

LogoTypeMaker

LogotypeMaker by Blue Line Studios

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INTRODUCTION

What this application is for

LogotypeMaker displays a string of text using all your currently installed fonts—one font face per line—with just a single click.

The application is a helpful tool to graphics professionals who create logotypes; it takes away the hassle of searching for an appropriate font in the first step of the process.

LogotypeMaker is not meant for creating final artwork, as it has no functions for outputting PostScript code, the industry standard for digital artwork. After you are done, simply re-create the logotype using a Vector-based drawing program such as Adobe Illustrator or Macromedia FreeHand. Alternatively, if you have Adobe Acrobat, create an Acrobat Reader PDF by saving a PostScript file using the *Print* command, then open it using Adobe Illustrator.

GETTING STARTED

The controls palette

When you launch LogotypeMaker, you will be presented with the controls palette. Here you can set all the text attributes like *bold*, *underline*, *text color*, etc. If the fonts list window is not currently open, selecting any of the checkboxes or choosing a font size from the popup button will have no immediate effect.

When pressing the button *Display*, all your currently active fonts will be listed in the left pane. LogotypeMaker is unable to display fonts that are not currently active. There are other tools available that help you manage your fonts.

Note: Depending on the number of currently active fonts, displaying all fonts will take from a few seconds up to several minutes. For technical reasons, the progress bar will grow in steps, and the cursor will not always spin. **This does not necessarily mean the app has crashed.** Please give it a few minutes before forcing-quit.



The fonts list window

In the left pane, all currently active fonts will be listed.

- To move a line from one field to another, just click the appropriate line. The purpose of it is to create a collection of typefaces you favor.
- To delete a line, click the line while holding the *Option*-key.
- While the pointer is over a line, the font name will show in the controls palette.

Note: Depending on the number of listed fonts, the scroll bar will have a noticeable delay before reacting.



TROUBLESHOOTING

If the app doesn't work as expected

LogotypeMaker has been tested exhaustively and thoroughly. In case you experience a problem of any sort, please make sure you follow the guidelines below.

Known problems:

1. An ungrateful task

Handling lots of fonts is a somewhat ungrateful task, as fonts are prone to file corruption and broken links to their outline files. LogotypeMaker will neither detect, repair, or otherwise help you organize your fonts. There are other tools available that do this. Most problems you might encounter are related to the fonts LogotypeMaker tries to display.

2. Ascent/descent inconsistencies

If the leading of the displaying fonts varies; these are font-specific problems.

3. Crash while loading the fonts list

If this happens repeatedly, please contact the support department:

support@blueline-studios.com

1. Please check this list:

- Did the crash, freeze, or unexpected behaviour only happen once or does it happen everytime?

If it happens everytime, please write down the exact steps that lead to the error.

- Did you restart your computer and try again?

Sometimes a restart performs wonders.

- Did you recently install any new extensions used by the operating system?

Sometimes extensions can cause problems. Please turn off the extension and try again.

- Did you trash LogotypeMaker and use a fresh backup copy?

2. If the problem persists, please take a look at our online support page at

<http://www.blueline-studios.com/lmSupport.html>

3. If you still can't find the solution of the specific problem, please contact Blue Line Studios' support department at support@blueline-studios.com. We will need an exact reproducible description of how the error occurred. Only then will we be able to track down and fix any possible flaws or bugs.