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Subject: Re: Using non-default symbols in IPLOT

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 15 Feb 2011 20:23:38 GMT

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fgg wrote:

> On Feb 15, 11:10 am, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On Feb 14, 5:24 pm, fgg <fabioquimaraesgoncal...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> I was wondering if I could use letters or numbers as the plotting

>>> symbol (instead of SYM\_INDEX = 1-8) that marks points in IPLOT? I

>>> guess the answer has to do with SYM\_OBJECT, but it's not clear to me

>>> how to use it.

>> mysymbol=idlgrtext('A',alignment=0.5,vertical\_alignment=0.5, color=[255,0,0]  
,font=idlgrfont('courier',size=1000))

>> iplot,sin(dindgen(50)\*!dpi/49d0),sym\_object=mysymbol

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> Paulo, I'm getting the following error when I try to create

> 'mysymbol':

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> IDL>

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> % Syntax error.

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> Do you know why?

You have IDL v7.x ?

In IDL v8, the capability to use the object name as the constructor function was introduced. So along with the usual

```
x = obj_new('myobject')
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you can also do

```
x = myobject()
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