# Text conversion

126476_PixelRule.tiff ¬

The first preference control whether characters should be converted between the two character sets (Mac and NeXT).   Characters, such as bullets (·) are stored differently on the two platforms.

> 756871_paste.tiff ¬ **Convert characters in all fonts** makes Convert RTF convert characters, such as bullets, whenever appropriate.

> 995338_paste.tiff ¬ **Convert only `standard' fonts** makes Convert RTF convert characters only if they are one of the `standard' fonts it knows about.   Otherwise, it ignores the characters.

> 882866_paste.tiff ¬ **Convert no characters** makes Convert RTF convert no characters at all.

The Mac and NeXT use single quotes that look different, by default. You may wish to preserve the look of the quotes from the source platform, or you may wish to have them look `native' (like those on the destination).   The corresponding settings, shown below, make Convert RTF do this.

paste.tiff ¬

431541_PixelRule.tiff ¬

808281_CheckMark.tiff ¬   The NeXT single quotes look like: ` ', while the Macintosh ones look like: Á ©.

193494_CheckMark.tiff ¬   Single quotes, here, refers to the characters 0x27 and 0x60.   The Mac also has curly quotes higher in the character set, but this preference does not affect them directly, as they are always converted to maintain their appearance.

95620_CheckMark.tiff ¬   If your NeXT text had `single quotes', and you converted it with the `native' setting, then it would appear as

©single quotesÂ. If the `preserve' setting was set, then they would appear with curly quotes on the destination.   If you have Mac text with ©single quotesÂ and chose `native' conversion, then they would appear as `single quotes', and otherwise as ©single quotesÂ.

793509_CheckMark.tiff ¬   The `standard' fonts are listed in the Technical Stuff section later.   They are `standard', really, only because I have named them such here.

383911_CheckMark.tiff ¬   There are certain `standard' fonts (Symbol and Zapf Dingbats, for example) which should not have characters converted.   Convert RTF knows this, and will avoid converting them in all circumstances, regardless of the preference setting.

647801_CheckMark.tiff ¬   The `Convert only `standard' fonts' 'setting is useful if you have text in, say, a specialized mathematical font that you don't want to have converted, but you want text in standard Apple fonts in the same document converted.   This will ignore your specialized math fonts, but convert the `standard' ones it finds.

238850_PixelRule.tiff ¬

## See also

;Standard fonts.rtfd;;¬   `Standard' fonts.