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TOPIC -----

Is there any difference between intercharacter spacing and kerning pairs in system software 7.0 and 6.x? What is the difference between bitmap and TrueType spacing?

DISCUSSION -----

Spacing and Kerning

Apple didn't change spacing with the bitmap characters in System 7, but matched each bitmapped character width in 6.x to the corresponding character in 7.0. New bitmap characters created just for System 7 will have spacing differences.

Apple didn't changed the kerning pairs either. Many applications allow you to change kerning.

Bitmap and TrueType Spacing Differences

Bitmaps use integer widths, while outline fonts (TrueType) use fractional widths. Fractional widths allow exact size adjustments for intercharacter spacing as well as kerning. Integer widths limit these adjustments to whole sizes. This is one of the main advantages of TrueType.

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