

FontView

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FontView is distributed on a shareware basis. This version may be freely distributed on bulletin boards and by user groups. Please contact me for any other distribution arrangements.

If you use this Desk Accessory, please send \$8 to the address below, or use the CompuServe shareware database to make the payment (ID #140). In return, I will send you the latest version, which also has some extras, such as a FKEY for more convenient access to FontView, access to the **Kerning Info...** and **Print Window...** menu items, and with the **Download Name** field enabled.

FontView is a desk accessory that works on any Mac with System 4.1 or greater. **To install, use Font/DA Mover, or if you are using System 7, drop the FontView icon onto the System Folder icon.**

Recent changes to FontView include the ability to open font suitcases created by Font/DA Mover. This allows you to view fonts that are not currently installed in your System file. This feature is accessed through the **Open Suitcase...** and **Close Suitcase** menu item in the **FontView** menu. Note that having a suitcase open may affect the appearance of a font being displayed by an application running at the same time, under the following conditions:

- You are **not** using MultiFinder or System 7
- The font in the suitcase is the same as the one the application is using
- The version of the font in the System file is different then the one in the suitcase, ie. TrueType vs. Adobe Type 1, differences in bitmaps, and differences in spacing.

Hopefully you will find FontView useful as well as self-explanatory. But there are a few things that might need some explaining.

The Class field in the **Type Info...** dialog returns information on the currently selected font. It will display one or more of the following messages:

True Type	By checking for the presence of the 'sfnt' resource, FontView can determined if this is a TrueType font.
NFNT	The font contains a 'NFNT' resource. This allows for a greater number of font id's than fonts containing only 'FONT' resources.
Bitmap Only	This font has a bitmap only, and will print at the screen resolution. Some fonts, such as Geneva, will print on postscript devices at the full printer resolution if font substitution is turned on.
\$XXXX	where XXXX is a hexadecimal code. This is the value from the Font Class field in

the style mapping table from the font's FOND resource. It is a series of 10 packed boolean flags. For more information on these, see the **LaserWriter Reference Manual** for details.

Another field is called **Styles**. This will contain the postscript styles (if any) that were included in the style mapping table for the selected font family. These are different from the usual meaning of styles on the Mac, where a font style may be derived - mathematically converted - into the selected style. An exception to this would be Helvetica Narrow, which is listed as one of the styles but is actually a derived font.

To make cut-and-pasting characters from FontView to another document easier, there is a short-cut. Just **shift-double-click** on a character in FontView's window and it will be selected and copied onto the clipboard. Unfortunately, this does not work with System 6 when using MultiFinder.

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