

⁴ These fonts are not TrueType fonts but bitmap fonts, so they won't look well when using some font sizes (they are designed for 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 24 point sizes at 96 DPI).

⁵ These fonts work in Safari but only when using the normal font style, and not with bold or italic styles. Comic Sans MS works in bold but not in italic. Other Mac browsers seems to emulate properly the styles not provided by the font (thanks to Christian Fecteau [for the tip](#)).

⁶ These fonts are present in Mac OS X only if **Classic** is installed.

How the fonts look in different systems and browsers

- Mac OS X 10.4.8, Firefox 2.0, ClearType enabled (thanks to Juris Vecvanags for the screen shot)
- Mac OS X 10.4.4, Firefox 1.5, ClearType enabled (thanks to Eric Zavesky for the screen shot)
- Mac OS X 10.4.11, Safari 3.0.4, ClearType enabled (thanks to Nolan Gladius for the screen shot)
- Mac OS X 10.4.4, Safari 2.0.3, ClearType enabled (thanks to Eric Zavesky for the screen shot)
- Windows Vista, Internet Explorer 7, ClearType enabled (thanks to Michiel Bijl for the screen shot)
- Windows Vista, Firefox 2.0, ClearType enabled (thanks to Michiel Bijl for the screen shot)
- Windows XP, Internet Explorer 6, ClearType enabled
- Windows XP, Firefox 1.0.7, ClearType enabled
- Windows XP, Internet Explorer 6, Basic font smoothing enabled
- Windows XP, Firefox 1.0.7, Basic font smoothing enabled
- Windows 2000, Internet Explorer 6, Basic font smoothing enabled
- Windows 2000, Firefox 1.0.7, Basic font smoothing enabled
- Linux (Ubuntu 7.04 + Gnome), Firefox 2.0 (thanks to Juris Vecvanags for the screen shot)

Note that while the ClearType smoothing is applied always, the basic font smoothing of Windows 98/2000/XP is applied only to certain font sizes. That sizes can be specified by the font designer, but usually they are in the ranges of 0-6 and 14+ points (pt).

The Mac font list was obtained from the [Browser Safe Fonts PDF](#) of [webbedEnvironments](#) and from the [List of fonts in Mac OS X](#) of the [Wikipedia](#).

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