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Fonts in Linux look noticeably worse than in Windows because everyone's favorite Microsoft has managed to patent some obvious optimise font rendering on LCD screens. Without violating these patents to achieve high-quality display of fonts is impossible.

How then in other operating systems — for example, in Mac OS X — manages to provide a wonderful drawing text? The fact that Apple and Microsoft signed a cross-licensing agreement allowing the companies free to use patents to each other. With Linux developers, of course, no such agreement is not going to sign, and therefore have to be content with what we have. Do Linux users are doomed forever spoil the view?

How to improve the quality of font rendering in Linux? This will help us project [Infinality](#).

Installation into Linux Mint:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:no1wantdthisname/ppa
```

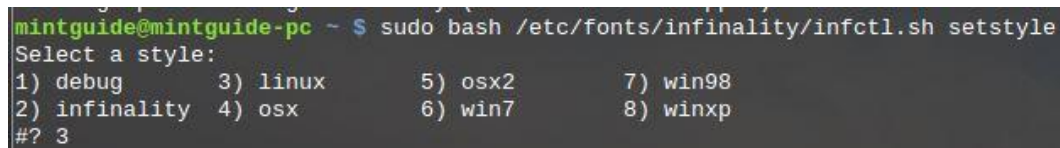
```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install fontconfig-infinality
```

Now, let's customize our fonts:

1. Now you need to reboot and you are ready to configure. Then run the following file and choose the type of rendering:

```
sudo bash /etc/fonts/infinality/infctl.sh setstyle
```

A terminal window showing the command 'sudo bash /etc/fonts/infinality/infctl.sh setstyle' being executed. The prompt is 'mintguide@mintguide-pc ~ \$'. Below the command, it says 'Select a style:'. There are eight numbered options: 1) debug, 2) infinality, 3) linux, 4) osx, 5) osx2, 6) win7, 7) win98, and 8) winxp. The user has entered '3' as indicated by the prompt '#? 3'.

It is recommended
to choose the type
“**Linux**”. If
you choose
“**Windows**” or “**OSX**”, keep in mind that
you will need
to install
the fonts
from the respective
OS.

2. Open the file

```
sudo gedit /etc/profile.d/infinality-settings.sh
```

and
find the line “**USE_STYLE=“DEFAULT**””. Change
it
accordingly
DEFAULT on **UBUNTU**. Save, exit.

3. In order for

our system
rebooted normally, you need to move
the config file:

```
sudo mv /etc/profile.d/infinality-settings.sh /etc/infinality-settings.sh
```

```
sudo chmod a+rx /etc/infinality-settings.sh
```

I followed the advice and made the necessary manipulations. The fonts have
become smoother, convenient readability text has increased significantly. I
recommend to use.

Before the manipulations do not forget to take a screenshot, so it would be easier to detect changes. This will help when choosing the type of rendering.

If you don't like it, then you can always roll back the changes:

```
sudo apt-get purge fontconfig-infinality
```

```
sudo apt-get install ppa-purge
```

```
sudo ppa-purge ppa:no1wantdthisname/ppa
```

What else to do to improve the quality of font rendering in Linux Mint?

We have just considered a way to improve font rendering. However, it is equally important to install the fonts and preferably high quality. In Linux Mint you can easily install hundreds of additional fonts just one team.

```
sudo apt-get install fonts-cantarell lmodern ttf-aenigma ttf-georgewilliams ttf-bitstream-vera ttf-sjfonts ttf-tuffy tv-fonts
```

This sets

a very impressive set of fonts. But

if

you

want more, then

you can install

all the available fonts

in just

one command:

```
sudo apt-get install ubuntustudio-font-meta
```

If you don't need a hundred, and —as a true linuxoid — need only free fonts offers a repository of [The Open Font Library](#).

May the Force be with you,

Good Luck!!!

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