

so, if you use the default printer, you can't see t2? if so, you should make a new default printer driver available in the interim, don't you think? [I never use the default, always lj or ps.]

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From bradsi Mon Aug 05 11:52:15 1991

To: dennisad

Subject: Apps compatibilities between 3.1 and 3.0 relative to fonts

Date: Mon, 05 Aug 91 11:52:14 PDT

> From jeanp Mon Aug 5 11:38:13 1991

To: nathanm

Cc: bradsi davidcol

Subject: Apps compatibilities between 3.1 and 3.0 relative to fonts

Date: Mon Aug 05 11:37:19 1991

Since the last time we met, I got to check out a significant number of Windows applications. The result is very disappointing, it looks like anytime there is a font menu, there is a compatibility problem. The worst of it is that nothing can be done about it, it is by design.

For example, I've got to check the following MS applications which all of them have troubles. Winword, Excel, Powerpoint, Write, WinBSS. (Didn't tried Project). Winword and Write already got fixed.

Below I classify the causes of troubles from the most important ones to the least important.

- Renaming of "helv" and "Tms rmn" to "MS sans serif" and "MS Serif". This is the major bitch. Many applications assume that this fonts always exists and choke when this fonts are not available. (eg: the Excel tutorial is broken). The bad thing about the renaming it, is that the visual result from a user is always awfull. (Powerpoint, Plus Spinaker, ...).
- Fonts are available in any sizes. Many applications are fuzzy about the parameters they are passing to the font creation api. In the past, the font mapper was picking one of the very few fonts available, but now the fonts gets stretched or squeezed instead. (Ami pro, On Time, win BSS, Write 3.0, ...).
- Bogus SDK font documentation from Win 1.0 to Win 3.0. Fortunately, the Petzold books solved this partially. This is the main reason why the apps are filling random paramters to the font creation API.
- Same fonts available for the screen and the printer and they have the scalable bit. Some apps have not been design with that in mind (Designer,

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WinWord 1.10, Crosstalk, ...).

- True bold, italic and bold italic font available for the screen instead of 1 font and simulations. (Crosstalk, Dynacom, ...) screwed up in the font enumeration.

The bottom line is that the introduction of TrueType in Windows is not so transparent and may even be painful. It cannot be considered although disastrous. This is much worse than what I was expecting.

PS: I have seen Rover's chef a few days ago and have been happy to hear that at least for what was in the plate for your dinner interview, things went ok.

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From bradsi Mon Aug 05 12:19:13 1991
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now that we're almost at beta 2, can you summarize what we've gotten into the beta for sw compatibility, and what work remains?

thanks.

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From bradsi Mon Aug 05 12:22:34 1991
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> From sharonh Mon Aug 5 12:00:17 1991
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Could I please get your input on these ?

1. Sea-Land Services, Inc. Corp. Briefing August 19th 7:00 dinner
no conflict
Celesteb feels that you would be a good dinner guest, no presentation.

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