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## TrueType: Combining Fonts Under Common Name in Font Menu

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TOPIC -----

I want to combine TrueType family of typefaces into one common name under the Font menu: for example, typefaces like Times-bold & Times-italic appearing under one name (Times) in the Font menu.

I have heard of utilities that do this for PostScript fonts (Fifth Generation Systems', Inc. Suitcase II/Font Harmony being one) and also resolve ID conflicts with different fonts. Is there something similar for TrueType?

DISCUSSION -----

The FOND resource is what makes it possible to have different styles of one font family show as one item in a font menu. The possible styles include plain and any combination of the following: bold, italic, underline, outline, shadow, condensed, and extended. Typically, the font styles you see are plain, bold, italic, and bold-italic. Sometimes you see a condensed font. This mechanism is not intended to combine AvantGard-Demi and AvanteGard- DemiOblique under the same font menu item.

Modifying a FOND resource to support more font styles is not something we recommend, as it is rather tricky. However, if you want to try, please read Macintosh Technical Note #198 and Inside Macintosh Volume IV, chapter 5, specifically page IV-39. These documents provide the information you need to attempt this.

We contacted Fifth Generation Systems, Inc., who told us their Font Harmony product does not currently support TrueType fonts.

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