Subject: using octal codes for special characters
Posted by Lothar Schueller on Wed, 16 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT

Dear all,

I`d like to print large brackets in a PostScript file. I think the best
idea is to use the Symbol Font and the "bracketlefttp",
"bracketleftex",.... characters. How do I have access to them under IDL?
Is it possible to use the octal encoding?

I dont know what to type on the keyboard. I use IDL 5.1 under SuSE Linux
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Subject: Re: using octal codes for special characters
Posted by davidf on Mon, 21 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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And a Merry Christmas to you, Sir!

David

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Posted by Craig Markwardt on Mon, 21 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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