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Subject: Re: Mac OS x IDL font handling

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clivecoo...@gmail.com wrote:

> HI,

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> I am still pretty new with running IDL within the Mac operating system  
> and am having some problems with understanding the way in which fonts  
> work. I only have a basic understanding on UNIX, so i think that this  
> is my problem. So my question would be how do i plot a graph using for  
> example a Times new roman font. In windows idl i set font =0 and then  
> device,set\_font="times new roman\*bold\*20" for example and it is easy  
> to adjust the font size or whether or not its bold, italic or normal.  
> Now on the Mac i am completely confused. the device fonts available to  
> idl all have long seemingly complicated names eg ...-adobe-helvetica-  
> bold-o-normal--18-180-75-80-p-103-iso8859-1

That looks like the same font naming conventions used on conventional unix platforms. Is there an xfontsel utility available on the Mac? I found playing around with that utility was very useful on Linux and Irix machines for helping me understand what those conventions mean.

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