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Subject: Re: Angstrom Symbol Nonsense  
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Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan <steinhh@rigil.uio.no> finally supplies us with the Angstrom...er, Aring Symbol truth when he writes:

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> As a native of a country where the combined office staff is
> probably spending millions of bucks each year trying to figure out
> "how do we get these blasted norwegian characters to work on *this* one!"
> whenever a piece of new equipment comes along, I'm proud to present the
> solution:
>
> set_plot,'PS'
> !P.font=0
>
> device,/isolatin1 ; It's only a shame that this is not the default...
>
> xyouts,0.5,0.5,/normal,string(197b)
> device,/close
> set_plot,'X'
>
> And to be really nitpicking, it's not at all an "angstrom sign" :-)
> It merely happens to be the character used in the name of the Swedish
> physicist {\Aa}ngstr{\"}m.
>
> The KeySym is "Aring".
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I \*knew\* we could figure this one out!

Thanks to Joe Gurman (who independently supplied this solution),  
Andy Loughe, Bill Thompson, and Stein Vidar for all their help.

I'll write this down on my web page so I don't forget it the  
\*next\* time I am asked. :-)

Cheers!

David

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