



TYPE legibility



Legibility definition

- Means clear enough to read
- Clear type/letter will enhance visibility of text.
- Legibility is determined by:
 - typeface
 - type variation/type attributes
 - type/point sizes
 - line length
 - text spacing



Typeface

- Refer to the type design
- Is divided into:

Serif

Baskerville Bookman Garamond

Times New Roman Palatino

- Commonly used for print.



San Serif

- Non serif fonts
 - Commonly found in websites.
- * Advisable to use common typeface than uncommon ones.



Type / point size

- Commonly known as font size.
- Ideal type size is 9 - 12 pt but still based on designer's judgment.
- This factor will affect line length of text.

Line length

- Refer to the length of the line in a sentence.
- How long a line length are based on grid.
- Normal reading distances is only about 3 in. wide (comfortable eye span).
- However line must not be too short as well.



Example

The length of line will affect reading speed. Readers tend to dislike both very short and very long. In my opinion the maximum line should not have much more than 60-70 characters. This except for books intended for highly skilled readers. The optimum line length should be found for each individual purpose and each audience.

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Text spacing.

- Text spacing can be divided into:
 - letter spacing
 - word spacing
- Letter spacing / Kerning refers to the space in between the alphabet.
- Tracking is the space in between each word.



Text spacing

kerning

Have a nice day!

tracking



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