

Font Finder by Sunshine Software



Font Finder is a very useful utility to allow you to quickly find the font you are looking for. Its main window is resizable, and it's size and position will be remembered automatically everytime you start it up. It will stay on top of other windows so it is always easy to find too.

Font Finder displays every font in your system *in its own typeface*! This gives you an easy way to quickly find the right font for the job.

Important Topics

[The Main Form](#)

[The Character Set](#)

[Configuring FontFinder](#)

[Printing Reports](#)

[Contacting Sunshine Software](#)

[Registering FontFinder](#)

[Updating FontFinder](#)

[Removing FontFinder](#)

Main Form

The main form is resizable. It will remember its size and position on your desktop everytime you start Font Finder. When you click on a typeface, the name is displayed in the caption bar at the top of the form. This is because some fonts are graphic based and will not spell out the name but show small design characters instead. This way you always know the name of the selected font.

The status bar at the bottom of the form displays how many fonts are in your system, and whether you are browsing Screen Fonts or Printer Fonts. If your copy of Font Finder has not yet been registered, the word UNREGISTERED will appear here also.

The menu bar has the following choices:

File

- Open Character Set** - opens the printable character set in the selected font.
- Reset Character Set** - repositions the character window to a default value.
- Entire Character Set** - opens the entire character set in the selected font.
- Compare Screen and Printer Fonts** - compare a list of each.
- Print** - Let's you select the report you want to preview to screen and print.
- Configure** - let's you set up Font Finder to your liking.
- Register FontFinder** (unregistered version only) - please use this to register!
- Quit** - closes FontFinder.

Tools

- Calculator** - opens the Windows Calculator.
- Note Pad** - opens the Windows Note Pad.

Help

- Help** - brings up on-line help for FontFinder.
- About** - About box shows version and registration information.

You can also right-click the mouse button when the cursor is over the main font list display. A pop-up menu appears that allows you to open/close the Character Set or Whole Character Set.

Tips

You can quickly open the printable character set of a selected font by double clicking the Font name.

When one of the Character Set views is open, clicking the left mouse button over a character will provide a zoom view of that character. You can then hold down the left button and move the mouse to create a floating zoom box.

Both the Printable Character Set and Whole Character set views are synced to the main FontFinder Listbox. By clicking on another font, the Character set view will be automatically updated with the new font.

Configuring FontFinder

To configure FontFinder, from the main menu select File/Configure. You will be presented with a dialog screen that lets you set the following:

Screen settings -

Screen Font Size - the size of the fonts in the main screen display.

Tab - the tab space (in pixels) between the font name and the font display string

Display String - the string of characters that appears after the font name in the main FontFinder screen.

Use - display either Screen Fonts or Printer Fonts

Double Click Opens - select whether you want a double mouse click to open the Compact Character Set View or the Whole Character Set View

Report Settings -

Report Font Size - the size of the fonts in the Installed Font List Report.

Printer String - string of characters used for printing the Selected Font Detail Report

Report - allows you to choose whether you want Screen or Printer fonts for Reports

After entering the settings you desire, click OK and your changes will be saved.

Clicking the Cancel button will not save the changes you made.

Character Set View

There are two character views you can select: Compact Character View, and Whole Character View. Either one can be opened in one of three ways: double clicking a font name in the Font Finder list box, clicking the right mouse button while the cursor is over the Font Finder list box, or selecting File/Open Character Set from the main menu.

The Compact Character View is a small character viewer that shows all characters between the ranges of integer 32 to integer 255. The Whole Character View displays the entire range of all characters between 0 and 255. (Every character has a numeric equivalent and standard ascii characters are usually between 32 and 127, extended character sets utilize 128 through 255)

To zoom in on a specific character, place the mouse pointer over the desired character and click the left mouse button. You can hold down the left mouse button while moving the mouse and get a floating zoom box that dynamically changes depending on what character it is over. The decimal, hex, or ascii equivalent is also displayed in the upper left corner of the floating zoom box. Many publishing programs allow you to enter upper characters with the decimal number. A quicker and simpler way is offered by copying and pasting from FontFinder to your publishing program.

