

U.S. Web Design Standards – Typography v.8

Open source typography guidance for U.S. federal government websites.

Typesetting

ALIGNMENT

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SPACING

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This typography feels off to me when you look at it without the guides. If i were to change anything, I would give the "subsubsection" the same space after that "subsection" has (20px). I'd also consider adding some text about spacing—the goal is not 20px in code, but 20 pix visually, from baseline to cap height.

Merriweather headings and body

1. Merriweather Light 300
2. Merriweather Regular 400
3. Merriweather Italic 400
4. Merriweather Bold 700
5. Source Sans Pro Regular 400
6. Source Sans Pro Bold 700 >> change to Regular 400

Display 1

font-family: 'Merriweather'
font-weight: 700
font-size: 52px
line-height: 1.3em/68px

Display 2

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line-height: 1.3em/52px

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font-size: 17px
line-height: 1.3em/22px

Heading 5

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font-size: 15px
line-height: 1.3em/20px

HEADING 6

font-family: 'Source Sans Pro'
font-weight: 400
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Lead

paragraph

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font-weight: 300
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These should be set in the appropriate italic

Default: Merriweather headings, Source Sans Pro body (lite)

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Source Sans Pro headings and body

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font-size: 44px
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Heading 2

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font-size: 34px
line-height: 1.3em/44px

Heading 3

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Merriweather headings, Source Sans Pro body (robust)

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