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TOPIC -----------------------------------------------------------

Why are Italic, Bold, and Bold Italic listed as separate typefaces for
TrueType (and Postscript fonts), but not for bitmap fonts?

DISCUSSION ------------------------------------------------------


When you're using a bitmap font and you choose Italic or Bold from the
Style menu, the italic or bold type you see on the screen is a manipulation
of the plain bitmap typeface.  The plain font itself is modified--slanted
forward for italic or thickened for bold--to create the style you've
chosen.

TrueType and PostScript fonts give you separate, specially-designed
typefaces, not just manipulations of the plain typeface, for italic, bold,
and bold-italic styles.  These look even better than the modified bitmaps,
and are truer to the original designs.

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