

# FONT-STRING

Sets the default font throughout a dialog. The default font must be set as a parameter while the dialog is being created with PROCESS GUI action ADD. If a dialog element inside the dialog contains text with no particular font assigned to it, this text will be displayed in the font specified by FONT-STRING. When you assign a FONT-STRING to a dialog, a font control is created internally, with the dialog being the parent of the font control. The font's handle can be queried from the dialog's FONT-HANDLE attribute.

## Note:

If the FONT-STRING attribute has created fonts that are too large or too small for the dialog window layout, you can use this attribute to resize all fonts evenly throughout the dialog.

<b>Applies to</b>	Dialog (all types).
<b>Data Type</b>	A253
<b>Default Value</b>	System font
<b>Possible Values</b>	Encoded string which can be edited in the dialog editor's dialog attributes window. Font strings consist of several fields separated by a delimiter character.

## Possible Delimiter Characters

The default delimiter character is the slash "/".

Possible delimiter characters are:

"/", ",", "#", ":", ";", "|", "@", "\$", "%", "&".

## Fields

1. The font's face name.
2. The font style: Empty, or equivalently, the word "Regular", or a combination of the keywords "Bold", "Italic", "Strikeout", and "Underlined", separated by blanks.
3. The font size: Either the size in points (here, an optional decimal point followed by one digit is allowed), or the size as *width x height*. A positive value indicates character size, a negative value indicates cell size. A zero indicates that the system should choose a value for the field. The *width x height* notation allows for better portability across screen resolutions.
4. Character set information. A combination of keywords, one from each of the following subgroups, separated by blanks:

<b>Character sets:</b>	ANSI or SYMBOL or SHIFTJIS or OEM.
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<b>Fixed or variable-width font:</b>	FIXED or VARIABLE.
<b>Font family:</b>	ROMAN or SCRIPT or SWISS or MODERN or DECORATIVE.
<b>Print quality:</b>	DRAFT or PROOF.

5. A character indicating the platform. For fonts selected under windows, this character is "W".
6. Platform-dependent field. For Windows, this is the clipping precision.
7. Platform-dependent field. For Windows, this is the output precision.

**Sample String**

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/Arial/Bold/0 x -19/ ANSI VARIABLE SWISSDRAFT/W/2/0/
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