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FontShow is a Font viewing and cataloging program for Microsoft Windows. It is designed primarily for those users of Windows that have many fonts installed and require an effective and easy to use method of cataloging and displaying their installed fonts. **FontShow** is intended for users of font add-on packages such as Adobe Type Manager, Bitstream Facelift, or Publisher's PowerPak. **FontShow** should be compatible with Windows 3.1 and truetype when it becomes available, however this has not yet been tested. **FontShow** has been tested extensively in the ATM environment only.

FontShow is written in Visual Basic for Windows, with the add-on package for Vbasic, VBTOOLS from MicroHelp Inc. It therefore requires the following files VBRUN100.DLL and VBTOOLS.VBX. These files are available from most BBS systems. It also requires Microsoft Windows version 3.0 or later.

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FUNCTION

FontShow performs the following functions:

Display individual characters on screen from 4 to 600 points. (Bold, Italic, Underline and Strikethru styles are available)

Display user entered text on screen from 4 to 600 points. (Bold, Italic, Underline and Strikethru styles are available)

Display and/or print one of four styles of sample page and optionally print an ANSI character map of the selected font.

Print a formatted listing of all or selected available fonts by name

Print a one line per font sample of all or selected fonts.

INITIALIZATION

Upon startup, **FontShow** will display a copyright screen and will get all available fonts from Windows, this will take some time depending on the number of fonts installed. If you wish to halt this process at anytime, click on the STOP option button (or enter ALT-S) and **FontShow** will proceed with the fonts processed up to that point.

DISPLAY CHARACTER

The startup mode for **FontShow** is the single character display mode. The screen will display a single character in the rightmost portion of the screen, the startup character being a capital "A". The default

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point size is 150. The point size can be altered by using the "Point Size" Scroll bar. The Character selected can be altered by using the "Character" Scroll bar.

DISPLAY USER TEXT

To switch to User Text mode, click on the Button Labelled "Single Character". This will switch to User Defined Mode. (Note that the button is now labelled "User Defined". To switch back to single mode, click again)

In this mode the text entered in the "Text Mode" input field, will be shown in the display window. Normally this requires that the font size be decreased. The default display text is ABCDabcd. This can be changed to any character by the user. The entered text can be longer than the input box, and standard windows editing can be performed. Word wrap will occur in the display window if spaces are included in the entered text.

FONT CATALOG

The font catalog is the "core" of **FontShow** it performs two primary functions, printing a list of fonts by name and printing a font catalog. The font catalog prints a one line summary of the font, the font name is printed on the left, and a sample print in each font is on the right side of the page. This function will print as many pages as required to print the fonts selected.

Font Selection

To select the fonts for the catalog, open up the Font Combo box and click on the fonts you wish to catalog. Alternatively you can click the "select all" button and then remove the fonts you do not wish to print by using the "De-Select" button. This will remove the highlighted font from the catalog list. Once you have the list you want, print the font list by selecting "Print Font Names Only", or the catalog by clicking the "Print Font Catalog" button. Please note that printing the font catalog can take a fair bit of time, however if you wish you can minimize the FontShow window, and it will print in the background while you are working on other things. There is currently no way provided to cancel the printout once it has started, other than by ending Windows or re-booting.

SAMPLE PAGE

Click on the "Sample Page" button and the Font Sample Window for the selected font will be displayed. From this window, you can select one of four sample page styles, and determine the content and size of the title line. The four font samples are as follows:

- 1) Four sample lines of upper and lower case alphabetic characters, numbers and some punctuation and special characters, repeated in 8,10,12,14,16,18 and 20 points.
- 2) Similar to style 1 however the upper and lower case alphabetic characters are paired together (i.e. Aa Bb Cc Dd etc.)
- 3) This style is similar to styles 1 and 2 however it displays all characters available in the font by displaying all ANSI characters from 33 to 255.
- 4) This style will display Normal, Bold, Italic and BoldItalic samples , Upper and lower case alphabetic, in the same point sizes as the other samples.

All styles except number 3 print a 127 point (100 point on the screen) uppercase A in the upper right corner of the page.

When the style is selected, the page will be "printed" on the screen. Once you are satisfied that the style selected is what you want to print, click the "Print Now" button. Once the sample page is generated, you will be asked if you want to print a ANSI character map of the selected font. If you want a map, click YES, otherwise click NO. The ANSI map is intended to be printed on the back of the page of the font sample. The ANSI map is in the following format:

> *nnn AI* <= *A2*

where *nnn* is the ANSI code for the letter, *AI* is the character printed in the Helvetica Font. *A2* is the same character printed in the font selected.

This printout is intended to help find the special characters that are included in most fonts, that cannot be entered directly from the keyboard. This listing will take a few minutes to generate and print, so it is intended for those fonts you use frequently, or those (such as DINGBATS) that have many special characters.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FontShow is shareware, that is: You may try **FontShow** a reasonable period(not to exceed 30 days) to determine whether or not it meets your needs. Once you have decided that you want to keep using it, you must pay the shareware registration fee. Currently, the registration fee for **FontShow** is \$15. To register, please send \$15 cheque or money order, your name and address to the following address:

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In addition to the use of **FontShow** (on a single PC), it entitles you to free Technical Support for a period of 1 year. Please forward any technical support enquiries in writing to the above address. In addition I can be reached locally on the Canada Remote Systems BBS.

Thank-you for trying **FontShow**, please remember that if you choose to continue using it after 30 days you must pay the registration fee. Otherwise it must be removed from your system. Comments and suggestions are more than welcome, at the same locations noted above.

Plans for version 3.0:

Better control of the sample printout, in particular of the point sizes printed.

Print Cancel function

Additional sample types

Suggestions received from users, where possible.

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