
Subject: Re: Is there a way to get bold font in the IDL prompt?

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2005 21:15:53 GMT

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On Tue, 01 Nov 2005 07:41:22 -0800, Oilhead Beemer wrote:

> Hi,
>
> I'm running IDL from the command line on Linux. I've been playing with
> !PROMPT, but do not seem to be able to get bold in my prompt. Is this in
> any way possible?

One way would be switch to IDLWAVE, which colors your prompts for you:

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If you'd prefer to stick with the shell, something like:

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in your IDL startup file should do it for most terminal programs.

Just replace the "\033" in the above with a real Escape character (C-q
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JD

Subject: Re: Is there a way to get bold font in the IDL prompt?

Posted by [Oilhead Beemer](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 14:41:01 GMT

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Thanks JD,

Does this work on your system? I don't seem to be able to get this to work. The IDL shell doesn't interpret the escape characters from the underlying shell it seems. So if I do:

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in an IDL session that is started from bash I get this prompt literally. I do get the correct 'aaa' in bold in the shell itself when I change \$PS1. Same behaviour in tcsh.

Best,
oilh

Subject: Re: Is there a way to get bold font in the IDL prompt?

Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 15:21:26 GMT

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Hi,

the escape character is 27b, and

!PROMPT=string(27b)+'[1;34mIDL> '+string(27b)+'[m'

works on linux/xterm.

regards,
lajos

Subject: Re: Is there a way to get bold font in the IDL prompt?
Posted by [Oilhead Beemer](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 19:04:05 GMT
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Thanks lajos, this works!

Best,
Oilhead
