

FontExplorer® X Pro

What's New in Version 4.0 For Macintosh

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Introduction

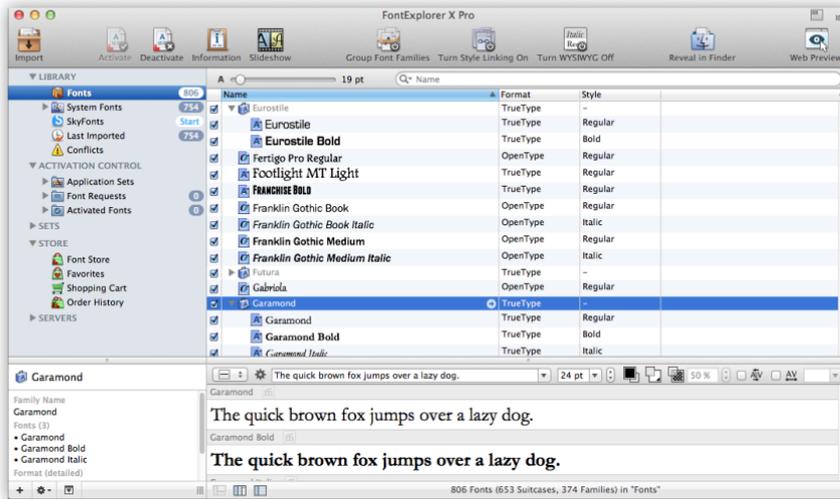
FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 comes with improvements in the user interface and a host of new features that increase productivity and make it easier to manage fonts on your desktop. Apart from better interaction with new technologies like web fonts and SkyFonts, the new version of FontExplorer X Pro also features integration with popular social networking websites so that you can easily share your favorite font previews with your friends. Given below is a list of the main improvements new to the FontExplorer X Pro 4.0:

- User Interface
 - Mini View
- OpenType Features
- Font Preview
- Web Fonts
- SkyFonts
- Smart Sets
- Web Preview
- Font Print Book
- PostScript Printer Fonts Option
- Font Information
- New Software Licensing Option

For a detailed list of all changes, please see the corresponding Release Notes which can be found under www.fontexplorx.com/products.

User Interface

FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 is fully compatible with Macintosh OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion).



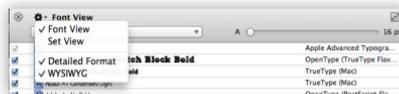
FontExplorer X Pro 4.0

To toggle the Source List, go to *View > Hide Source List/Show Source List*. Alternatively, use the keyboard shortcut *Command + Shift + M* to show/hide the Source List.

Mini View

Mini View allows you to view FontExplorer X Pro in a resizable, small window with options to create a listing of Fonts (*Font View*) or Sets (*Set View*). Click on the *Mini View* icon  on the top right corner of the FontExplorer X Pro window to activate *Mini View*. Alternatively, you can select *Mini View* or the *Main Window* from the *Window* menu or use the keyboard shortcut *Shift + Command + W*. For more details in *Font View*, you can choose *Detailed Format* and/or the *WYSIWYG* option. The Mini View can also be used in FontExplorer X Server environments.

- *Detailed Format*: Choose this option to view detailed font format information.
- *WYSIWYG*: Choose this option to preview font names in their original type faces.



Mini View

OpenType Features

FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 adds full support for OpenType features in fonts. With this version, you will be able to view and manage fonts based on the OpenType Features they support. OpenType features supported by the FontExplorer X Pro main preview are:

	Contextual Ligature		Scientific Inferiors
	Common Ligatures		Fontextual Fractional Form
	Rare Ligatures		Slashed Zero
	Historical Forms & Ligatures		Old Style Figures
	Superiors-Superscripts		Lining Figures
	Inferiors-Subscripts		Capital Forms
	Small Capitals		Capital Spacing
	Small Capitals from Capitals		Contextual Alternates
	Monospaced Numbers		Swash Alternates
	Proportional Number		Contextual Swash
	Ordinals		

For more information on OpenType features in FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 see:

- "Tweaking Font Preview Mode Settings" on page 5
- "New Smart Set Conditions" on page 11
- "Detailed Preview - OpenType Features" on page 20

Font Preview

FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 adds new preview options and Quick Look along with interface changes to the *Font Preview Panel*. Now you can set up the preview to suit your individual workspace management needs.

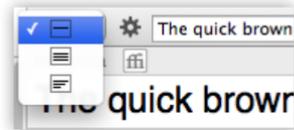
Quick Look

Quick Look allows you to quickly preview a font by selecting the font(s) and pressing the *Spacebar* key on the keyboard. In the preview popup, you can scroll through the font previews by pressing the navigation buttons or use the *Left* and *Right* arrow keys on the keyboard. Alternatively, you can use the *Up* and *Down* arrow keys to view your fonts as you step through the font list.

