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Introduction:

If you have many different fonts such as TrueType or ATM you may have found that it is somewhat difficult to keep track of all the different variations. Wouldn't it be nice if you could print out samples of all your fonts and display them in book form to make selection easier? Wouldn't it also be great if you could display samples on the screen and see how it looks in different point sizes? Well, this product does all that and more!

Installation:

- 1- If you have downloaded this file from a bulletin board please uncompress it onto a floppy disk and proceed to step 2.
- 2- If you have received a disk with the files uncompressed (i.e. there is actually a setup.exe file and others present on the disk) please start the installation from windows by using the FILE , RUN, A:SETUP (or B: depending on your drive). This will install the files in the appropriate directories. If you are a **REGISTERED USER** then type in your serial number (located on the disk label and your name in the required fields. This will eliminate the nag message when the program loads and put your name in the "about" box.

How to use:

The program will create a FontBook Group and Font Book icon. Click on the FontBook Icon to start the program. The program may take some time to start as it will be comparing your screen fonts to your printer fonts to make sure there is a one to one correspondence. The more fonts that you have the more time it will take to start.

To display sample fonts, just click on a font in the FONTS LIST. If you have moved the focus to either the Font List or Selected Font Box simply type the first letter of the font that you wish to access. This is a quick way of jumping down the list.

To change point size, click on the desired point size in the POINTS LIST.

To select fonts for printing, double click on the fonts in the FONTS LIST.

To unselect the font just double click on the font in either the FONTS or SELECTED FONTS LIST.

To select the default font for all the headings on the top or margins on the side please use the pull down menu called "Output Heading Font".

You can resize the window by clicking and dragging on the outside borders. Most people will find this useful by clicking and dragging on the bottom border and moving up until the window is half the length. This will leave the full ansi character set and the fonts visible.

If you open the FILE MENU and click "Stay on Top" the Font Book application will float on top of any of your current applications. Click again to turn this off. This is particularly useful if you reduce the window size as mentioned above or have a very large video monitor.

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The FILE MENU contains the options that allow you to print the fonts in your system in either book format or as examples of the Ansi Character Set in a fixed point size. **Warning: printing too many fonts may cause you to run out of disk space or other resources .**

In order to bypass this problem I have added the option "Set Printer Delay", which has a default of 30 seconds. This means that when Font Book prints a page in book format, it will pause for 30 seconds so that print manager will have enough time to print the page. If you look at print manager while the book pages are printing you will see that each page will be in the queue. If you find that too many pages are building up and you are running out of disk space then increase the delay. If you have a Post Script printer then try setting the delay to 360 and in the Windows Control Panel under Printers, double the retry value.

PRINTER SETUP allows you to change the windows printer driver and all associated options such as portrait or landscape.

If you click a character in the Ansi Character Display the ANSI/ASCII code will be displayed on the heading line.

Clicking the BOLD/ITALIC/UNDERLINE check boxes will change the Ansi Character Display to the appropriate attributes. You can also type in the sample boxes to the right and see how a sample of text will look. Double click on the sample boxes and hit delete to clear them out. You can type in the bottom input box and see your text in the BOLD/ITALIC/UNDERLINE text samples.

History:

12-18-93	Added printer setup. 3D effects. Print all fonts. Check boxes and samples. Serialization. Printer delay. Revised setup. Increased load speed. etc.
05-17-93	Trapped errors while printing. Added Output Heading Font to allow reports to have readable headings. Checked that a screen font had a corresponding printer font before loading it into the Font List. Changed sample data to include all printable ANSI characters (33-255). Removed option to print all fonts in Book Format since most people do not have enough space or memory to support this function.
07-01-93	Corrected problem when printing samples that caused the font name to appear in the typeface of the line above.
07-24-93	Converted to VB 3.0 Corrected mismatch of printer and video fonts with different case.

This program has been tested with ATM 2-2.6, ATM 2.5, DOS 5-6.02, WINDOWS 3.0, WINDOWS 3.1-3.11, DOUBLESPEACE, STACKER and Windows Printing System on 386/20, 386/25, 486/33's with no problems.

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