
Subject: Re: symbol font not expoting correctly to EPS from iplot in OSX

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2010 16:29:09 GMT

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Luis Alonso writes:

- > 've found in some forum a similar problem, in this case between
- > OpenOffice for Linux and OSX.
- > <http://user.services.openoffice.org/en/forum/viewtopic.php?f=17&t=13926>
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- > It seems the problem comes from a system font called Symbol, which is
- > different in windows/linux and osx. They both contain greek alphabet,
- > but differently coded.
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- > They suggest to replace the OSX Symbol font with the MS one. But i
- > would not be very happy with this solution as the rest of mac software
- > that make use of it will look like crap.
- >
- > Some one out there has any idea? meanwhile i'll ask Apple Help Desk...

I don't have a Mac, but if someone wanted to help me out, I've put a new version of my Greek program here:

<http://www.dfanning.com/misc/greek.pro>

If you set the UNICODE keyword, the program will now return the unicode value for the Greek letter used in the Apple Symbol font distributed with MacOSX 10.1 and higher. This **should** allow Macs to produce PostScript output with Greek symbols correctly.

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IDL> XYOuts, 0.5, 0.5, /Normal, Align=0.5, $  
      'Greek Letter Zeta ' + Greek('Zeta', /UNICODE), Font=1
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Thanks,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

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