
Subject: Re: TrueType fonts question

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Jan 2011 22:49:10 GMT

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nata writes:

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> I was reading the following lines from the IDL help:
>
> IDL provides five TrueType outline fonts for use in font objects:
> Courier, Helvetica, Monospace Symbol, Symbol, and Times. Your system
> may support additional TrueType fonts ?use them in the same way as
> those supplied by IDL.
>
> So I started trying :
> font=obj_new('idlgrfont','Tahoma')
> text=obj_new('idlgrtext','test',font=font)
> xobjview, text
>
> But the final object text is always using Helvetica.
> I also tried, Lucida, Utopia, Palladio, etc. It seems that my computer
> has these fonts because I listed them:
> DEVICE, GET_FONTNAMES=fnames, SET_FONT='*'
>
> Mmmh ! What am I missing ?
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To use your true-type font in object graphics, I **believe** you have to add its name to the ttfont.map file in the IDL_DIR/resource/fonts/tt directory. It's been a while since I did this, but you can read about it in the middle of this article:

http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/sun_symbol.html

Cheers,

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