Font Preview Panel

Preview Options

With FontExplorer X Pro 4.0, you can change the preview options to preview selected fonts in *One line*, *Multi Line*, or *Waterfall* mode. Select one of the modes from the *Preview Mode* pop-up menu.

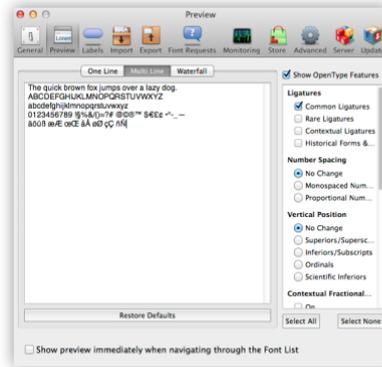


Twaking Font Preview Mode Settings

To change the font preview mode settings:

1. Click on the *Font Preview Mode Settings* button  in the font preview panel toolbar.

2. Select *One Line*, *Multi Line*, or *Waterfall* tab to change the font preview settings.
 1. *One Line/Multi Line*: Here you can add, remove, or edit text strings.
 2. *Waterfall*: Here you can select the default *One Line* text for the font preview and add or remove font sizes (in pt) for the waterfall font preview.



Font Preview settings

3. Select the *Show OpenType Features* check box to view OpenType features in the *Font Preview Panel*.
4. Customize the OpenType font preview by selecting the individual OpenType feature setting. You can also view all of the preselected features by selecting the *Select All* button and switch off all features by selecting the *Select None* button. For more information on OpenType features see “OpenType Features” on page 4.

Slideshow

In FontExplorer X Pro 4.0, the slideshow functionality can be accessed quickly via an icon in the toolbar. To view fonts in slideshow mode, select fonts from the *Font List* and click on the *Slideshow* button on the toolbar. Alternatively, you can use *Command + S* as the keyboard shortcut to access the slideshow. Enter your custom text in the slideshow text field, adjust size, alignment, color, etc. as desired. Place the main slideshow window over your design document and click on *Play* button. When *Transparent Mode* is selected, the slideshow window frame disappears when the mouse pointer moves out of the window area.

When viewing fonts in the slideshow, they can easily be added to the Ad hoc set by pressing the *Command + Plus* key.

The slideshow windows are always on top of all applications.

You can also access Font Preview Mode settings by going to *FontExplorer X Pro* menu > *FontExplorer X Preferences...*

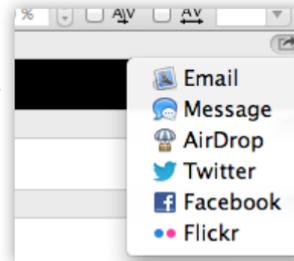
To end the slideshow and close both windows, click on the “x” in the slideshow preview window. The slideshow controller window can be minimized by clicking on the  button in the controller window. To expand, click the  button a second time.

Share Font Preview

Combined with the social networking capabilities of Mac OS X 10.8 and above, FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 now has the ability to share font previews. You can use platforms like Email, Message, AirDrop, Twitter, Facebook and Flickr to share font previews with your friends and/or colleagues.

Sharing a font preview

1. In the *Font List*, click on a font(s) to preview in the *Font Preview Panel*.
2. Click on the *Share* button  available at the right corner of the font preview you want to share.
3. Select a suitable platform for sharing the font preview.
4. Follow the system instructions to share the font preview message.



Sharing platforms



Facebook share

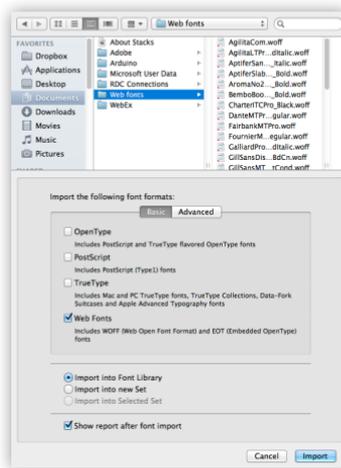
Web Fonts

In FontExplorer X Pro 4.0, you can import, organize, and preview web font WOFF and EOT format files. Once imported, you can organize and preview web fonts as you organise other fonts with FontExplorer X Pro.

Importing Web fonts

To import web fonts to FontExplorer X Pro, follow the steps given below:

1. Go to *File > Import Fonts*. Alternatively you can also use the *Command + O* shortcut from the keyboard.
2. In the *Import Fonts* dialog, select your web fonts folder. Make sure *Web Fonts* is checked in the *Import the following font formats* section under *Basic* tab. Alternatively, you can also check *WOFF* or *EOT* font formats from the *Advanced* tab for more control over the web fonts that are imported from your web fonts folder.
3. Depending on your web font organization needs, select the font import options.
4. Click on the *Import* button to import the selected web fonts to FontExplorer X Pro. Alternatively, you can drag and drop your Web Fonts into FontExplorer X Pro as you do with your desktop fonts.



