Has anyone made any progress with getting a circular, typographically
correct sun symbol using IDL? This is the last post on the issue, and
I agree with its authors that the solutions from 2004 and 1997 are not
satisfactory.

On 11 Apr, 04:49, "jsch...@gmail.com" <jsch...@gmail.com> wrote:
> I'd like to make a plot with a nice sun symbol.
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> It's been a few years since we had this discussion, and I was hoping
> perhaps someone has some new insight.
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> I've read the newsgroup discussions from '04 and '97 and wasn't
> particularly thrilled with any of the solutions.
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> Here are the things that won't / don't work for me.
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> 1) TeXtoIDL doesn't know \odot.
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> 2) sunsymbol.pro gives something unsatisfactory
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> http://web.mit.edu/jschwab/Public/sunsym.png
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> 3) The solution that initially seemed most inline with what I want was
> modifying my ttfont.map and using the marvosym font. I don't find this
> satisfactory because it's not a permanent solution since I don't want
> to modify my ttfont.map each time and because I don't even approve of
> the way it looks. (It's not symmetric!)
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> http://web.mit.edu/jschwab/Public/marvosym.png
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> What I'm left with is manually positioning the vector font symbol '!9!
> Z(6E)!X'. It will work and gives me something that's not bad looking.
> Unsurprisingly though, I find it rather unsatisfying.
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> If anyone has a better / more flexible solution, I'd love to hear it.