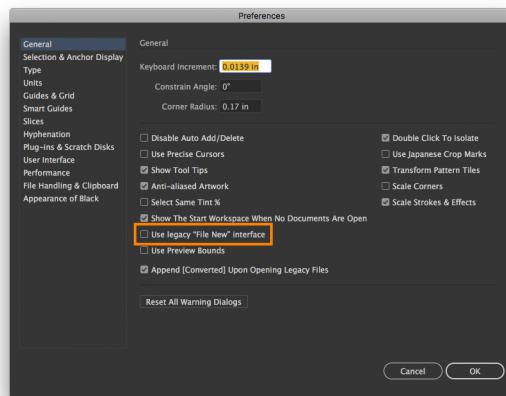




Adobe Illustrator CC 2018 Preferences

Recommended custom settings to get the most for your creative workflow.

Use the application menu, Illustrator CC > Preferences... or $\text{⌘}K$ (PC: Edit > Preferences...)



General ($\text{⌘}K$)

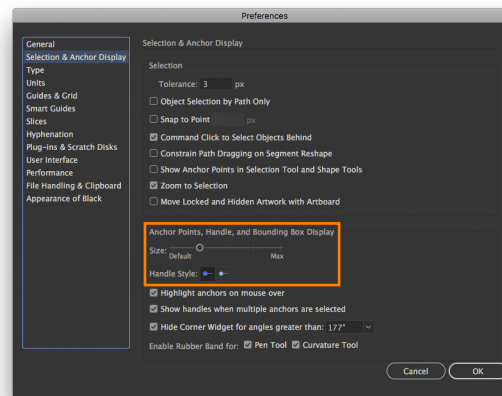
Use legacy “File New” interface – enable if you prefer to use a streamlined interface when creating new documents

★ **Best Practice** – it’s best practice quitting Illustrator after setting preferences to *lock in* your custom settings. Launch Illustrator again and get busy with your creative workflow.

★ Restoring Default Preferences:

Press and hold **Command + Option + Shift** while launching Illustrator.

You’ll get a prompt asking if you would like to reset the default preferences.



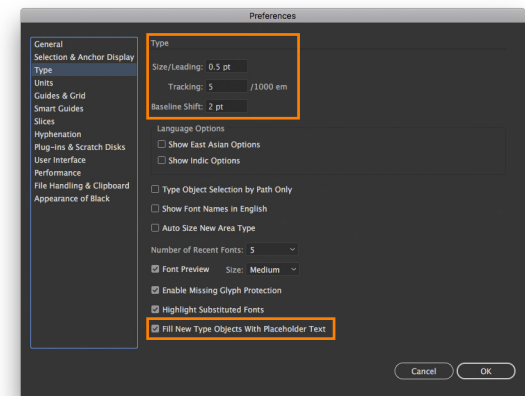
Selection & Anchor Display

Anchor Points, Handle and Bounding Box Display:

Size – adjust slider to size anchor points & handles

Handle Style – first option is default – solid fills for handles

Make it easier on your eyes and to select :)



Type

Size/Leading – enter 0.5 pt for exceptional control when using keyboard shortcuts, Option + Up/Down Arrows

Tracking – enter 5/1000 em for exceptional control when using keyboard shortcuts, Option + Left/Right Arrows for kerning and tracking

Baseline Shift – 2 pt (default)

Fill New Type Objects With Placeholder Text – enabled by default, disable to create empty text objects

★ **About ems** – a unit of measurement; an em unit is the width of a capital M in the selected font & point size

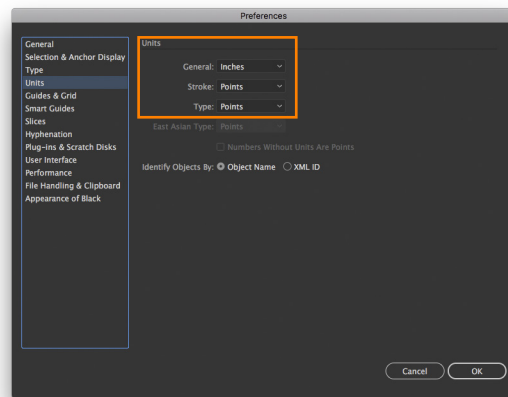
Bonus: About ens – another unit of measurement; an en unit is the width of a capital N in the selected font & point size



Adobe Illustrator CC 2018 Preferences

Recommended custom settings to get the most for your creative workflow.

Use the application menu, Illustrator CC > Preferences... or ⌘ K (PC: Edit > Preferences...)



Units (⌘ ,)

General – menu options of *points*, *picas*, *inches*, *millimeters* and *pixels* – select *inches* in the USA :)

Stroke – points is the default with menu options of *points*, *picas*, *inches*, *millimeters* and *pixels*

Type – points is the default with menu options of *points*, *inches*, *millimeters* and *pixels*

About Points (pt)

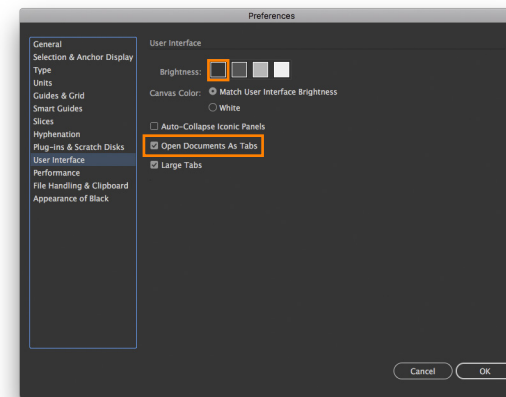
Points are a unit of measurement used in page layout and graphic design. You probably don't think about points, but you use them everyday in applications like email, Microsoft® Word® and others to specify text size.

72 points = 1 inch

1 point = 1/72 inch

Type is set at 12 points in your average text book.

14 points is the default size for type on Web pages.



User Interface

Brightness – dark side or light side – the choice is yours

Open Documents as Tabs – enabled by default

Points to Inches Conversion

72 points = 1 inch

54 points = .75 inches or 3/4 inch

36 points = .5 inches or 1/2 inch

18 points = .25 inches or 1/4 inch

9 points = .125 inches or 1/8 inch

4.5 points = .0625 inches or 1/16 inch

3 points = .0417 inches