

# TypeSpec Version 1.0

The Typeface Specimen Sheet Printer for Windows 3.1  
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## User's Manual

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### 0. License Information

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### 1. Overview

Everybody who works in the field of desktop publishing knows this problem: there are loads of different fonts on your harddisk and you have no clue which one to use for your new project. The currently available programs for printing font test pages offer only limited typographical information which is not satisfying for professional users. FontSpec prints a sophisticated font spec page that is especially designed for desktop publishers. Besides an alphabet you will find your particular typeface in different commonly used styles.

Use FontSpec to create a typeface catalogue for your own purposes or for your customers. **It's free!**

### 2. Installation

As FontSpec is public domain and I am pretty busy, I have to beg your pardon, that I cannot provide a separate installation program. Nevertheless, installation is really simple: Just copy the executable file TYPESPEC.EXE anywhere you want to on your harddisk. Then add the program into your desktop publishing group of the Windows Program

Manager: Choose `New . . .` from the file menu and enter the location of TypeSpec.  
Ready!

### **3. Printing TypeSpec Sheets**

Simply choose the font you want to be printed out, then click on the push-button `Print Sheet`. TypeSpec chooses your default printer for the job. If you want to use a different printer, start the Control Panel and change the printer setting.

Character size and leading are printed on the sheet as "point/leading". For example a 12-point type on 14-point leading would be "**12/14**"

### **4. Things you should keep in mind**

The spec page of TypeSpec has been designed for the use with body text typefaces like Times Roman, Optima, etc. If you select a typical headline font with wide characters the sheet's layout may become a little bit mixed up (for headline fonts refer to the "Why the full version of TypeSpec?" section).

If you use fonts, that are only available in a single weight, TypeSpec will make Windows to generate the missing styles. These calculated boldface and italic fonts normally do not meet the needs of a desktop publisher as they are only of mathematic origin. Nevertheless TypeSpec expects a "full" typeface family.

### **5. Why the full version of TypeSpec?**

This version of TypeSpec is public domain. Currently I am developing a full version of TypeSpec that has many additional features:

- different spec pages for body text fonts and headline typefaces
- an additional spec page exclusively containing body text
- special spec sheets for German and French users containing all special characters
- a type gauge
- a full charset page
- possibility of choosing multiple fonts for a font list
- define font families consisting of single fonts
- insert your own name, company and bitmap logo into the spec sheets

This full version is available for 69 US\$ (+ postage and packaging) from

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P.S.: If you have any ideas or encountered problems during your work with TypeSpec,  
please feel free to contact me also.