Since the position of the Character View Screen is remembered, it is possible to have its position saved when it is so far off screen that you can't find it. Therefore, you can select File/Reset Character Set View if it seems to have disappeared. This will bring it back to a default position.

If you have a Character View open, you can select a different font in the main screen and the character set will be instantly updated to show you the entire character set of the newly selected font. This even works when you cursor up and down the font list.

You can also copy the selected character to the clipboard to paste into another program by selecting the desired character with the left mouse button, then clicking the right mouse button. See Copying A Selected Character.

Both the Compact and Whole character views also display the character equivalent as a decimal (base 10) number, a hexadecimal (base 16) number (great for programmers), or characters (great for working with graphic character sets like Wingdings) in the floating zoom box. To select which is displayed in the Compact Character View, position the mouse cursor over the character grid and right click your mouse button. A pop-up menu will appear to let you select decimal, hex, or ascii. To select from the Whole Compact View, simply click on one of the radio buttons in the top middle of the Whole Compact View screen.

The Whole Character View is a larger window requiring a minimum screen resolution of 600X800. If you are running in 640X480, you will not be able to select this view.

This opens the entire character set, from character 0 to character 255, along with the character number. The character reference can be displayed as either a decimal (base 10) number, hexadecimal (base 16) number (great for programmers), or characters (great for working with graphic character sets like Wingdings).

This window is synced to the main FontFinder list box, so when you click on a different font, the character window will be updated with the new font. You can copy the selected character to the clipboard by selecting the desired character and then clicking the right mouse button. A pop-up menu will appear to let you copy or clear/copy to the character box at the top of the form. You then can click the copy to clipboard button to store the characters of the selected font and type size to the clipboard. See [Copying A Selected Character](#).

Printing Reports

There are five reports you can print along with previewing the report to the screen. The reports are as follows:

Selected Font Detail - prints uppercase, lowercase, and special characters of the currently selected font along with multiple type sizes of the Printer String as defined in the configuration dialog. (see [Configuring FontFinder](#));

Selected Font Character Set - prints the entire character set (characters 0 through 255) for the currently selected font.

Installed Fonts (w/Names) - prints a complete listing of all installed fonts including the number, font name, and font name displayed in the actual type face for every installed font. This report can display either installed Printer fonts or Screen fonts. To set which you want, open the [Configure](#) dialog by clicking on File/Configure.

Installed Fonts (w/Printer String) - prints a complete listing of all installed fonts including the number, font name, and example Printer String displayed in the actual type face for every installed font. To set the Printer String for this report, select [File/Configure](#) and type the desired Printer String into the Printer String box. This report can display either installed Printer fonts or Screen fonts. To set which you want, open the [Configure](#) dialog by clicking on File/Configure.

Installed Fonts Condensed - prints a three column condensed listing of all installed fonts including the number and font name without showing the actual typeface for every font. This report can display either installed Printer fonts or Screen fonts. To set which you want, open the [Configure](#) dialog by clicking on File/Configure.

Contacting Sunshine Software

email: sunsoft@triton.net

home page: <http://www.triton.net/fasttrax/sunshine/sshome.html>

alternate site -

<http://www.alliance.net/~fasttrax/sunshine/sshome.html>

Registering Font Finder

FontFinder is not free. You can try the demo for 30 days or until it expires. Then if you wish to continue using it, you must send \$25 per computer that will have FontFinder installed in check or money order to:

Sunshine Software
2737 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49428
USA

Print and fill out an order form.

Include your email and we will email you your registration number. *Be sure to include your email address if you want us to email your registration number.* If you prefer, we can send your registration number via first class postal mail if you don't have a private email address.

Sunshine Software does not at this time accept credit cards. We hope to provide that in the near future.

Updating FontFinder

You can always find the very latest version of FontFinder on our homepage at:

<http://www.triton.net/strax/sunshine/sshome.html>

You can download the latest shareware version and when installing it will detect if you have a registered copy and install the latest registered version!

Uninstalling FontFinder

FontFinder comes with complete uninstall capabilities. This is very useful when testing new software. To uninstall FontFinder, go to Control Panel and click on Add/Remove Programs.

Be sure you have selected the first tab titled "Install/Uninstall". There is a list box of software you have installed on your system. Click on "FontFinder" and then click the Add/Remove button.

