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TrueType Fonts: Use on PCs and Site License Issues (12/94)

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TOPIC

With the new Imaging Products (like the Color Printer) Apple ships an expanded set of fonts called the Apple Font Library.

Do I have to purchase Apple Font Packs for each user?

Can the TrueType files be legally converted to MS-DOS TrueType format (via an available shareware package called TT Converter) for use with Windows 3.1 users who may be sharing a LaserWriter Pro, for example?

DISCUSSION -----

The licensing agreement for the TrueType fonts that ship with the various printers covers a single user. Other users can access some of the fonts via system software, but must purchase the font pack if they want to use all the available TrueType fonts that ship with the printers.

You can't legally convert the fonts to MS-DOS TrueType format. Using a Macintosh-to-Windows font conversion application with a TrueType font isn't covered under the licensing agreement, and isn't legal at this time. We realize that this creates an awkward situation for printers installed for many users, and in mixed environments. Apple is working on a site licensing agreement.

Monotype Typography sells cross-platform TrueType font sets for the Macintosh and PC. They have identical font sets for both environments.

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