

Q: I want to put check marks next to menu items or program options which are "turned on" or selected. What is the best way to do this?

A: In the User Interface Guidelines, we suggest that menu commands not use special devices (check marks, icons, etc) to show state. There's almost always a more appropriate way to display current state in our interface. If the meaning of a command changes with the change of state, the command should also change, specifically, the verb should be updated to indicate the difference in action, e.g., from ^aShow Ruler^o to ^aHide Ruler^o.

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