

Web Safe Fonts

Arial

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Arial is fairly similar to Helvetica, and is the default display font for Windows. It isn't a terrible choice for on-screen use, but it isn't exactly a good one either. There are noticeable problems with character shapes and letter spacing at smaller sizes. First shipped as standard with Windows 3.1.

Times New Roman

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

The default typeface for Web browsers. This becomes acceptable from 12 points and up, but it is not the best choice for those concerned with small, legible text. Virtually identical to Times, a font shipped with the Mac for many years. First shipped as standard with Windows 3.1

Arial Black

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Arial Black is a special display version of Arial. Curiously, it appears to have slightly fewer problems with clarity at smaller sizes, but it really isn't a good choice for anything other than the occasional bit of display typesetting. First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer 3.

Trebuchet

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Trebuchet is a widespread sans serif, which can work fairly well at different sizes on screen. However the problems with spacing at smaller sizes mean it isn't a match for Verdana. First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer 4.

Courier New

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Courier New is a special monospaced font; each character takes up the same width as all others in a given type size. It is generally used to simulate tabular data and program-style code. Not to be confused with Courier, a virtually identical version found only on Macs. First shipped as standard with Windows 3.1.

Georgia

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Georgia is a serif font designed by Matthew Carter for both Web and print use. It remains exceptionally clear right down to 9 points, and is a good replacement for Times New Roman. First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer 4

Comic Sans

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Comic Sans is designed to mimic the hand lettering found in comics. It remains fairly clear at small sizes, but the letter shapes are a bit quirky for regular, serious use.
First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer

Impact

24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

Impact is a strong, compact display font, but like Arial Black it should be avoided for anything other than short display setting.
First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer 3.

Verdana

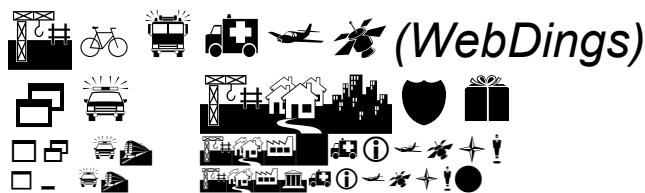
24 pt ABCdef123

12 pt ABCDEFghijklm12345
10 pt ABCDEFGhijklmno123456

An exceptionally clear font for both print and screen. It has an unusually large x-height and broad body, which combine with the built-in hinting to make it the clearest of the Web-safe font set for small text.
First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer 3.



WingDings is a more general purpose dingbat font than WebDings. It contains simple zodiac signs, calligraphic ornaments and a number of simple computer-related images.
First shipped as standard with Windows 3.1.



WebDings is a dingbat font, a collection of clip art-style graphic symbols in typeface form. This can be a good way to get graphic-style touches in a page without actually using any pictures.
First shipped as standard with Internet Explorer 4.

Σψμβολ (Symbol)

24 πτ ABXδεφ123

12 πτ ABXΔΕΦγηιφκλμ12345
10 πτ ABXΔΕΦΓηιφκλμνο123456

Symbol is essentially a collection of greek style symbols, useful for various forms of mathematical typesetting but not much else. One for the specialists, but make a mental note of the sort of things it contains.
First shipped standard with Windows 3.1/System 6.