System 7: Finder Doesn't Allow Renaming Fonts

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TOPIC --

I'm using System 7, and I'm trying to rename some fonts in the Finder,
but it won't let me. I can rename any of my sounds, but none of my
fonts. What's wrong?

DISCUSSION ---

You can't change the names of bitmap or TrueType fonts in the System 7
Finder.

There are a few legitimate reasons why end users would want to rename their
fonts, but allowing that freedom in the Finder would cause most users
considerable confusion. Specifically, if a font name changes, you have to
manually update all instances of that font in documents. For instance, if
you changed "Palatino" to "MyFont," you would have to open any documents
that used "Palatino," select the text, and choose "MyFont" from the font
menu. Likewise, transferring files with renamed fonts between Macintosh
computers would generate many problems. Therefore, System 7 does not allow
changing font names in the Finder.

Utilities such as ResEdit and many font design applications can change
the names of fonts.

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