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Subject: non-English language

Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 11:44:08 GMT

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Thank you,  
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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by [chris\\_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 16:27:15 GMT

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On Thursday, March 7, 2013 4:44:08 AM UTC-7, Katya wrote:

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t=TEXT(0.1,0.95, '$\U(0413,0414,0415,0416)$')
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Or, if you have a font which contains the Cyrillic characters in their ASCII locations, then you can just use ASCII characters and change the font, like this:

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p=PLOT(y, TITLE='ABCDEFGF', FONT_NAME='Cyrillic')
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(You will need to determine the correct font name.)

Good luck!

-Chris  
ExelisVIS

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Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 16:59:07 GMT  
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Hello, Chris!

Thank you for your reply. However, I use old direct graphics and probably when I will be able to  
afford new IDL, I won't need Russian language.

-Katya.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 17:18:22 GMT  
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Yeah, but God only knows where you can find a Cyrillic to Unicode

dictionary!

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 17:33:09 GMT

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showfont, 16, 'Russian'
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regards,

Lajos

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 17:39:14 GMT

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Humm. I hope it is that easy. This page suggests maybe it's not:

[http://winrus.com/fonts\\_e.htm](http://winrus.com/fonts_e.htm)

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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 17:50:26 GMT

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Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 17:51:26 GMT  
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this was for Lajos =)

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Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 19:59:35 GMT

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Posted by [chris\\_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 21:26:11 GMT

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Hi Katya,

What exactly happens when you try the following command?

showfont, 16, 'Russian'

-Chris

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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 21:30:26 GMT

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Subject: Re: non-English language  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 22:03:23 GMT  
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This works for me:

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IDL> x=dindgen(100)/10.0d  
IDL> y=x^2  
IDL> plot, x, y, title='!16 This is the title',charsize=3.0
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The title of the above is definitely in Cyrillic characters. The mapping of character->meaning is undoubtedly wrong, but at least you have access to the character set.

cheers,

paulv

p.s. I'm amazed it worked, actually. I would've thought IDL would have switched to Hershey font #1.

On 03/07/13 14:59, Katya wrote:

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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 22:10:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by [DavidF\[1\]](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 22:24:02 GMT

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On Thursday, March 7, 2013 3:10:43 PM UTC-7, Katya wrote:

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: non-English language

Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 22:52:23 GMT

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On Friday, March 8, 2013 12:24:02 AM UTC+2, Coyote wrote:

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Posted by [Katerina Yakimenko](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 22:59:38 GMT

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