

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 "Show Ruler" to "Hide Ruler".

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