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OVSelCharTool.tiff ▾ Character Attributes

This OneVision-Type panel contains controls for assigning attributes to the characters of selected text.

Type Style

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This portion of the panel shows the current typeface. You can change this in the NEXTSTEP *Font* panel, which is opened by clicking on the <Set> button, or by the shortcut *Command-t*.

The <Size> parameter and the color well icon allow you to change the point size and color of the type.

The <Skew> parameter electronically obliques selected characters. Zero degrees defines normal, upright characters. Positive values skew characters to the left; negative values skew them to the right. Values greater than 90 degrees will be corrected. 90 degrees is ignored, because this would yield a horizontal line.

Note: If you are using italic typeface of a font, this reflects its skew. Skewing characters is completely different from setting them oblique, though.

Outline

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These controls allow you to determine the weight and color of the outline of characters. If zero is entered in the *<Weight>* field, the characters will have no outline at all, which is their normal condition.

Unterstrich; ▸ Underline

These settings control the underlining of characters in text.

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Color

The color well icon can be used to set the color of the underline.

Position

The *<Position>* control specifies the distance of the underline below the baseline. Negative values move the underline down, positive ones move it up. Using positive values, you can also strike-out text.

Underline Chars.

This turns underlining on.

Strike Desc.

This switch allows you to decide whether descenders of characters will be crossed by the underline. If this option is not activated, the underline will skip over descending letters.

Weight

This defines the thickness of the underline.

Spacing;↯**Options and Spacing**

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Hyphenation;↯**trennung;**↯*Hyphenation*

This option permits hyphenation of words in the selected paragraphs.

Kerning;↯*Auto Kerning*

Automatic kerning is performed on the basis of kerning information built into a font. The option *<Auto Kerning>* switches automatic kerning on or off.

Note: Kerning information is not available in every font.

Ligatures

When this option is selected, ligatures such as ^afi° or ^aff° are automatically used in the text. This option will only work if ligatures are defined in the font you are using.

Fixed Space

A fixed space behaves differently than a ^anormal° space. A fixed space between two words cannot be stretched or squeezed when justifying text.

Note: Words connected by fixed spaces can be broken at the end of a line. In this respect, fixed spaces differ from the non-breaking spaces you insert by simultaneously pressing the space bar and the *Alternate* key.

manually;↵*Char. / Word*

These two parameters control character spacing and word spacing, and are used for manual kerning or tracking. This can be done by selecting the text whose spacing you want to alter and then entering the spacing value in the appropriate text field. The entered values have to be confirmed by pressing the *Return* key for each parameter.

Baseline

This specifies the vertical distance of characters from the baseline. Positive values raise the characters above the baseline, negative values lower them below the baseline.

Note: Changing the baseline can affect the line spacing depending on the setting of the *<Interline>* option
(;OVSelParaTool.rtf;Absolut;↵) in the *Paragraph Formats* panel. If *<Interline>* is not activated, raising the baseline of characters increases the line spacing. If the *<Interline>* option is off, the line spacing isn't affected and raising the baselines of character can cause the current line to overlap with the previous one.

Language

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This lets you specify the language for the current paragraph. Choosing the proper language for text is essential for correct hyphenation, because different languages use different rules. The choice of a language also determines which dictionary will be used for checking spelling.

Note: If no dictionary is available for the selected language, the English dictionary is used as default.

Scaling

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These parameters enable you to scale characters horizontally, vertically, or in both directions. The values you enter are interpreted as percentages. 100% represents the normal proportions of a character. Values less than 100% will condense or shorten the characters. Values greater than 100% will widen or heighten the characters.

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