Font Import

WebFonts are currently not supported by the FontExplorer X Server.

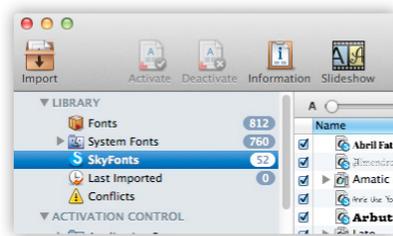
Only Importing, organising, and previewing WOFF and EOT web font file formats is supported. Activating these font formats is not supported by the operating system.

SkyFonts

FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 also integrates with Monotype SkyFonts desktop font licensing service to provide you with font management capabilities for SkyFonts.

Managing SkyFonts

1. Open FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 and click on the *Start* button to open SkyFonts. If SkyFonts is not already installed on your system an *Info* button will be displayed. To install SkyFonts, click on the *Info* button and follow the SkyFonts download and installation instructions.
2. Once SkyFonts service has started and synchronised, you should see web fonts, desktop fonts, and Google web fonts available with the SkyFonts service, listed in the SkyFonts *Font List*. To update the SkyFonts *Font List*, use the *Refresh* button.



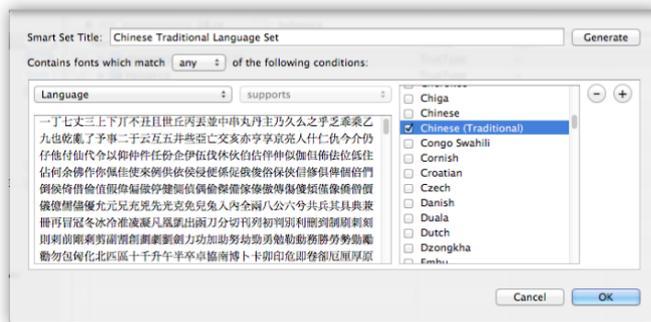
Library - SkyFonts

Smart Sets

FontExplorer X Pro 4.0 adds features that make it easier to manage your fonts with the use of Smart Sets.

Language Smart Sets

The Smart Sets dialog now contains a *Language* filter which can be used to find fonts that support a particular language or set of languages. By using the Language filter in the Smart Set dialog, you can select a language(s) and see the character set required for that particular language(s).



Language filter in Smart Set dialog

The Smart Sets section in the *Source List* now contains a *Language Supports...* set. When installing FontExplorer X Pro for the first time, a Smart Set is automatically generated depending upon the default language of your operating system. Click on this Smart Set to view all the fonts matching with the native operating system language.



Language Smart Set

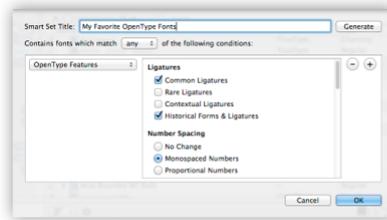
New Smart Set Conditions

With the new conditions, you can create custom Smart Sets that match OpenType features, a predefined number of recently activated fonts, and a predefined number of recently imported fonts.

OpenType Features

You can create Smart Sets based on a predefined set of common OpenType features. To create a Smart Set with OpenType features:

1. Go to *File > New Smart Set*.
2. In the *New Smart Set* dialog, give a name to this Smart Set. Alternatively, you can skip this step for now and use the *Generate* button before the last step to auto generate the *Smart Set Title* based on the conditions set for the Smart Set.
3. Depending on your requirements, select *any* or *all* in the *Contains fonts that match the following conditions* section.
4. For the first condition, click on the popup menu and select *OpenType Features*.
5. In the section that appears, select the OpenType features that match your criteria.
6. Click on the *OK* button to create the Smart Set.



OpenType Features for creating Smart Sets

Last X Activated and Last X Imported

You can create Smart Sets with a predefined number of recently activated fonts, and a predefined number of recently imported fonts. To create a Smart Set with these conditions:

1. Go to *File > New Smart Set*.
2. In the *New Smart Set* dialog, give a name to this Smart Set. Alternatively, you can skip this step for now and use the *Generate* button before the last step to auto generate the *Smart Set Title* based on the conditions for the Smart Set.
3. Depending on your requirements, select *any* or *all* in the *Contains fonts that match the following conditions* section.
4. For the first condition, expand the drop-down list and select *Last x Activated*, or *Last x Imported*.
5. In the section that appears, enter the number of fonts you want to be displayed.
6. Click on the *OK* button to create the Smart Set.



