

# U.S. could save millions by changing font type

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A 14-year-old student has published a study detailing how the U.S. federal and state governments could collectively save about \$234 million a year by simply switching the type of font that is used on printed documents.

In his study, Suvir Mirchandani, who lives in the Pittsburgh area, said he found that Garamond is the most efficient font for printing, among the fonts recommend for use by the General Services Administration. This is because Garamond uses thinner strokes for its letters, meaning less ink is used on each character.

If the U.S. government stopped using Times New Roman and Century Gothic and switched to Garamond, it could reduce its annual cost of ink from \$467 million per year by more than 29 percent. That means it would save about \$136 million per year.

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