

Welcome to Font Central

Font Central is the most comprehensive Font Viewing and Printing program available. Listed below are the major functions and procedures needed to effectively utilize **Font Central**.

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Printer Fonts

Printer Fonts are selected by pressing the **Printer Fonts** button. The number of **Printer Fonts** available are displayed directly above the **Printer Fonts** button. To view any **Printer Font**, simply select a font from the **Font List Box**. To print, select **FILE PRINT SELECTED** to print an individual font, or **FILE PRINT ALL** to print all fonts. See [Printing](#).

Note: Some built-in printer fonts do not have defined properties, such as italic, bold, or strike-thru. These fonts will be printed without those attributes.

Screen Fonts

Screen Fonts are selected by pressing the **Screen Fonts** button. The number of **Screen Fonts** available are displayed directly above the Printer Fonts button. To view any **Screen Font**, simply select a font from the **Font List Box**. **Screen Fonts** cannot be printed.

Note: Some **Screen Fonts** do not have defined properties, such as italic,bold, or strike-thru. An error message will be displayed if one of these fonts are selected.

Viewing

Once a font is selected the following is displayed:

Sample Text - Normal text, defaults to "ABCD..."

Sample Bold - Bolded text, defaults to "This is bold text"

Sample Italic - Italic text, defaults to "This is italic text"

Sample Underline - Underlined text, defaults to "Underline"

Sample Strikethru - Strikethru text, defaults to "Strikethru"

Sample Size - Sample Size, defaults to current font. If you change this field, it will remain the text you typed. To change the size, select the combo box directly to the left of **Sample Size Text Box**.

All of these fields may be changed and saved. To change, simply TAB to that text box, and write anything you want. To save, see [Saving](#).

Note: If it takes a long time to update fonts, delete extra text as desired.

Control Panel

To run Windows 3.x Control Panel, select **FILE CONTROL PANEL**. If this selection is grayed, you must the enter the correct and entire path and filename in the **Font Central Setup screen**. To get to this screen, press the **Setup** button.

Note: You must enter the entire filename, ie: C:\WINDOWS\CONTROL.EXE

ATM Control Panel

If you are utilizing Adobe Type Manager, you may run the ATM Control Panel by selecting **FILE ATM Control Panel**. If this selection is grayed, you must enter the correct and entire path and filename in **Font Central Setup** screen. To get to this screen, press the **Setup** button.

Note: You must enter the entire filename, ie: C:\WINDOWS\ATMCNTRL.EXE

User Defined Font Utility

If you have any other programs you wish to access directly from **Font Central**, type the correct and entire path and filename in the **Font Central Setup** screen. To access this screen press the **Setup** button. Once you have entered a valid path and filename, the filename will appear as a **File Menu** Item.

Note: You must enter the entire filename, ie: C:\WINDOWS\FONT.EXE

Printing

Printing fonts from **Font Central** is simple and flexible.

To print the selected font, select **FILE PRINT SELECTED**.

To print the all fonts, select **FILE PRINT ALL**.

To change printing options:

Press the **Setup** button to enter the **Font Central Setup** screen

Select which text fields you want printed out as they are displayed on the main screen, ie: Bold, Italic, Text (Sample Text), etc. If you do not click any checkboxes, only the font name in its particular font will be printed.

If you want to print a limited number of fonts per page, ie: your laser printer is low on memory, enter the maximum number of fonts you want printed in the **Maximum Number of Fonts Per Page** combo box.

To select the size of the printed fonts, excluding **Sample Size**, enter a value in the **Sample Font Sizes** combo box.

If you wish to separate fonts from each other when they are printed, select one of the entries from the **Separator Between Fonts** combo box.

During Printing you may select the **cancel** button to stop the current print job.

Saving

To save the current printing, viewing, and file information, select **FILE SAVE**, or **FILE SAVE AS**. **Font Central** currently utilizes Windows 3.1 convention for common file dialogs.

Opening

When **Font Central** is loaded, it tries to open **DEFAULT.FNT**. You may select **FILE OPEN** to open saved printing, viewing, and file preferences. You may also add a command line parameter when loading **Font Central** to load a different file, ie:

C:\WINDOWS\FNTCNTRL .EXE MYSTYLE.FNT

Font Central currently utilizes Windows 3.1 convention for common file dialogs.

Press the **Reset Defaults** button on the **Font Central Setup** screen to reset the original defaults of **Font Central**.

Technical Notes

Font Central is written entirely in Visual Basic with no external function calls, except for help, which requires Microsoft's Help Compiler and a Rich Text Format Editor, such as Microsoft Word for Windows. This program is currently being ported to Borland C++ for evaluation of speed of execution and flexibility versus ease and speed of development.

Version 2.0 will incorporate more features found in Windows 3.1, such as Segmented Hypergraphics, OLE, and DDEML. DDEML and OLE will allow sample fonts to be easily pasted and embedded into other Windows Applications.

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