Fontsee
(formally Fontsy)
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What is Fontsee?

Fontsee is a soft font viewer for programs written for Microsoft Windows. It will display all the matching screen and printer soft fonts that are listed in the WIN.INI file. Built in fonts in your printer will not be shown. There is a list box showing all the fonts found that you can scroll through and click on to see the style of that font. There is another drop-down box that when clicked on will show all the extended characters of the IBM keyboard. The PRINT button will print a page showing the character reference set for the highlighted font. The PRINT ALL will print all the fonts in the font list box starting with the highlighted font. You can also choose to print bold, italics, underline and/or strikethru. Click on the extended character and it is copied to the paste buffer. Move your mouse pointer to your word processing program and then press the shift key and the insert key and the same time and that character is then inserted into your document. Please note that the active font in the document you are pasting into must be the same font you had active in Fontsee. The code for that font is transferred, but not the font name.

In this demo version, you are limited to printing only the first five (5) fonts. The registered version does not have this limitation.

What are soft fonts?

Soft fonts are scalable typefaces (e.g. Times, Helvetica, Script, Gothic) for programs. They let you vary the style, size and other characteristics of the print. The names of soft fonts are usually copyrighted and/or registered by a font manufacture. Many times another manufacture will make a similar typeface to that of a copyrighted/registered font but will give it another name or a similar sounding name. This program will help you to eliminate duplicate typefaces as well as give you a means of viewing the style of your fonts. With the extended character box, you can see what "hidden"

characters your fonts have.

What are extended characters?

There are 256 distinct characters use by the IBM personal computer family with numeric byte codes from 0 through 255. The first 128 (0 - 127) characters are the true, standard ASCII characters. The last 128 characters (128 - 255) are special characters that make up an extended character set that do not have a key on the keyboard. In non Windows programs, you hold down the ALT key while pressing any three digits (values not greater than 255) to enter in the extended character. In Windows programs, a 0 (zero) has to be entered before the three digits. Not all fonts have extended characters nor do they have the same extended character for the same digits.

This program along with the printed character reference set helps you through this hodge podge of extended ("hidden") characters. By registering for the full version, you will have a complete printout of your fonts that can then be put in a binder for reference while at your computer.

How do I print more than the first five fonts?

By registering this program, you will receive a disk without this limitation. Plus you will be entitled to technical support plus notification of updates. We also would like to here your comments and suggestions for new and/or improved features.

How do I get Fontsee to run?

Copy FONTSEE.EXE to any subdirectory (usually the one where you keep your other utilities in.) You can then click on File Manager and then click on the subdirectory where Fontsee is located. Then double click on Fontsee and it will start running.

An easier way is to run File Manager as above but instead of double clicking on FONTSEE.EXE, drag the bar next to Fontsee to the program group you want Fontsee to be in. An icon will then appear allowing you to then double click on it to run Fontsee at anytime.

NOTICE: The file VBRUNnnn.DLL (e.g. VBRUN100.DLL) must be in the same directory as your Windows subdirectory. If you have a later version, then DO NOT replace it! If you do not have this file already, it can be found separately on most BBS.

We hope you will find useful this little font viewing program. Please let us know of any problems you may have in running it. We also encourage your suggestions for new features. Please share this demo version with other Windows' users and "we thank you until the cows come home." (From Gary Larson and the Far Side Calendar.)

Revision History
1.01 Initial release to the public
2.01 Second release to the public
	The width of the font list box now automatically expands to fit the longest soft font name.