
Subject: Question about XYOUTS routine
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Hi;

Does any one know why setting !p.charsize has no effect on XYOUTS? It works fine if I use charsize as keyword when XYOUTS is called directly. I haven't checked on other system variables and/or routine combinations.

I use IDL 4.0 on a Macintosh but it is the same on 3.5.1 on VMS. It seems to me that it defeats the purpose of having system variables if they are used selectively by different routines!

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This is not a bug. XYOUTS has always behaved this way (ca: 1986). I have been able to do what you want to do with code like the following:

```
IDL> plot,findgen(100)
IDL> xyouts,20,40,'HOWDY',charsize=!p.charsize
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