

# Using T<sub>E</sub>X Fonts in the Gnuplot Postscript Terminal

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The Postscript terminal can embed Postscript Type 1 fonts (with extensions `.pfa` and `.pfb`) and TrueType fonts (extension `.ttf`)<sup>1</sup> using the command

```
set terminal postscript fontfile '<filename>'
```

The `fontfile` option can be used multiple times. See the sections *set terminal postscript* and *set fontpath* in the Gnuplot documentation for further description.

The embedded font can be used by

```
set terminal postscript '<fontname>' <size>
```

or in postscript enhanced terminal as following example:

```
set xlabel '{/CMMI10 x}'
```

Among other things, the font embedding is useful for generating plots to be included in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X documents. For normal text, the *cm-super* Postscript Type 1 fonts are a good choice. They are available from CTAN servers, e.g.

```
ftp://ftp.dante.de/tex-archive/fonts/ps-type1/cm-super/
```

The normal upright font with serifes is defined in `sfrm1000.pfb`, and the font name is `SFRM1000`<sup>2</sup> (The 1000 means that this font is designed for 10pt). Replace the `rm` by `it`, `bx` or other combinations in both the file name and the font name (here, in uppercase letters) in order to get other font shapes. The encoding of these fonts is ordinary and thus is not described here. Table 1 shows some examples of fonts contained in the *cm-super* font bundle.

For mathematics the Type 1 versions of the Computer Modern fonts are useful. They should be installed in most T<sub>E</sub>X implementations and are also available from CTAN servers, e.g.

```
ftp://ftp.dante.de/tex-archive/fonts/cm/ps-type1/bluesky/pfb/
```

Here, the font name is the base of the file name in uppercase letters, e.g. the file `cmmi10.pfb` contains the font `CMMI10`. Since the encoding of these fonts is strange, a table containing all characters for some fonts follows. The font `CMEX10` contains large symbols for mathematics. They overlap sometimes in the table. Since the baseline of the `CMEX10` font is at the top of the signs, Gnuplot defines a font `CMEX10-Baseline` with a different baseline if `CMEX10` is embedded (normally by using `fontfile 'cmex10.pfb'`). In contrast to the other fonts, `CMEX10` is only available in the design size 10pt.

You can access all characters of the fonts by typing their octal code. To get a ♥ symbol, you may type:

```
set label '{/CMSY10 \176}' at graph 0.5,0.5
```

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<sup>1</sup>If `.pfb` and `.ttf` fonts really can be embedded depends on your gnuplot installation: It needs to be able to handle pipes.

<sup>2</sup>If you have an old version of the *cm-super* font, prior 2001-10-14, the font name is in lowercase letters: `sfrm1000`. You should update to a new version.

Table 1: Some fonts in the cm-super font bundle (for a designsizes of 10pt)

File name	Full font name (all preceded by Computer Modern)	Example
sfrm1000.pfb	Roman	Example
sfbx1000.pfb	Bold Extended	<b>Example</b>
sfti1000.pfb	Italic	<i>Example</i>
sfbi1000.pfb	Bold Extended Italic	<b><i>Example</i></b>
sfs11000.pfb	Slanted	<i>Example</i>
sfbl1000.pfb	Bold Extended Slanted	<b><i>Example</i></b>
sfcc1000.pfb	Caps and Small Caps	<b>EXAMPLE</b>
sfss1000.pfb	Sans Serif	Example
sfsi1000.pfb	Sans Serif Slanted	<i>Example</i>
sfsx1000.pfb	Sans Serif Bold Extended	<b>Example</b>
sfso1000.pfb	Sans Serif Bold Extended Slanted	<b><i>Example</i></b>
sftt1000.pfb	Typewriter	Example
sfit1000.pfb	Typewriter Italic	<i>Example</i>
sfst1000.pfb	Typewriter Slanted	<i>Example</i>
sftc1000.pfb	Typewriter Caps and Small Caps	<b>EXAMPLE</b>

Since characters with an octal number below \040 can't be displayed by some postscript interpreters, these characters are repeated in the Computer Modern Fonts with a larger code. Thus, you should use the larger number, where two octal numbers are given (e.g. \000, \241). For example, you better use

```
set xlabel '{/CMR10 \242}'
```

than

```
set xlabel '{/CMR10 \001}'
```

to get an upright uppercase Delta  $\Delta$ .

