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ATS-FRIENDLY FONTS

The Secret to Getting Your Resume Seen

When applying for jobs, your resume isn't just read by people—it's often scanned by Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS). Choosing an ATS-friendly font ensures your resume is correctly parsed by these systems, increasing your chances of making it to the next round.

By Rate my Resume

An ATS-friendly font is one that is easy for both humans and software to read. Fonts that are too decorative or unconventional may cause formatting errors or make your resume unreadable to the system.

Here's why it matters:

- **Accurate Parsing**: ATS needs clear fonts to recognize keywords and content.

- **Professional Presentation:** Clean fonts leave a polished impression.

- **Compatibility: Standard** fonts work universally with ATS software.

Stick to fonts that are clean, simple, and widely used.

Here are a few safe options

Calibri

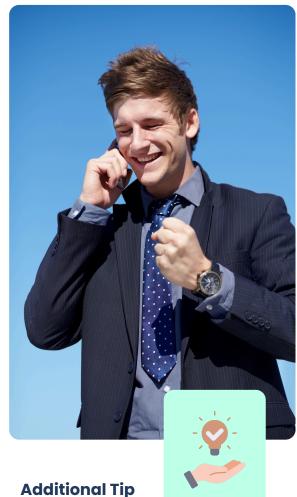**Arial**

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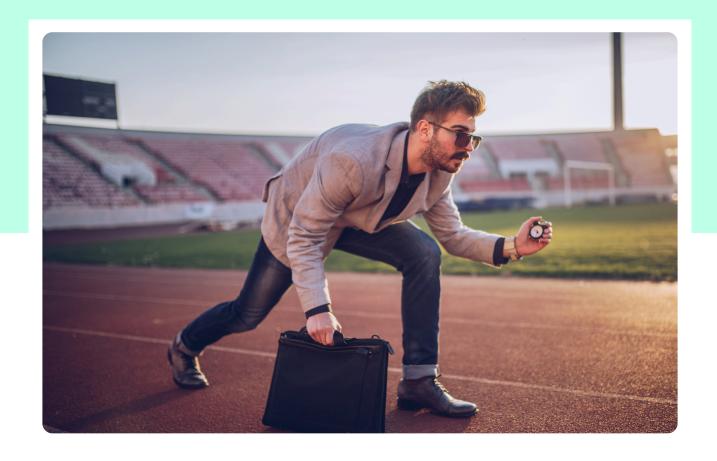
Verdana

How to Use ATS-Friendly Fonts Effectively

1. Consistency: Use the same font throughout for a polished look; avoid mixing fonts to prevent clutter.
2. Font Size: Stick to 10–12 points for readability; headers can be 14–16 points.
3. Characters: Use standard characters only; avoid symbols or emojis that ATS may not recognize.
4. Test It: Upload your resume to an ATS checker, like Rate My Resume, to ensure compatibility.

Additional Tip

Some fonts might look appealing but can hurt your chances of making it through ATS screening. Avoid the following:

- Script Fonts: Fonts like Brush Script or Comic Sans are difficult for ATS to read.
- Overly Decorative Fonts: Avoid fonts with intricate designs, such as Papyrus or Algerian.
- Obscure Fonts: Fonts not commonly found in Word or Google Docs may not be recognized by ATS systems.

READY TO MAKE YOUR RESUME STAND OUT?

Optimizing your font choice is a small yet powerful step in creating an ATS-friendly resume.

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