

Font Viewer for Windows v3.x

Users Guide

Font Viewer can display samples of all installed screen fonts in various weights and sizes. When used with Adobe Type Manager, Windows v3.1 or any other type scaling product, it can accurately render screen fonts in any desired size.

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Choosing A Font

Select a font by choosing the Select Font command button with the mouse. This will bring up the font selection common dialog box used by many Windows 3.1 applications.

Select the desired typeface from the list shown in the leftmost box. This list will contain all installed printer and screen fonts.

Select the desired style (Regular, Bold, Italic, or Bold Italic) from the center box. Only the styles available for that particular font will be listed. This means that if there is no Bold for a particular font, Font Viewer won't allow you to force a Bold.

Choose the size from the list in the leftmost box (24 points is the default). Size can range from 6 point to 72 point. While the dialog box will allow you to type in a value outside that range, FontView will crash immediately.

A sample of the chosen font will be displayed in the bottom window. Also below the window is an indication of whether the font is a screen font or a printer font.

When you are satisfied with your choice, click on the OK command button. You will be returned to the main Font Viewer screen.

Font Viewer Window

The chosen Font Name and its Style will be displayed just above FontViewer's sample box at the bottom of the window. Several changes can be made to this text.

The Font Size can be dynamically changed by moving the Font Size scroll bar.

Enter sample text in the Sample Text box (ABCabc0123 is the default). Up to 255 characters may be entered, and it will automatically wrap the lines if the font size is small enough to allow more than one line.

The sample will be displayed in the large box on the bottom of the window.

If you wish to see the full character set of the font click on the view character set button and a screen will appear showing the character set of the selected font and any ASCII codes necessary to place a certain character into your file.

Character Set Window

The Character Set Window displays all characters in the font that Windows supports. They are displayed in 10 point type. If you wish to see a larger sample of an individual character, click on that character in the character set and a 24 point sample will be shown in the lower part of the dialog box. Also the keystroke necessary for typing that character in most Windows applications will be shown to the left of the larger character. Note the character set window will take several seconds to appear on screen, I'm looking for a way to speed up this operation in future versions.

About Font Viewer

Font Viewer was written in Microsoft's Visual BASIC with the added Professional Toolkit. It requires the files VBRUN100.DLL, GRID.VBX, COMMDLG.DLL, CMDIALOG.VBX, THREED.VBX, and INSTSCRL.VBX in your \WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory. The file FONTVIEW.HLP must be placed in your \WINDOWS directory or any other directory on your path in order to use the help function. FVIEW30.EXE can be placed anywhere you wish. VBRUN100.DLL can be found on CompuServe in MSLANG, Library 6, as VBRUN.ZIP for those who don't already have a copy. All distributions of this program will contain the other files mentioned. Some distributions of this program will have the file included in the main ZIP file or on the diskette.

Font Viewer is not "free software." It is being distributed as shareware. Please register your copy by following the registration instructions.

Font Viewer Registration

To register your copy of Font Viewer please send \$15 to Smart Typesetting. Please encourage your friends to purchase their own copy.

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If you should have any problems with Font Viewer, please let Smart Typesetting know about it so that a fix can be developed.

If you would like to see a particular feature added to Font Viewer in the future, please let us know as we will be constantly working on new and improved versions.

Please fully understand that there are no warranties, promises or guarantees that Font Viewer will do anything other than take up good disk space.