Oct	CMR10	CMT10	CMTT10	CMMI10	CMU10	CMSS10	CMTEX10	CMFF10	CMST10	LAS10	CMEX10-Baseline	Oct	Dec
\000, \241	Γ	Γ	Γ	Γ	Γ	Γ	·	Γ	—		(	\000, \241	0, 161
\001, \242	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	↓	Δ	·	Δ	)	\001, \242	1, 162
\002, \243	Θ	Θ	Θ	Θ	Θ	Θ	α	Θ	×	Δ	[	\002, \243	2, 163
\003, \244	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	β	Λ	*	▽	]	\003, \244	3, 164
\004, \245	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Λ	Ξ	÷	▽	[	\004, \245	4, 165
\005, \246	Π	Π	Π	Π	Π	Π	¬	Π	◇		]	\005, \246	5, 166
\006, \247	Σ	Σ	Σ	Σ	Σ	Σ	€	Σ	±		[	\006, \247	6, 167
\007, \250	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	π	Υ	±		]	\007, \250	7, 168

Oct	CMR10	CMTH10	CMTT10	CMMI10	CMU10	CMSS10	CMTEX10	CMFF10	CMSY10	LASY10	CMEX10-Baseline	Oct	Dec
\010, \251	Φ	Φ	Φ	Φ	Φ	Φ	λ	Φ	⊕		{	\010, \251	8, 169
\011, \252	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	γ	ψ	⊖		}	\011, \252	9, 170
\012, \255	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	δ	Ω	⊗		<	\012, \255	10, 173
\013, \256	ff	ff	↑	α	ff	ff	↑	π	⊗		>	\013, \256	11, 174
\014, \257	fi	fi	↓	β	fi	fi	±	π	⊙			\014, \257	12, 175
\015, \260	fl	fl	'	γ	fl	fl	⊖	π	○			\015, \260	13, 176
\016, \261	ffi	ffi	ı	δ	ffi	ffi	⊖	π	◦		/	\016, \261	14, 177
\017, \262	ffl	ffl	ı	ε	ffl	ffl	∂	π	•		\	\017, \262	15, 178
\020, \263	ı	ı	ı	ζ	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	(	\020, \263	16, 179
\021, \264	J	J	J	η	J	J	ı	J	≡		)	\021, \264	17, 180
\022, \265	'	'	'	θ	'	'	ı	'	ı		(	\022, \265	18, 181
\023, \266	'	'	'	ı	'	'	ı	'	ı		)	\023, \266	19, 182
\024, \267	'	'	'	κ	'	'	ı	'	ı		)	\024, \267	20, 183
\025, \270	'	'	'	λ	'	'	ı	'	ı		}	\025, \270	21, 184
\026, \271	'	'	'	μ	'	'	ı	'	ı		}	\026, \271	22, 185
\027, \272	◦	◦	◦	ν	◦	◦	ı	'	ı		}	\027, \272	23, 186
\030, \273	ı	ı	ı	ξ	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	}	\030, \273	24, 187
\031, \274	ß	ß	ß	π	ß	ß	ı	ß	≈		}	\031, \274	25, 188
\032, \275	æ	æ	æ	ρ	æ	æ	≠	æ	ı		}	\032, \275	26, 189
\033, \276	œ	œ	œ	σ	œ	œ	◊	œ	ı		}	\033, \276	27, 190
\034, \277	ø	ø	ø	τ	ø	ø	≤	ø	≈		}	\034, \277	28, 191
\035, \300	Æ	Æ	Æ	υ	Æ	Æ	≥	Æ	≈		}	\035, \300	29, 192
\036, \301	Œ	Œ	Œ	φ	Œ	Œ	≡	Œ	ı		}	\036, \301	30, 193
\037, \302	Ø	Ø	Ø	χ	Ø	Ø	ν	Ø	ı		}	\037, \302	31, 194
\040, \303	'	'	ı	ψ	'	'	'	'	ı		}	\040, \303	32, 195
\041	!	!	!	ω	!	!	!	!	→		}	\041	33
\042	”	”	”	ε	”	”	”	”	↑		}	\042	34
\043	#	#	#	∂	#	#	#	#	↓		}	\043	35
\044	\$	£	\$	⌘	£	\$	\$	\$	↔		}	\044	36
\045	%	%	%	ℓ	%	%	%	%	↗		}	\045	37
\046	&	€	&	ς	€	&	&	&	↘		}	\046	38
\047	,	,	,	φ	,	,	,	,	ℓ		}	\047	39
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\051	)	)	)	⌟	)	)	)	)	⇒	>	}	\051	41
\052	*	*	*	⌞	*	*	*	*	⇑	^	}	\052	42
\053	+	+	+	→	+	+	+	+	⇓	˘	}	\053	43
\054	,	,	,	˘	,	,	,	,	⇔		}	\054	44
\055	-	-	-	˘	-	-	-	-	↗		}	\055	45
\056	.	.	.	▷	.	.	.	.	↘		}	\056	46

