

**NAME**

XDrawString, XDrawString16 - draw text characters

**SYNTAX**

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int XDrawString(Display *display, Drawable d, GC gc, int x, int y, _Xconst char *string, int length);
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int XDrawString16(Display *display, Drawable d, GC gc, int x, int y, _Xconst XChar2b *string, int length);
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**ARGUMENTS**

- d* Specifies the drawable.
- display* Specifies the connection to the X server.
- gc* Specifies the GC.
- length* Specifies the number of characters in the string argument.
- string* Specifies the character string.
- x*
- y* Specify the x and y coordinates, which are relative to the origin of the specified drawable and define the origin of the first character.

**DESCRIPTION**

Each character image, as defined by the font in the GC, is treated as an additional mask for a fill operation on the drawable. The drawable is modified only where the font character has a bit set to 1. For fonts defined with 2-byte matrix indexing and used with **XDrawString16**, each byte is used as a byte2 with a byte1 of zero.

Both functions use these GC components: function, plane-mask, fill-style, font, subwindow-mode, clip-x-origin, clip-y-origin, and clip-mask. They also use these GC mode-dependent components: foreground, background, tile, stipple, tile-stipple-x-origin, and tile-stipple-y-origin.

**XDrawString** and **XDrawString16** can generate **BadDrawable**, **BadGC**, and **BadMatch** errors.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

**BadDrawable** A value for a Drawable argument does not name a defined Window or Pixmap.

- BadGC** A value for a GContext argument does not name a defined GContext.
- BadMatch** An **InputOnly** window is used as a Drawable.
- BadMatch** Some argument or pair of arguments has the correct type and range but fails to match in some other way required by the request.

**SEE ALSO**

XDrawImageString(3), XDrawText(3), XLoadFont(3)

*Xlib - C Language X Interface*