

Re: ASCII convention

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Miguel Carrasquer wrote:

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> On Mon, 10 Oct 2005 03:14:18 GMT, "Peter T. Daniels"
> <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
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> > Miguel Carrasquer wrote:
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> >> On Sun, 09 Oct 2005 15:53:38 GMT, "Peter T. Daniels"
> >> <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
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> >> > If, however, you refer to typography where special fonts (containing
> >> > angle brackets) are not available, and if you're clever enough to use a
> >> > Mac, the Single Guillemets provide a very reasonable substitute (see my
> >> > chapter in the Blackwell *Handbook of Linguistics*. Unfortunately, they
> >> > turn into Icelandic in Windows: instead of <xyz> write Ðxyzð.
> >>
> >> The problem is not with Windows, it's with your browser

It's with Windows fonts, which put different characters in the same codepoints as Mac fonts. Mac fonts don't have all those silly box-drawing characters, freeing up lots of space for useful stuff in 128-255.

> >> ("Mozilla 3.04 (Macintosh; I; PPC)", which pretends to be
> >> posting in iso-8859-1, while in fact it's using something
> >> which is similar to, but not quite mac roman.
> >>
> >> Try <em dash> xyz <double acute accent>.
> >
> > Ok, I'll bite: ?xyz* (that was S-O-- and S-O-g)

I see a long dash (in Courier I can't remember how en-dash and em-dash differ) and an asterisk.

> Bizarre. That was sent as 97 (illegal; em dash in Windows
> "Latin-1" / CP 1252) and 2A (plain asterisk).
>
> What happens if I send the Windows single guillemets Ðxyzð,
> while lying that it's iso-8859-1?

I see single guillemets.

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 - ◇ *From:* Andreas Prilop

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