

SIGNS version 5.0
MkFntNdx version 5.0
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SIGNS is a program to make banners (large letters rotated 90 degrees and printed vertically down the page) and signs (large letters printed horizontally across page). Written in TurboPascal, SIGNS allows lots of options: input from keyboard or file, output to screen, printer or file, change height and width of output, printer control, and more; all with an screen oriented menu.

The font used to create the letters is taken from an external HP LaserJet-compatible soft font file (portrait). Fonts up to 150x150 dots (~30 pt) are supported. A separate program, MkFntNdx, is used to generate the an index to the font file. Two soft font files and associated indexes are included.

One option is 'bit-blocks,' each dot in the character of the original font is transformed into a graphics mode dot on the printer; it's interesting to see characters scaled for the LaserJet's 300 dpi by 300 dpi printed in Epson single density graphics at 60 dpi by 72 dpi!

SIGNS is supplied with source code - to recompile it, TurboPascal v5.0 or later is recommended.

Contents of the archive are:

- SIGNS.EXE - executable
- SIGNS.PAS - program source w/5 include files:
 - ASK.PAS, CONST.PAS, DISP.PAS, PRT.PAS, UTIL.PAS
- MKFNTNDX.EXE - executable, creates index to font
- MKFNTNDX.PAS - source to font file indexer
- PRINTER2.PAS - replacement for TP v5 printer unit (see doc)
- PRINTER2.TPU - compiled printer unit replacement
- RWBFONT.FNT - small font file (10x24 dots)
- RWBFONT.FNX - index to above, created by mkdntndx
- RKSFONT.FNT - larger font file (24x40 dots)
- RKSFONT.FNX - index to above, created by mkdntndx
- README - this file
- SIGNS.IN - test input file
- SIGNS.OUT - test output file using rwbfont
- SIGNS.DOC - documentation file

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