

UI Typeface Evaluation Checklist

Checklist

Letterforms

- Tall x-height
- Open counters and big bowls
- Differentiation of ambiguous glyphs (`aceo` , `Il1` , `o0` , etc.)
- Simplicity of knotty glyphs (`a` , `g` , `1` , `7` , etc.)

Features

- Proportional and monospace numerals
- Sub/sup numerals
- Fractions
- Small caps

Optional:

- Lining and historical numerals
- Alternate styles (for some characters)
- Grading

Range

- Many weights (minimum 5-6 or even better, a dedicated variable axis)
- Part of a super family (matching condensed, extended, display, serif, mono etc.)

Charset

- Script for any language the product is in
- Script for Greek (for scientific notation)
- Bonus glyphs (arrows, dingbats, boxed numbers etc.)

Technical

- Variable format
- Optical sizes
- Line-height to x-height ratio and position

Feel

Feel on labels and running copy, at UI sizes (12–48 px). Use the [Web Font Specimen](#).

Tools

To check or complete vendor specs.

- [CharSet Checker](#): scripts and symbols support
- [FontDrop!](#): languages, metadata, OpenType features
- [Underware Latin Plus](#): detailed latin scripts support