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MacX: How To Specify Available Window Fonts

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TOPIC -----

I want to use the Fonts selection feature in MacX to customize the font selection in DECterm windows.

How do I use this menu item?

DISCUSSION -----

The "F" item in the MacX "Edit" menu, or Command-F, brings up the Font Director dialog box. Font Director lets you see a sample of the typeface without having to run font clients or type commands with long and cryptic font names. Font Director also lets you sort fonts in various ways, assign aliases to font names, and compile fonts from Bitmap Distribution Format (BDF) files.

To use this command, tell the DECterm client which font to use in the window. Specify a font in the remote command to invoke the X client (DECterm in your case). This is similar to the "-fn" option when you invoke "xterm" in UNIX.

The command to invoke DECterm is CREATE/TERMINAL. To specify which font to be used in the window, use the /WINDOW_ATTRIBUTES=(keyword [,...]) qualifier. The keyword is FONT for this case. Example:

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create/terminal/window=(rows=24,columns=75,font=timR24)/  
application_keypad/insert/line_editing/detached
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The above command creates a DECterm window using X font alias timR24. Note that you can abbreviate the VMS qualifier so the command string doesn't exceed the 255 character limit.

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