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Subject: !M in IDL8

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Did the meaning of !M as an embedded formatting command change in IDL8??

I am running some code that generates plots that worked perfectly in IDL7, but when I run it in IDL8 the entire text after the !M stays in math mode, rather than reverting to the previous font after one character. The online docs seem ambiguous - on [http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/Embedded\\_Formatting\\_Comm.html](http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/Embedded_Formatting_Comm.html) it is listed both as "Switch to the math/symbol font for one character, then switch back." under Positioning Commands, and identical to !9 in Changing Fonts within a String.

This is going to be a real pain for any code I have that generates plots in units of solar masses if that's "expected behaviour".

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IDL> print, !version
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-Jeremy.

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