

Re: Laptop recommendations

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On Wed, 2007-03-14 at 12:36 -0400, Kwan Lowe wrote:

Do you know if this actually works with X? Way back when the mountains were young, I did some work at a printing company so got very familiar with point sizes. As far as I can tell, the "points" that most settings refer to is actually a pixel size and not the real "points" in the sense of the per-inch measurement.

If you used computers at that place, you'd have got the font sizes that you expected because the computer knew the DPI of your rendering devices.

X can render fonts at the right size if it knows the capabilities of your system. We have the wrong use of points on computers because of those who don't know how to use them properly (people who write font rendering engines in ignorance), and the computer not knowing the resolution of the devices its using (printers, screens). Once those two things are done properly, you get fonts done properly.

If only Windows got it right, then we'd have less of those damn 6pt flea writing websites written by incompetent web authors.

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(This box runs FC6, my others run FC4 & FC5, in case that's important to the thread.)

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