
Subject: Re: Truetype fonts

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 21 Nov 2003 22:22:15 GMT

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Subject: Re: Truetype fonts

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 16:31:28 GMT

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Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 19:00:30 GMT

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Oh, well, maybe the RSI folks even read this news thread and consider implementation of TRUETYPE FONTS IN DIRECT GRAPHICS by request of (at least) two users, because it is a hell lot harder to gather the group of Windows users desiring pretty direct graphics output, than finding loud screaming MAC users that are panicing to be cut off the support list.

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That was more like the birds chirping away in a tree. A tree some 50 miles away from your house. Judging by the results, at least.

Pavel
