

FontView

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Hopefully you will find FontView useful as well as self-explanatory. But there are a few things that might need some explaining.

FontView is a desk accessory that works on any Mac with System 4.1 or greater. **To install, use Font/DA Mover, or if you are using System 7, drop the FontView icon onto the System Folder icon.**

Recent changes to FontView include the ability to toggle the display of control characters, an additional dialog called **Font Info...**, which contains a few fields that were formerly in the **Char Info...** menu as well as some new fields.

The first of these is called **Class**. Here is a brief description of the messages found in this field:

True Type	By checking for the presence of the 'sfnt' resource, FontView can determine if this is a TrueType font.
NFNT	The font contains a 'NFNT' resource. This allows for a greater number of font id's than fonts containing only 'FONT' resources.
Bitmap Only	This font has a bitmap only, and will print at the screen resolution. Some fonts, such as Geneva, will print on postscript devices at the full printer resolution if font substitution is turned on.
\$XXXX	where XXXX is a hexadecimal code. This is the value from the Font Class field in the style mapping table from the font's FOND resource. It is a series of 10 packed boolean flags. For more information on these, see the LaserWriter Reference Manual for details.

Another new field is called **Styles**. This will contain the postscript styles (if any) that were included in the style mapping table for the selected font family. These are different from the usual meaning of styles on the Mac, where a font style may be derived - mathematically converted - into the selected style. An exception to this would be Helvetica Narrow, which is listed as one of the styles but is actually a derived font.

To make cut-and-pasting characters from FontView to another document easier, there is now a short-cut. Just **shift-double-click** on a character in FontView's window and it will be selected and copied onto the clipboard. Unfortunately, this does not work with System 6 when using MultiFinder.

A problem that occasionally occurred while opening FontView and using System 7 and TrueType fonts has been fixed as of this release.

FontView is distributed on a shareware basis. If you use it, please send \$8 to the address below. In return, I will send you the latest version, which also has some extras, such as a FKEY for more convenient access to FontView, and access to the **Kerning Info...** dialog and the **Download Name** field.

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