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Secrets of Terrific Type

Lesson 01-04: Font Types Homework

Project Part 1 - Treasure Hunt!

It's a good idea to get familiar with the fonts you already have on your computer. Spend a few minutes looking through them to see if you already have some OTF fonts. Here's how you do that:

For Windows 10:

Go to Windows System > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Fonts. Scroll through the fonts. Click on Find a Character to access the Character Map to see all the characters that come with that font. Again, OTF fonts with extra characters will have many more characters in the character map than a TTF.

For a Mac:

Go to Finder > Applications > Font Book. In Font Book, select User and in the Menu Bar choose View > Repertoire to see all of the characters that come with a font.

Project Part 2 - Make a List

Did you find if you have fonts with extra characters you didn't know about? Make a list of those fonts if you wish.

Project Part 3 - Clean it Up

Clean out your font list. Spend a few minutes deleting non-system fonts that you know you will never use.

And now a personal request:

If you're like me, you are already thinking about shopping online for some OTF fonts. But, before you run out and do that, please watch the videos in the Where to Find Fonts section of this class. I cover a lot of good information there that will help you successfully find fonts that are worth using.