

## Web Safe Fonts

One of the most frustrating things about designing for the web is that you cannot control the way in which people look at your pages.

You can make life easier by using 'web-safe' fonts in your pages. Aside from this, there are also important usability concerns. For example, some font types are more easily readable than others, and some are more widely available.

You want to choose font types that:

1. fit the **character** of your site,
2. are **easy to read** on a computer screen, and
3. are **widely available** across many browsers and operating systems.

There are only 9 web safe fonts, but only if you are using a modern computer system. Older PC systems use Arial and Times New Roman, and older Macs use Helvetica and Times.

The 9 fonts in question are installed into your system by the Internet Explorer browser, and they are also supplied as standard by both Windows and Mac operating systems.

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

Out of these nine fonts, 3 have been designed for web use. These are Georgia, Trebuchet and Verdana.