That's all there is to it! Thank you for trying FontFinder.

Copying A Selected Character

You can quickly copy a selected character from the Character Set screen to the clipboard. First, left mouse click on the desired character. The selected character becomes highlighted. Then simply click the right mouse button. A beep verifies that the selected character has been copied onto the clipboard.

You can then paste this character into your document. This is extremely helpful when working with graphic character sets like WingDings because the font information is copied as well. Therefore, when you paste the character into your document, it will be pasted in as a WingDing character! The font size is set to the current font size of the main FontFinder font list. For setting this see Configuring FontFinder.

You can also copy a string of characters from the Whole Character Set window. You can build a string by doing the following for each character:

- 1) Select the character to be copied by left-clicking the mouse
- 2) Right-click the mouse
- 3) Select Copy from the pop-up menu

This stores each character into the Copy String box. When finished, you simply click the copy to clipboard button at the top of the form. You can also set the size of the characters when they are pasted by setting the spin box for the type size desired.

You can also type the string you want copied to the clipboard in the Copy String Box from your keyboard.

Print Preview

When printing reports, each report is first opened in a screen preview mode. This powerful preview function allows you to resize the preview window, zoom in and out of the current page, and move between pages in a multi-page report.

You can select the desired printer from Print Preview. Select File/Printer Setup.

The speed buttons across the top have fly-over hints, meaning that if you place the mouse cursor over a button and pause for a second, text will appear telling you what that button does.

The speed buttons across the top allows you to (in order from left to right) quickly close the preview, go to the first page, go to the previous page, go to the next page, go to the last page, zoom in, zoom out, and print the report.

Order Form

Please print and complete the following order form for registering all Sunshine Software products. Then mail this form to:

Sunshine Software
2737 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49428
USA

I would like to register the following products:

_____ copies of FontFinder @ \$25 each _____

_____ copies of PixShow @ \$25 each _____

_____ copies of Combo-Pac @ \$40 each _____

(the Combo-Pac includes one registration each of FontFinder AND PixShow)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____
(all payments must be in US funds only)

Company Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Email _____

Phone _____

We NEED your email address to send you the registration code!

One registration is required for each computer that will run the program.

Upon receipt of this order form and the appropriate funds, your registration

code will be immediately sent to you via email.

Whole Character Set

The Whole Character Set view allows you to view the entire 256 characters. Please note, these are not all printable characters, as some are used as control characters.

You will notice that different fonts will have a different number of printable characters in the set. The Whole Character Set allows you to see which characters will print a desired character.

The Whole Character Set view also displays the decimal, hexadecimal, and ascii character equivalent of each character. You set the desired equivalent by selecting one from the radio box at the middle top of the form.

While the Whole Character Set is synced up to the main Font Lister Box, you can override the selected font by using the Font Selector at the top left of the form.

On the top right is the copy to clipboard functions. The text box allows you to store which characters you want copied to the clipboard. To place characters in the Copy String Box by typing a series of letters in from the keyboard, or by selecting a desired character and then clicking the right mouse button. A pop-up menu will appear that allows you to either add the selected character to the Copy Box, or clear and then copy the selected character.

You can control the size of the font that is placed on the clipboard by setting the font size with the spin control.

Finally, you have two buttons. The left button copies the Copy String Box to the clipboard with the selected font and font size. The right button clears the Copy String Box.

Finding A Font

You can quickly find any installed font in the main screen. Make sure FontFinder is the selected application by clicking on the main screen. Then, simply type in the name of the font you are looking for.

The list of installed fonts is incrementally searched using Smart Search technology. If you have an installed font named Times Roman, typing "T" takes you to the first font starting with T. Then when you type 'i', the first font beginning with "Ti" will be found.

With Smart Search, you don't have to do anything to start a new search. If after typing "Ti" you want to find a font starting with "A", you can just type A. If you had already typed "Ti" and no fonts start with "Tia" then you are taken to the first font that starts with "A"

All searching with Smart Search is case insensitive so no capitalization is required.

Glossary



F
floating zoom box

floating zoom box

Zoom in on a character in the Character Set or Whole Character Set forms and move the mouse while holding down the left mouse button.

