
Subject: Re: String length when FONT=1
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2002 21:20:25 GMT
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XYOUTS, x, y, string, WIDTH=thisWidth, CHARSIZE=-1

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thisWidth returns the width of the string in normalized coordinates.

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Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2002 19:27:29 GMT
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Hmm...this does not seem to work as advertised on my system.

```
IDL> print, !version
{ x86 linux unix 5.4.1 Jan 16 2001    32    32}
```

The following is what I get for the string lengths via the XYOUTS with font=1:

```
Level ppmv    0.0484790
ppmv->cd->corr.ppmv    0.0991605
corr-nocorr ppmv    0.0736377
corr-interp ppmv    0.0700989
nocorr-interp ppmv    0.0809504
```

oh so incorrect.

BTW, your code was downloaded uuencoded so I never saw it.

paulv

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