Subject: Re: non-superuser installed truetype fonts in unix
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 13:50:00 GMT
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Jeremy Bailin writes:

> Is it possible for a non-superuser to install new True Type fonts in
> IDL under Linux? I.e. I don't have write access to $IDL_DIR/resources/
> fonts/tt so I can't edit the ttfonts.map file there. Is there a
> ~/.idl.... equivalent that is also read? Or can it be done via a
> preference that I've overlooked?

I don't know too much about fonts in LINUX, but as
far as I know, you NEVER have to edit the ttfonts.map
file in IDL to use True-Type fonts in IDL. If the fonts
are on your machine and can be found in the normal way
(on Windows machines this means installed in the
/Windows/Fonts directory, and I presume on LINIX it is
the same), then you can use them simply by naming them
with the DEVICE command.

The fonts found in the ttfonts.map file are fonts that
are distributed with IDL, and so are guaranteed to be
available to you in every IDL distribution. But it doesn't
limit which fonts you can actually use.

Cheers,

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