
Subject: Re: IDL Fonts

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 02 Nov 2006 16:49:56 GMT

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Jared Espley writes:

- > At risk of being unduly argumentative, I don't think 22A5 is supposed
- > to be a box. I got that code from here:
- > <http://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U2200.pdf> You'll see which
- > perpendicular symbol I'm trying to achieve there. Also, if you use,
- > for example, 22A6 you also get a box when using the XP device fonts.

I think you need to read the first page of PDF file you cite, under the topic of "Fonts". They point out that their chart is "not prescriptive. Considerable variation is to be expected in actual fonts."

To get the actual Unicode values for a *particular* font, you have to know something about that font. In the case I presented, I used the Character Map application for the Times New Roman font. There, 22A5 is *definitely* a box. :-)

- > Thus, I stick by my assertion that many of the XP device fonts don't
- > have the full unicode implementation and thus are less useful for
- > specific tasks.

I'm not saying this isn't true. I'm just saying that I found the perpendicular line in the font I use day in and day out to have a Unicode value of 007C, and when I used it like that it worked perfectly. What font were you trying to use?

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
