
Subject: Umlauts in IDL 6.0 and 7.0

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Dear all.

I have encountered an annoying problem with IDL 7.0 (German version, German keyboard). All the umlauts within programs I wrote with IDL 6.0 are changed to some weird characters. Also, when I use

Xyouts, 0.5, 0.5, 'ä', Align = 0.5, CharSize = 4, /Normal

IDL 7.0 displays two special characters, while IDL 6.0 correctly displays "ä".

When I enter

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print, byte('ä')
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in IDL 7.0's command line I get "195 164" as a result.
IDL 6.0 correctly prints "228".

Also the degree symbol is incorrectly displayed.

So what is going on here? Do I have to change the character set or something? How do I do this?

Michael
