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Posted by [Xin Tao](#) on Tue, 04 Jun 2013 06:32:33 GMT

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Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Tue, 04 Jun 2013 08:45:39 GMT

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Le mardi 4 juin 2013 08:32:33 UTC+2, Xin Tao a écrit :

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You can use the "DejaVuSans" TrueType font, if you have IDL 8.2
alx.

Subject: Re: Parallel and Perpendicular symbols in IDL 8 New Graphics.

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 04 Jun 2013 12:24:57 GMT

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Posted by [Xin Tao](#) on Wed, 05 Jun 2013 05:17:21 GMT

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Thank you very much, Paul and alx! I thought IDL 8 followed LaTeX and I kept trying \perp and \ for those symbols.

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Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Thu, 18 Jul 2013 14:35:28 GMT
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Thank you, Paul. The \bot I would have never guessed! Haje

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