Subject: Re: Earth Symbol
Posted by wlandsman on Tue, 15 Mar 2011 14:21:32 GMT

On Monday, March 14, 2011 3:31:37 PM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:
> The
> real problem is that IDL does not come with
> an installed Unicode font that can be used.
> You have to go looking for one.

I agree with this.   I remember when IDL 8.0 first came out, I went through a series of good news -- bad news discoveries.

Good News: IDL 8.0 allows one to use a TeX-like syntax for mathematical symbols
Bad News: The Sun symbol is not listed among the available symbols in the PLOT() help
Good News: The Sun symbol *is* listed in the tex2idl code used by PLOT()
Bad News: The tex2idl Sun symbol requires a Unicode font and I can't figure out how to use a Unicode font with IDL on my Mac/Linux machines.

So I agree that having an installed Unicode font for IDL would be an important addition for a scientific plotting language.   --Wayne