SmartFont

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What Does SmartFont Do

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Introduction

SmartFont is a utility designed to help you to work with the multitude of fonts that are now appearing in the Windows Environment. Most people have a few fonts, some people have hundreds! Trying to decide on the best font to use for a particular application can become a nightmare, and you can end up having printouts of the complete character set in every possible font. Unfortunately you still don't really know what that block-busting headline you just dreamed up will look like without experimenting, because you probably lost the printouts long ago, and does that font really look as good when it's big as when it's small?

SmartFont's Approach

SmartFont's approach to this dilemma is to provide a small window, which can be made permanently visible if required (like Windows Help's "always on top" mode). In the window is a scrollable list of all the fonts installed on your system, each font name displayed IN ITS OWN FONT. The size of the window, and the size of each individual entry, is configurable to suit your way of working. In this release it is also possible to toggle the Viewer Window's caption on and off by clicking with the right mouse button.

When you need to decide on a font for a particular purpose, you can scroll up and down the list to see what fonts are available. That may be all you need to do in some cases, but perhaps you aren't sure, and there are two or three possible candidates? You can double-click on any of the font-names, and a new "viewer window" will open and will show the contents of the clipboard in that font. You can choose several fonts in this way, and a new "viewer window" will appear each time showing the content of the clipboard in that font.

From the control menu on any of the "viewer windows", or from the control menu on the main SmartFont menu, you can control the placement of the windows on screen, you can cascade them or tile them, minimize them, hide them, or close them. From the control menu on any of the "viewer windows" you can request display in italics, or bold, and you can enlarge or reduce the size of the displayed fonts. Also, changing the size of any of the "viewer windows" causes the rest to follow suit.

If you want to see what something else looks like in the fonts on display, simply copy something to the clipboard. SmartFont will notice that the content of the clipboard has changed, and will display its new contents. Or type something in any of the "viewer windows". All the other windows, and the clipboard itself, will follow suit!

Starting Another Application and SmartFont together

You can also use SmartFont as a front-end to cause another application to start alongside SmartFont. To do this you simply replace the normal command associated with starting the other application with a command to start SmartFont, with as a parameter the name of the application you want to start alongside.

Example:-

For example, if you have the registered version and you want SmartFont to start alongside Microsoft Write, do the following:-

1 Start Program Manager and locate the Icon for Micrsosoft Write (usually in the Accessories group).

2 Via the FILE|PROPERTIES menu item, change the command that starts Write from "WRITE.EXE" to "SMARTFON.EXE WRITE.EXE". (If SMARTFON.EXE is not in a directory in the normal search sequence you may have to qualify that with path information).

3 Press the OK button, and the Write Icon in the accessories group will change to SmartFont's Icon.

4 Double-Click on the newly appeared SmartFont Icon and both SmartFont and Write should start together

5 If everything is working satisfactorily you can now retrieve the usual Write Icon. Single-click on the newly appeared SmartFont Icon to select it, and via the FILE|PROPERTIES menu item select the "Change Icon" button.

6 Select the "Browse" button and with the file-dialog that appears, navigate to the WRITE.EXE program, which usually lives in the WINDOWS directory.

7 Select the usual pen icon, and after two presses on two "OK" buttons, the normal Write Icon will replace SmartFonts. However, clicking on the Write Icon will still start both SmartFont AND Write.

Note that you are not restricted to doing this with just the Write program, you can do it with any program, be it a Word-Processor, DTP Package, Presentation Graphics tool or whatever. The fact that SmartFont can also remember whereabouts you like it on-screen, and can stay permanently visible above the other application, but nice and small so as to be unobtrusive, makes it the ideal font viewing tool.

