

Fonter V1.30

FreeWare for Windows V3.1

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FONTER is a freeware utility program for use with MS Windows V3.1+. It allows you to compare two different TrueType fonts on the screen at one time, and can send any number of chosen fonts, in any size, with any combination of **bold**, *italic*, and underlined attributes to your default printer.

FONTER is expressly released as "FreeWare" - you are under no obligation to remit any fee for its continued use. If you like it, keep it! Enjoy! Share it freely with your friends! I do ask that you distribute both the FONTER.EXE and the FONTER.WRI files together.

I welcome feedback at any time - the best way to reach me is by leaving me CompuServe mail (ID: 70034,2454), or sending hardcopy mail to the address shown above.

Installing FONTER

Installing **FONTER** is as simple as copying the executable file (FONTER.EXE) into any directory currently in your DOS PATH statement. Note that **FONTER** requires the *Microsoft Visual Basic Runtime* DLL (VBRUN200.DLL) which is widely available on most BBS's. The VBRUN200.DLL file should be located in your Windows \SYSTEM directory.

You can then either use the "File Run" command from the Windows Program Manager menu to run **FONTER**, or you can

install the program to any of your existing program groups.

Running FONTER

When you first start **FONTER**, it searches for all the TrueType fonts you currently have installed, and presents you with two alphabetically sorted listings - one in red and one in blue. It starts off by displaying the first font it finds (alphabetically) in a default font size (roughly 20 points). Note that the title of the screen form itself tells you how many TrueType fonts have been found and listed.

You can use your mouse to freely switch either font displayed by clicking on the font name you'd like to see. Similarly, the **bold**, *Italic*, and underline attributes can be toggled by clicking the appropriate "radio buttons".

The size of either font can be changed by clicking the button labelled as "New Size". You can then type in any font size you'd like to use. At any point, you can send the contents of either the BLUE or the RED text box to the printer (at the currently chosen font size, and with the appropriate other attributes) by clicking on the button labelled as "Print It!".

Be aware that **FONTER** uses the default printer setup that you currently have defined for your general Windows environment. If want to use a different default printer, or a different page orientation, you will need to adjust these from your Windows Control Panel. **FONTER** V1.30 does not provide any means to make these adjustments from within itself.

NOTE: **FONTER** uses a default string of text as a display, but you can freely edit the string by moving the mouse cursor into the BLUE font text area and making any edits you want. The RED text area will be changed to match it as you go. Note that any text edits you make to the RED text area will NOT be echoed into the BLUE text area.

NOTE: **FONTER** examines your default page size and

orientation (as you have previously defined for your Windows environment) and if you try to print something that is too wide for the page (like maybe the font size is too large?) you will be given the opportunity of choosing whether to have **FONTER** shrink the font size down until your sample text WILL fit on your page size, or whether to simply print as many characters of your text as **will** fit given the font size you have currently chosen.

As a final feature, the BLUE font name list allows you to make multiple selections (the RED one does not) using the SHIFT and CONTROL keys along with your mouse (this is an "extended selection" list box). You may select as many fonts as you wish, and then print a sample of all selected, fonts, one after the other, by clicking the button labelled "PRINT SELECTED".

This print function will use the font size currently chosen for the BLUE text display area, and will also use the **bold**, *italic*, and underline attributes as currently set for the BLUE text display area. It does not, however, use the text as displayed in the BLUE text display area.

If the font size is too large for the currently set page size, the sample line will simply be truncated.

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NOTES:

I'd really appreciate hearing your feedback (especially if you are the type of person who is given to spontaneous outbursts of extravagant praise) - V1.30 is the first version of **FONTER** I have released to the general public, and if there are features which are lacking (or which could be improved), let me know! Also if there are any (gasp!) problems which you run into while running **FONTER**, I'd really like to be able to fix them.

I use **FONTER** myself to help keep track of the 100+ fonts I currently have installed in Windows - mainly to weed out close

duplicates, and to decide on exactly **which** script (or other) typeface font will look the best when I use it.

The source program file is available - let me know if you want it.