

FontPower 1.0a Release Notes

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What Is FontPower?

FontPower is a font management system designed to help you make better use of your type library. Unlike most font management tools, FontPower handles **both ATM and TrueType** fonts. This allows you to manage both font formats in one program.

FontPower can speed operation of Windows. Because you don't have to keep all your fonts active at one time, it doesn't take as long for Windows programs (and Windows itself) to load and run.

FontPower requires at least Windows 3.0. However, you'll need Windows 3.1 to use TrueType fonts. You will also need the runtime version of ToolBook 1.5, if it did not come with this copy of FontPower.

If you have used FontPower in the past, just copy the 1.0a files over your 1.0 files. This will upgrade your copy automatically. You'll find some speedups, as well as a better help system. Have fun!

Installing FontPower

To install FontPower, just load `fpower.tbk` (*tbook fpower.tbk*). FontPower will come up, and you'll see a dialog box asking you if you want FontPower to install your fonts. If you don't plan to use fonts stored on disk, answer "Yes". FontPower will then load all the fonts that are in your TrueType and ATM directories. If there are fonts that are not in either directory, you'll need to use the Disk Manager to add them.

Once FontPower is installed, use the online help system to find out how to use FontPower.

Marketing Information

FontPower is Shareware. You can try out FontPower for up to 15 days. If you want to continue to use FontPower, you need to register your copy.

To register, please print the "Restriction Form" and send a check for \$20 (lower price than 1.0) in U.S. funds to:

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11020 NE 64th St
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When you register, you will receive a full-service version of FontPower with printed documentation. You will also be notified about and get discounts on future upgrades of FontPower, as well as clearing your conscience and supporting a young programmer. Since your registration serves as an incentive for the programmer to develop

new and better versions of FontPower, feel free to send your feedback/questions/comments about the program to me.

If you like FontPower, please feel free to give this version of FontPower to all your friends, co-workers, and the like.

Disclaimer

Although I've tested FontPower quite thoroughly, there's still a chance that something could pop up. In the circumstance that you do something that causes you to damage font files, ini files, etc., that's your problem and I'm not responsible for it. Of course, if you think that you've found a bug, feel free to contact me via email and tell me about it.

Font Notes

This section contains information on using some kinds of fonts with FontPower.

Type 1 Fonts (.PFB/.AFM/.INF)

If you use fonts without a PFM file, you will need to create a PFM file before you use them with FontPower. Most fonts designed to work with ATM for Windows will include a PFM file. Many commercial fonts (such as those from Adobe, Bitstream, Agfa, etc) will instead include an AFM and INF file for font metrics. The ATM Control Panel will convert these files to a PFM file, as will several other utilities. If you have a font that includes a PFB and an AFM file without the INF file, use a utility like Acute Systems' Wrefont to handle them.

Compressed TrueType fonts (.TT, .TT_)

FontPower does not directly support compressed TrueType fonts. To use a compressed TrueType font in FontPower, you'll need to decompress it first. You can do this either with Microsoft's **expand.exe** utility or with the Fonts applet in the Control Panel. When using expand, add a "ttf" extension to the end of the file.

There appears to be a bug in the Fonts applet when it decompresses a TrueType font. Instead of appending the standard "ttf" extension to the file, it appends a "tt" extension. It is currently unknown why there is a distinction between the "tt" and "ttf" extensions, but as far as I can tell, Microsoft forgot the "f" at the end of "ttf" (but if anyone knows the real reason why, feel free to tell me.) The font format appears to work exactly the same as it does with a standard "ttf" file. FontPower will now read both the "ttf" and "tt" extensions as TrueType fonts.

Thanks!

NOTE: Although FontPower has not been tested under ATM 2.5, there shouldn't be anything there that would prevent it from running. It's always safe to make a backup of ATM.INI. If you find any problems running FontPower under ATM 2.5, please send a message to either Walt Knowles (71001,3354) on CompuServe, walk@halcyon.com on the Internet, or Martin Knowles on 501

Wildcat Plaza (Fidonet address 1:343/92).