
Subject: Re: Angstrom Symbol Nonsense
Posted by [Andy Lougher](#) on Fri, 31 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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William Thompson wrote:

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>> David  
>  
> That's actually the same as the STRING("305B) that you suggested earlier, just  
> expressed in decimal as well as octal. It does work regardless of graphics  
> device, including PostScript, so long as one avoids hardware fonts.  
>  
> Bill Thompson
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Bingo!

I don't think this can be done, reliably at least, for hardware fonts.

What does that mean? With hardware fonts it may work in X, but never in PS.

Give it a try, I mean BOTH methods suggested by David Fanning. Here is a procedure for you...

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pro test_fonts, setx=setx, setps=setps, hard=hard, soft=soft
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```
!p.font = -1  
set_plot, 'X'  
if (keyword_set(setx)) then set_plot, 'X'  
if (keyword_set(setps)) then set_plot, 'PS'  
if (keyword_set(hard)) then !p.font = 0 ; Hardware fonts  
if (keyword_set(soft)) then !p.font = -1 ; Vector-drawn fonts  
!p.color = 0  
!p.background = 1
```

```
ang1 = '1) ' + string("305B)  
ang2 = '2) !6!sA!r!u!9%!6!n'
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```
el_nino1 = '3) El Ni' + string(241B) + 'o'  
el_nino2 = '4) El Ni' + string("241B) + 'o'  
el_nino3 = '5) El N!sn!r!u!9A!6!no'
```

```
plot, indgen(1)
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```
xyouts, .4, .8, ang1, /norm, chars=3  
xyouts, .4, .7, ang2, /norm, chars=3  
xyouts, .4, .6, el_nino1, /norm, chars=3
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xyouts, .4, .5, el_nino2, /norm, chars=3  
xyouts, .4, .4, el_nino3, /norm, chars=3  
  
if (!d.name eq 'PS') then device, /close  
  
end
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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