Main Window Menu Commands

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Both the Main Window and the Viewer Windows have extensions to their control menu. Both menus have the standard Window's supplied options (Restore, Move, Size, Minimize, Maximize, Close and Switch To) and these are documented in the Windows 3.1 documentation. This help file only details the extensions provided by SmartFont. (Note though, that if you want to close SmartFont, and you have set the viewer window to 'Captionless' mode, you can use the standard Window ALT+F4 key combination, but be sure it is SmartFont that has the focus, otherwise you might close something else!)

The Main Window Menu

Fontsize> and Fontsize>>

These commands increase the size of the font displayed in the list. Fontsize> by a small amount, and Fontsize>> by a large amount.

<Fontsize and <<Fontsize

These commands decrease the size of the font displayed in the list. Fontsize> by a small amount, and Fontsize>> by a large amount.

Clipboard

This command starts the Clipboard Viewer program. The Clipboard Viewer is a standard part of Microsoft Windows, and is documented in the Windows Users Guide.

Character Map

This command starts the Character Map program. The Character Map program is a standard part of Microsoft Windows, and is documented in the Windows Users Guide.

All Characters

This command copies to the clipboard the characters with Ascii codes from 32 to 255. If any Viewer Windows are open, they will automatically be updated with those characters.

Always on Top

This command causes SmartFont, and all its Viewer Windows to remain above other Windows, even when SmartFont is not active. If you make the SmartFont main window small enough you can usually find a suitable place to hide it on top of another application like a DTP package or Word Processor, ready for use at a moments notice.

Close All

This command closes all open Viewer Windows.

Minimize All

This command Minimizes all open Viewer Windows.

Hide All

This command "hides" (makes invisible) all open Viewer Windows. It differs from "Close All" in that the Viewer Windows still exist, and can be redisplayed by a "Restore All" command. If you had closed all the Viewer Windows you would have to reselect the required fonts.

Restore All

This command "Restores" (makes visible) all Viewer Windows that exist, and if they are minimized it redisplays them at normal size.

Cascade and Tile

These commands rearrange any open Viewer Windows, much like the Cascade and Tile commands do in Program Manager. Note that depending on the size you have set the Viewer Windows to, you may or may not be able to see all of them!

About

Displays the standard "Copyright Box".

Help

Starts the Windows Help Facility to display this help file.

Order Form

Displays an order form with full pricing and contact details. You can print the form out to order registered copies. Remember you need a copy for every system you run the program on.

Viewer Window Menu Commands

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The Viewer Window Menu

Fontsize> and Fontsize>>

These commands increase the size of the font displayed in ALL the Viewer Windows, Fontsize> by a small amount, and Fontsize>> by a large amount.

<Fontsize and <<Fontsize

These commands decrease the size of the font displayed in ALL the Viewer Windows, <Fontsize by a small amount, and <<Fontsize by a large amount.

Bold and Italic

These commands add or remove the Bold and Italic effects for ALL the Viewer Windows. The captions of the windows also change to reflect the current state of these attributes, and checkmarks appear next to the menu items when the effects are "on".

Minimize All

This command Minimizes all open Viewer Windows.

Hide All

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You can access an order form either from the drop-down menu on the Font viewer, or from the "Order Form" button on the reminder screen.

You can get support either by phone or fax, or via our conferences on CIS (UKSHARE FORUM, section 4), or on CIX (join the "oakley" conference), or via the Internet at http://www.smartcode.com.

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There have been no functional changes since initial release. Release 1.3 merely changes some ordering details.

Order Form - SmartFont R1

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Send your order to:-

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3 Oakley Close,
Sandbach,
Cheshire CW11 9RQ,
England.

Please send me __ registered copy(s) of SmarFont R1.

Price :- £14.69 Pounds Sterling.

(In the EEC this is made up of 12.50 Pounds, plus VAT @17.5%, no charge for shipping. In the rest of the world this is made up of 12.50 Pounds, plus 2.19 Pounds Air-Mail Shipping + Handling).

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Total Price : .....

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Please send the registered version to:-

Name:
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Post/Zip Code: Day Time Tel. No.

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And any suggestions you have for enhancements:-

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