

Fontsie 3.0

Preliminary Documentation

Fontsie 3.02 is an INIT resource with a single purpose: to allow you to have access to fonts stored not in the System file, but in font files on disk. It is similar to version 2.0, with two major differences. First, it is an INIT resource that you install by dragging into the Sytem folder of any boot disk with System 3.1 or later. Second, instead of presenting you with a list of files and asking you to choose, it automatically looks in the System Folder (under HFS - the folder containing System and Finder) for a folder named "Fonts," and installs the fonts in any Font/DA mover files in that folder (unless the file name begins with a period).

A Macintosh with 512K of memory (or more) and HFS are strongly recommended to use this version of Fontsie. You must have HFS in order to run the configuration program.

Installing Fontsie

Fontsie 3.0 is distributed as an INIT resource. Before you use it, you should configure it with the Configuration program provided. After you have done that, just drag it into the System folder of the disk you use to boot your Macintosh and reboot. Fontsie will be automatically installed. If you don't want to install it at boot time, you can either remove it from the System folder or hold down the Caps Lock key while booting. As you boot, it will display a message to show that it is active. If you boot from one disk and run from others, Fontsie should be in the System file of the disk you boot from. It need not be on the other disk(s).

You can invoke Fontsie 3.0 by holding down the Caps Lock key when you start up an application. If you don't hold this key down, Fontsie will not install any fonts. If you want your extra fonts available when you are in the Finder, hold down the Caps Lock key when you Quit an application.

Configuring Fontsie

Fontsie should have come to you with a configuration program. You should use that program to do two things:

First, you must tell Fontsie what folder your font files will be in. The file should already be in existence when you run the configuration program, and it should have at least one Font file in it at that time.

Second, you may or may not want to have Fontsie ever operate when you Quit an application and return to the Finder. The configuration program lets you set this.

A later version of Fontsie and the configuration program will let you choose whether the fonts will always be installed unless the Caps Lock key is down, or whether they will be

installed only if the Caps Lock key is down.

If you got a copie of Fontsie without the configuration program, you can set the folder with ResEdit by modifying the STR resource in Fontsie's file. Don't include the final colon: in other words, if you want to run them from a folder named "My Fonts" on a disk named "MyDisk", the string should read "MyDisk:MyFonts".

Using Fontsie

Put the file(s) containing the font(s) you want to use in the folder you have chosen. The fonts should be in standard Font/DA Mover files. You may have more than one font in each file, and you may use more than one file. Be warned, however, that if you have a very large number of font files in your fonts folder, some applications may have trouble opening all the files they need. If there are several fonts that you use at the same time, it's better to put them all in a single Font/DA Mover file.

If you want to use additional sizes of a font some sizes of which are already installed in the System file, it is best to put all the sizes -- even those that are already in the System -- in the Font/DA Mover file.

The files can have any name that doesn't begin with a period ("."). If the file name begins with a period, Fontsie won't open it. This is so you can easily keep some fonts from being installed without having to move the files around into different folders. Just rename the file so that it starts with a period (e.g., ".Athens"). If you want to use it later, just remove the period.

When you launch an application in which you want to use the additional fonts, just press the Caps Lock key before the application is launched and make sure it stays down until the application opens. You should find all of the additional fonts ready and available for your use. They will remain available until you Quit the application. If you want to have them available in the Finder (for instance, to use with desk accessories), just press the Caps Lock key when you quit the application, and be sure it stays down until the Finder is active.

Known Limitations. Fontsie does no checking to see if there is a duplicate font number or a duplicate font name. In addition, some older fonts may behave oddly if they were put in the suitcase file with a version of Font/DA Mover earlier than 3.2 (and thus lack a "FOND" resource). When in doubt or difficulty, use Font/DA Mover to reinstall the font in the file you want to use.

If you save a document, the font information will be saved with it, but the font will not be automatically loaded when you run the program again after quitting -- unless, of course, the font file is still in the "Fonts" folder in the System folder, and you invoked Fontsie by holding the Caps Lock key down when the application ran.

Revision History and Planned Enhancements

Version 3.02 (April 16, 1987) is the first release of this version. It is a free upgrade to all people who registered previous versions of Fontsie.

Version 3.02 rereleased April 18, 1987, with version 1.0 of the configuration program.

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If you registered any previous version of Fontsie, you should consider version 3.0 a free upgrade.

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