

The Comments Menu

Page Comments

The Set Comments function provides the ability to add secondary information to the specimen pages. It affects all layouts except for the Keycaps page.

Use Set Comments to identify such things as the Manufacturer, Designer, or any other information. Once entered the text will be used on all subsequent specimen pages until changed or deleted. Delete the text by selecting it in the Set Comments dialog and press Delete.

et Comments takes advantage of available space as dictated by the length of the page title. This affects only the automatic text wrapping of the page comment. Line lengths may run up to approximately 20pts from the page title or 260pts total, whichever is smaller. There is a two line maximum.

The Set Comments dialog supports Cut, Copy, Paste and Select All command key combinations. Command-Period (.) closes the dialog without saving changes.

Entering Comment Text – How you enter text in addition to Including ID Info will affect the format of the printed comment. This adds some control to over the results.

In the Set Comments dialog the Return key is used when entering text. It becomes part of the text and is not the same (temporarily) as the Enter key. The Enter key is still used as the keyboard equivalent of the Ok button. If text is entered continuously without press entering a <return> character the text will be automatically wrapped to two lines if necessary. Normally the wrapped area will be 260 pts or the remaining area after the title has printed.

Entering a return at the desired end of the first line of the comment will “override” the text wrap. The line is printed completely without regard to the length of the page title which could overlap in many cases. This feature is most helpful when used with Include Font ID Info described below.

Use Font ID Info – This option probably satisfies the need for a Page Comment for the majority of users of theTypeBook. It automatically adds the FOND name (used in menus), the Style applied, the Font ID# and the Type of font for each typeface specimen.

The Included Font ID Info is the only comment that will appear in the Keycaps specimen page. On the other specimen pages it replaces the second line of the current comment text if any.

The Type of the font producing the typeface is indicated by one of four possible codes:

PS for Postscript

TT for Truetype

BM for Bitmap type fonts

MM for Multiple Masters type fonts

Note: theTypeBook takes preference to “Parent” FOND resources when sorting out typeface names. Typefaces produced by

FOND resources for subordinate style variations are either ignored/skipped if the parent FOND is capable of producing it. When using the automatic "Use Font ID" comment all style variations will reflect information based on the parent FONDS.

The format of the printed ID Info depends upon the specimen page type printed and whether there is other comment text as well. For all pages except for the Keycaps and Line Showings page the Font ID Information will replace the second line of the comment text if there is one, or if there is only one line to begin with it still becomes the second.

If there is other comment text the ID Info will reflect only the Menu name and Style used to produce the typeface. Otherwise the first line will contain the Menu name and the second will contain the Style used, ID number, and Type of font.

In the Line Showings layout the Fond ID Information does not use the Comment area and has no affect on the other comment text if any. Instead the ID Info is printed with each typeface specimen individually. The Keycaps layout always provides the complete Font ID Information on one line at the lower-left of the chart.

Face Comments

Face Comments", it is basically identical to AKA Names in both features and functions. Each typeface in the list may have a comment "all its own" that appears on all layouts except the Index layout. Typefaces which have a Face Comment assigned to them appear with an "!" (exclamation point) in front of thier name in the list of available typefaces.

The length of a Face Comment has a maximum of 128 characters, though less space is available depending on the layout. Use Face Comments to make notations about vendors, other names, prices, etc..

On the main Sample Page and All Characters Page, the Face Comment appears just below the page header, right justified. On the KeyCaps Page the Face Comment appears right justified at the bottom of the chart. On the Sixup Page it appears just below the specimen name, right-justified. On the Line Showings page the Face Comment appears just below the specimen name and switches between left and right justified when "Names on Outer Margin" is on in the Line Showing Specs.

Assign Face Comment - optionally selected via command-\ or by holding down command-option while double-clicking on a typeface name.

Use Comments List - reads a tab-delimited text file matching Outline names in the first column to the list of available typefaces and assigning the text of the second column to the Face Comment for that typeface when found. Note: Face Comment text files and AKA Names text files are interchangeable and are not checked for any differences.

Save Comments List - creates a tab-delimited text file of all currently assigned Face Comments.

View Comments List - Displays a scrolling list of all currently assigned Face Comments.

Clear Face Comments - Clears all currently assigned Face Comments.