
Subject: Re: XYOUTS character size strangeness
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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Liam Gumley <liam.gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> writes:

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> Try this immediately after starting IDL:  
>  
> xyouts,0,0,'Hello',/normal  
> plot,[0],/noerase  
> xyouts,0,0,'Hello',/normal  
>  
> On my SGI box, the second 'Hello' is printed significantly larger than  
> the first. Anyone know why?
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Same size on my Mac. This is an unprofessional opinion, but I think it is because SGI fonts are screwy. I remember the first time I wrote a program for a client with an SGI machine on my Mac. Man, it looked sharp...until I put it on his machine! What bozo calling himself an IDL programmer wrote this?!

I've never forgotten the message. My first question after "How much you gonna pay me?" is "You're not gonna be running this on an SGI, are you?" If the answer is "yes" then every graphic command I write has a CHARSIZE keyword with a number multiplied by some user-supplied scaling factor. *Every* one!

Cheers!

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