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Subject: Add a Dot on top of a letter  
Posted by [Cancer](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 15:32:02 GMT  
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How to add a dot on top of a letter, such as "M", which means dM/dt.

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter  
Posted by [Braedley](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2006 14:25:38 GMT  
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Cancer wrote:

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You need to give us more information if you want help. It's difficult to solve a problem if you don't know the context. Is this in a plot? A variable?

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2006 14:28:33 GMT  
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Braedley writes:

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> to solve a problem if you don't know the context. Is this in a plot?  
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I'm not so sure even with additional information we are going to be able to be that helpful. My own experiments have failed miserably. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2006 14:36:35 GMT  
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David Fanning writes:

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> are going to be able to be that helpful. My own  
> experiments have failed miserably. :-(

Unless, of course, you can live with this:

```
sym = '!6!sM!r!u!9 %!6!n'  
XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, /Normal, CharSize=2.0, 'Symbol: ' + sym
```

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter

Posted by [Cancer](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2006 15:08:13 GMT

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Sorry about the confusion. It is on a plot. I want to display the dM /  
dt as a dot on top of the letter "M"  
as the X-axis title.

Braedley wrote:

> Cancer wrote:

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter

Posted by [jgc](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 13:13:42 GMT

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```
> sym = '!6!sM!r!u!9 %!6!n'  
> XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, /Normal, CharSize=2.0, 'Symbol: ' + sym  
>
```

This looks a bit more "mathematical"

```
IDL> xx=0.5 & yy=0.5
IDL> XYOUTS, xx,yy, /norm, 'M'
IDL> XYOUTS, xx+.005,yy+.02, /norm, 'M.!X'
```

then you can work out an automatic calculation of the displacement of the dot (+.005, +.02) as a function of the character size.

hope it helps,

Javier

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter  
Posted by [Cancer](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 14:25:42 GMT  
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I think this is good enough. Thank you, David.

David Fanning wrote:

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Subject: Re: Add a Dot on top of a letter  
Posted by [Cancer](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 14:26:36 GMT  
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I prefer David's but thank you all the same.

jgc wrote:

```
>> sym = '!6!sM!r!u!9 %!6!n'
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