vertical "pipe" (e.g. |). In my field, it's often used as a subscript to indicate the perpendicular components of a vector relative to some background direction. That fact is largely irrelevant since our discussion had progressed from the specific to the general.

In the end, I think we're saying the same thing -- knowing the unicode number isn't sufficient. You also have to know something about how the particular font and its precise unicode implementation. If you're feeling energetic you may consider appending something like that to your discussion at http://dfanning.com/graphics_tips/lesign.html. Again, many kudos to you for even having such a help page in the first place. One would have hoped that RSI could have provided sufficient documentation.

Jared
