

Font Xchange

Version 2.0

A TrueType font manager for Microsoft Windows 95 and NT

Abstract

Font Xchange for Windows is a dynamic TrueType font installation program that allows you to quickly switch between fonts, without using the Control Panel font installer. Fonts can be collected in up to 50 sets.

System Requirements

To use Font Xchange, you need the following:

- A computer running Microsoft Windows 95 or NT (both Version 4.0 or higher)
- Third-party TrueType fonts

Files

The following files are included with Font Xchange:

- XCHANGE.EXE The program file
- XCHANGE.HLP The help file
- XCHANGE.KEY The registration data file
- XCHANGE.DOC This document

Installation

- Create a new folder (e.g. C:\XCHANGE) and copy all files into this folder,
- create a new folder named FONTS inside the folder you've just created,
- copy uncompressed *.TT* files into the FONTS folder (you *don't* need to copy *.FOT files!),
- run Font Xchange by double-clicking the program icon,
- click the **Edit** button to open the font set definition dialog box,
- click the **Update** button to initialize the font list.

After the list is updated, Font Xchange is ready for action. Refer to online help for further information. Whenever you modify the contents of the FONTS folder, you'll have to use the **Update** command again.

Note: Font Xchange 2.0 and later will also use fonts stored in folders within the FONTS folder. This allows you to organize the fonts in folders.

Adding fonts

To add or remove fonts from Xchange, just copy to or delete font files (*.TTF) from the FONTS folder and click the **Update** button from the **Edit** dialog box.

Any fonts that have previously been installed with Control Panel and are now to be managed by Font Xchange should be uninstalled from Windows with Control Panel. Keeping them installed in Control Panel makes them pretty useless with Xchange.

Application notes

Programs tested with Font Xchange proved that there is still some work left for application developers. Most programs do not recognize changes to the Windows font pool during their execution. Most will, however, operate properly when fonts are added or removed while the applications are not running.

Some 'well-behaved' applications are:

- Microsoft Word for Windows 2.0 and later
- CaseLiner 3.2

Some applications that exploit somewhat 'undesired' behaviour are:

- Microsoft Excel 4.0
- Microsoft Works for Windows 2.0 and later
- Windows File Manager
- WordStar for Windows
- Serif PagePlus
- CoreDRAW! 3.0

Detail for tech maniacs: Font Xchange broadcasts a WM_FONTCHANGE to all top-level windows to indicate the change in the font pool. Many programs do not process this message in contrast to the recommendation in the Windows Software Development Kit.

Support

If you encounter problems running Font Xchange, feel free to contact me via email. See online help for information.

Before calling for support, please make sure that the program has been installed following the procedure given above. If your problems cannot be resolved this way, I will be happy to assist you.

Suggestions

If you wish to submit suggestions for future program versions, please email them to the address in online help, send an ordinary letter or place a phone call. Since I am not sitting at home all day long just waiting for someone to call, you may have to talk to my answering machine. The machine can record up to three minutes, as long as you do not stop talking for more than 5 seconds. Please understand that I did not write Font Xchange for a living and thus cannot support it professionally.

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