



Web Fonts

Before the web started, nobody really read on their computer monitors. They usually printed it and read it at their own pleasure. Since then the net has become the largest source of material on anything, anywhere in the world. You can find things from the Anarchist's Cookbook to zoology and then some. So these days people are reading massive amounts on their monitors for reasearch, tests, education and pleasure.

Initialy fonts were made for print and until now there have been very few fonts to use on web pages. The problem is that you have to use fonts that are common on both platforms or use font substitutes. Recently there has been a release of web specific fonts. These fonts are evenly mono-spaced, look very clean in italics, great in bold and the best in large amount of text, ie parahgraphs and pages of text.

As a web designer you have to take these things into consideration. You have users are out there on PC's, Mac's, Unix, and WebTV! They all look a little different in each format. So this section is intended to help you learn what to use and what not to use when designing web sites. You will also learn about these great new web specific fonts and where to get them.

What fonts to use:

When designing a web site and you want to use fonts, you want to make it as cross-platform as possible, right? Here are fonts that work well on the 2 main platforms, Windows and Macintosh.

This table shows common fonts that are a good equivelant for both platforms.

Windows:	Macintosh:
Arial	Swiss/Geneva/Helvetica
Century Gothic	Swiss/Helvetica
Courier New	Courier
Garamond	Adobe Garamond
Comic Sans	Comic Sans
Times New Roman	Times/Times New Roman

Most of these are fine in any format, except Helvetica. Helvetica looks very bad when bolded and large because it bunches letters together. This makes it very

difficult to read or even understand what the word(s) say.

New Web Specific Fonts:

Currently Adobe and Microsoft have created and released web specific fonts. These fonts are great when bolded and large, beautiful italics and easy on the eyes. Over time users will be getting these font and be able to see how webmasters are using them. Especially with Microsoft shipping them with Windows95 and soon to be Windows98. Currently Microsoft has them for free and Adobe has a different set of fonts that they are selling. I do recomend that you download some of them.

Here are the current internet fonts that you can get at Microsoft:

- Trebuchet MS
- Georgia
- Verdana
- Comic Sans
- Arial Black
- Impact
- Arial
- Times New Roman
- Courier New
- Webdings

All of these can be found and downloaded at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/truetype/fontpack/default.htm> and for more general information on Microsoft typography you can go here:
<http://www.microsoft.com/truetype/>

And the WebType from Adobe:

- Minion Web
- Minion Web Italic
- Minion Web Bold
- Myriad Web
- Myriad Web Italic
- Myriad Web Bold
- Myriad Condensed Web
- Myriad Condensed Web Italic
- Caflisch Script Web
- Mezz Web Bold
- Penumbra Serif Web
- Giddyup Web

For more information on Adobe's WebType or to purchase please visit -

< <http://www.adobe.com/supportservice/custsupport/NOTES/567e.htm> > or visit [Adobe's home page](#)

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