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TOPIC-----

What is the difference between the way characters appear on my Macintosh screen and on the LaserWriter? In particular, how are the different types of quotation marks produced?

DISCUSSION-----

When the Macintosh displays characters on the screen, it uses the information from the font resource to show the character the best way it can, given that the Macintosh screen is 72 dpi. Likewise, when the driver prints the document to the LaserWriter IISC, it also uses the information from the font resource (rather than the bitmapped display) to create the printed output in its 300 dpi format. The printer always prints a more accurate representation of the actual font than the screen.

Also, be sure you are pressing Option-[and Option-Shift-[for open and close double quote marks instead of the quote key. Likewise, Option-] and Option-Shift-] produce open and close single quote marks. In the case of Times, the quote key and Option-Shift-[produce the same results, but this is not true of all fonts (Helvetica, for example).

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