David Fanning wrote:

> This is simple. Simply consult the table of octal values in the IDL
> documentation. (Octal values!? These people are trying to put money
> in my pocket!) You see that the octal value for the Angstrom symbol
> in Simplex Roman font (!3 for cognoscente) is 305. (Add the number
> in the column row to 10 times the row number, according to the
> documentation. Sigh...)
>
> So, here it is:
>
>   XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, /Normal, CharSize=2.0, 'Symbol: ' + STRING("305B)
>
> What, you had to look up how to write an octal number! It's, "number,
> like that.
>
> If that is too confusing for you, you can resort to the perfectly
> simple:
>
>   ang = '!6!sA!r!u!9 %!6!n'
>
> Now all you have to do is:
>
>   XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, /Normal, CharSize=2.0, 'Symbol: ' + ang
>
> Hope this clears up any confusion. :-)

One question, doesn't the first solution work for hardware fonts
and the second for software (vector-drawn) fonts?

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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us
with
sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use."
-Galileo