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Subject: Re: special characters in iTools annotation  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 17:39:38 GMT  
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Benjamin Hornberger wrote:

> Hi all,  
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> I am trying to put a "times" symbol (like the letter x, but not exactly,  
> LaTeX  $\times$ ) into an iTools annotation. I found it in the Helvetica  
> font table at position 327 (octal), but I don't know how to add it to  
> the iTools annotation.  
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> David's description on [http://www.dfanning.com/ographics\\_tips/greek.html](http://www.dfanning.com/ographics_tips/greek.html)  
> doesn't seem to help because since I am not creating the text object  
> programmatically I can't use the string() function. Or can I somehow?  
>  
> Thanks for your help,  
> Benjamin

Does this work:

```
IDL> window  
IDL> x="327B  
IDL> xyouts, 0.5,0.5,string(x),/norm,charsize=6
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