

About FontMaster '88

This program was originally written to allow me to edit fonts as the font editor which I had (ResEdit2) did not work, and the major commercial font editor (Fontastic™ - Fontastic is a trademark of AlysSys Corp.) was a sort of patchwork job for the Mac+ (it has since been upgraded to Fontastic™ Plus), so I decided to write my own. Since this time, I have seen and been impressed by Fontastic+, but it is essentially a different sort of program. FontMaster'88 is a utility mainly intended to style and touch up existing fonts, whereas Fontastic+ is best for creating and installing original fonts, or where detailed changes or many new characters must be made. Judging from the poor response to the original incarnation of this font editor (PD FontEdit), which was absolutely free, Altsys are miracle makers to have been as successful as they were at selling a font maker. In fact with piracy as ridiculously rampant these days as it is, my hat goes off to all the brave and industrious people who are actually making a profit despite selling less than 10% of the copies actually in use. This a sickening practice, particularly among those well off enough to buy software properly. I am not well off, and yet somehow I have managed to buy all the software I now possess through proper channels, and am sick and tired of also paying for the freeloader assholes who do not.

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