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\060	0	0	0	o	0	0	0	0	′	∩	/	\060	48
\061	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	∞	⊗	\	\061	49
\062	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	∈	□	[	\062	50
\063	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	∋	◇	]	\063	51
\064	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	△			\064	52
\065	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	▽			\065	53
\066	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	/			\066	54
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\070	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	∀			\070	56
\071	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	∃			\071	57
\072	:	:	:	.	:	:	:	:	⊢	~		\072	58
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\074	i	i	<	<	i	i	<	i	ℜ	□		\074	60
\075	=	=	=	/	=	=	=	=	ℑ	□		\075	61
\076	ı	ı	>	>	ı	ı	>	ı	⊤			\076	62
\077	?	?	?	★	?	?	?	?	⊥			\077	63
\100	@	@	@	∂	@	@	@	@	ℵ			\100	64
\101	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	ℳ			\101	65
\102	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	ℬ			\102	66
\103	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	ℭ			\103	67
\104	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	ℰ			\104	68
\105	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	ℰ			\105	69
\106	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	ℱ			\106	70
\107	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	ℳ			\107	71
\110	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	ℋ			\110	72
\111	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	ℐ			\111	73
\112	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	ℐ			\112	74
\113	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	ℳ			\113	75
\114	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	ℒ			\114	76
\115	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	ℳ			\115	77
\116	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	ℳ			\116	78
\117	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	ℳ			\117	79
\120	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ℳ			\120	80
\121	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	ℳ			\121	81
\122	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	ℳ			\122	82
\123	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	ℳ			\123	83
\124	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	ℳ			\124	84
\125	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	ℳ			\125	85

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\127	W	W	w	W	W	W	w	W	W	$\vee$		\127 87
\130	X	X	x	X	X	X	x	x	X		$\Sigma$	\130 88
\131	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	$\Pi$		\131 89
\132	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z		$\int$	\132 90
\133	[	[	[	b	[	[	[	[	U		$\int$	\133 91
\134	“	“	\	b	“	“	\	“	U		$\cap$	\134 92
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\136	^	^	^	(	^	^	^	^	^		$\wedge$	\136 94
\137	.	.	.	)	.	.	.	.	^		$\vee$	\137 95
\140	‘	‘	‘	ℓ	‘	‘	‘	‘	⊥		$\Pi$	\140 96
\141	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	⊥		$\Pi$	\141 97
\142	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	⊥		$\wedge$	\142 98
\143	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	⊥		$\wedge$	\143 99
\144	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	⊥		$\sim$	\144 100
\145	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	⊥		$\sim$	\145 101
\146	f	f	f	f	f	f	f	f	{		$\sim$	\146 102
\147	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	}			\147 103
\150	h	h	h	h	h	h	h	h	<		$\lceil$	\150 104
\151	i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i	>		$\lceil$	\151 105
\152	j	j	j	j	j	j	j	j			$\lceil$	\152 106
\153	k	k	k	k	k	k	k	k			$\lceil$	\153 107
\154	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	↕		$\lceil$	\154 108
\155	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	↕		$\lceil$	\155 109
\156	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	\		$\{$	\156 110
\157	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?		$\{$	\157 111
\160	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	√		$\checkmark$	\160 112
\161	q	q	q	q	q	q	q	q	Π		$\checkmark$	\161 113
\162	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	∇		$\checkmark$	\162 114
\163	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	∫		$\checkmark$	\163 115
\164	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	⊥		$\checkmark$	\164 116
\165	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	⊥		$\checkmark$	\165 117
\166	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	⊥		$\checkmark$	\166 118
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\170	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	§		↑	\170 120
\171	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	†		↓	\171 121
\172	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	‡		ˆ	\172 122
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\174	—	—		j	—	—		—	♣		ˆ	\174 124

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\175	"	"	⌋	⌋	"	"	⌋	"	◇		↖	\175	125
\176	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	♡		↗	\176	126
\177, \304	·	·	·	·	·	·	∫	·	♠		↘	\177, \304	127, 196

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