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Subject: Re: How to draw the 'tau' symbol  
Posted by [natha](#) on Tue, 21 Dec 2010 14:27:25 GMT  
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Yes !

Using the X device, change the font to use greek symbols, then use the octal value of tau and then return to the default selected font.

```
tau=!4+STRING("163B")+!X
```

David fanning has a great article explaining that:  
[http://www.dfanning.com/ps\\_tips/greeksym.html](http://www.dfanning.com/ps_tips/greeksym.html)

Note that if you want to save your plot in a PostScript you should use the symbol font and a different octal value.

Cheers,  
nata

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Subject: Re: How to draw the 'tau' symbol  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 21 Dec 2010 14:47:23 GMT  
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Fermiona Fermiona writes:

> Is there a way to draw/type the 'Tau' symbol in IDL. I need it as a  
> label for the x-axis of a plot.

Here you go. Make sure you get to the bottom of the page. :-)

[http://www.dfanning.com/ps\\_tips/greeksym.html](http://www.dfanning.com/ps_tips/greeksym.html)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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