

TrueType Info 2.0A

A Windows 3.1 Utility
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Description

TrueType Info 2.0 is a Windows utility to view the Windows-specific string information in a TrueType font file (.TTF extension). All eight of the name ids possible in a file adhering to the standard documented in TrueType Font File Release Version 1.00 dated 9/28/91 are displayed.

Installation and Use

There are two files needed to install TrueType Info: TTFINFO.EXE and BWCC.DLL. The TrueType Info program file, TTFINFO.EXE, can go anywhere. The file BWCC.DLL must be in the Windows SYSTEM directory or a directory that is in your path. BWCC.DLL is copyright by Borland International and is part of their Windows language compiler packages. It contains the code to handle the special dialogs and windows that are used by TrueType Info. If you already have a file called BWCC.DLL, use the one with the latest file date and time and discard the older one.

When TrueType Info is launched, a dialog box appears with the copyright information for the program. After clicking on the Ok button, the main dialog appears. Clicking on the Load... button brings up a dialog to specify the TrueType font file you wish to examine. Clicking on the About... button displays the copyright information for TrueType Info 2.0. Clicking on the Done button immediately exits the program.

If you associate the TTF extension with the TTFINFO.EXE file, you can launch TrueType Info by double-clicking on any file with the .TTF extension in File Manager. TrueType Info 2.0 will start with the file you double clicked on loaded.

Messages

Unable to open file x.x! - There is an internal error in TrueType Info that has corrupted the name of the file to be loaded.

This file is not Version 1.0 TTF format! - TrueType Info can only read Version 1.0 TTF files. If the file is not a valid Version 1.0 TrueType file, this error message will be produced.

Font header missing! - The 'head' tag entry in the tag directory of the file is missing. The file is an invalid or corrupted TrueType typeface file.

Font has no 'name' table! - The 'name' table contains the information displayed by TrueType Info. Without this information, the file is invalid.

Unable to seek to 'name' table! - The location of the 'name' table is not within the file. The file is invalid.

Known Bugs And Limitations

TrueType Info looks only at the Windows-specific information in a TrueType typeface file. This information is optional if the file is not meant to be used by Windows. Thus, if loading a TTF file produces no error messages and no fields are visible, the TTF cannot be used by Windows 3.1 as a TrueType typeface. Other systems which use the other forms of name ids included in the file can still use it as a TrueType typeface.

Design Notes and Acknowledgments

The Windows version of TrueType Info was written as a outgrowth of work done on the DOS version and improves on the user interface. The DOS version, in turn, is a subset of my program TTRename 1.0 written as a utility for the KeyFonts/Professional package of typefaces produced by Micheal Charness and published by Keysoft. If Mike hadn't prompted me to write the DOS version, you wouldn't be seeing the Windows version you see today.

Change History

2.0 - Original shareware release

2.0A - Fontmonger sometimes writes zero-length name table entries. These are now ignored.

Legal Talk, Shareware, Registration and Support

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