Last X Activated Fonts for creating Smart Sets

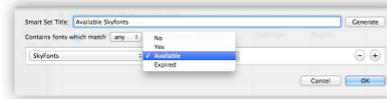
SkyFonts

If you are using the SkyFonts service, you can create Smart Sets with the SkyFonts filter. To create a Smart Set with the SkyFonts filter:

1. Go to *File > New Smart Set*.
2. In the *New Smart Set* dialog, give a name to this Smart Set. Alternatively, you can skip this step for now and use the *Generate* button before the last step to auto generate the *Smart Set Title* based on the conditions for the Smart Set.
3. Depending on your requirements, select *any* or *all* in the *Contains fonts that match*

the following conditions section.

4. For the first condition, expand the drop-down list and select *SkyFonts*.
5. In the drop-down box that appears, select one of the conditions depending upon your need.
 - *No*: Shows all non-SkyFonts.
 - *Yes*: Shows active and expired fonts.
 - *Available*: Shows active or available fonts.
 - *Expired*: Shows expired SkyFonts or those that are not available because the SkyFonts client is not running.
6. Click on the *OK* button to create the Smart Set.



SkyFonts for creating Smart Sets

Web Preview

The web preview functionality allows you to try out any font available in FontExplorer X Pro on any website without changing the content. You can also adjust font size, color and spacing to view various effects. You can access the *Web Preview* functionality from the *File* menu or from the toolbar.

Trying fonts in Web Preview

Follow the steps given below to try out fonts on any website using FontExplorer X Pro 4.0.

1. Go to *File > Web Preview*
2. In the *Preview Panel* of the *Web Preview*, click on the address bar and enter the URL of a website.

Toolbar items

The toolbar in the Preview Panel contains useful tools for managing the websites in the Web Preview.

- Navigation - Use these buttons to navigate back and forward in the web page history.
- Refresh - Use this button to refresh a web page.
- Action menu - Use this button to access menu items like *Show Introduction Page* and *Clear History*.

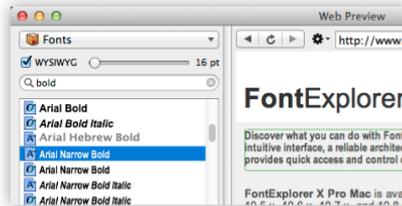


Web Preview - Toolbar

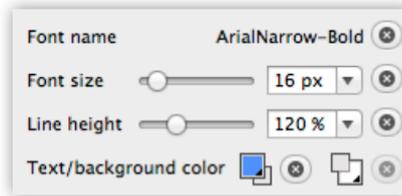
3. In the web preview section, select a text item by clicking on it. You can select multiple text items by holding down the *Command* or *Shift* key.
4. On the left panel, you can select the *Font Library* or the desired font set to display

fonts.

5. To view font names in the *Font List* in their original type faces, select the *WYSIWYG* check box. You can increase or decrease the size of the font names by using the slider.
6. Use the *Font Search* field to search for a particular font name or parts of a name such as *Bold Italic* or *Script*. The *Font List* will refresh to reflect the changes from the search.
7. Select a font from the *Font List*. The text selected in the web preview section will be changed to reflect your font selection.
8. The *Font name* field shows the font currently applied to the selected text. Use the *Revert to original* button to revert to the original font for the selected text.
9. Use the *Font size* slider to set the font size for the selected text. Alternatively, you can use the popup menu to set a font size. Use the *Revert to original* button to revert back to the original font size of the selected text.
10. Use the *Line height* slider to set the line height of the selected text. Alternatively, you can also use the popup menu to set the line height. Use the *Revert to original* button to revert the line height to the original line height of the selected text.
11. Use the *Text/background color* buttons to set the text or background colors. Use the *Revert to original* button to revert the selected text to its original color.
12. Press the *Undo* or *Redo* button to revert or move forward to a change.



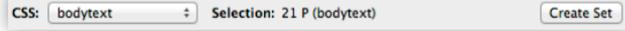
Font Search for Bold fonts in the Font List



Font settings in web preview

13. Use the *Revert All* button to revert the website to its original state and undo all the changes made to it.

14. Use the *CSS* drop-down to select all elements that have a particular CSS style. Changing font settings from the left panel will effect all selected items.



CSS drop-down and Create Set button

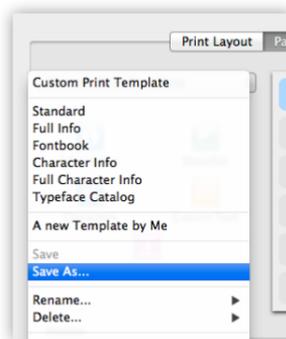
15. After making the desired changes. You can click on the *Create Set* button available at the bottom right corner of the *Web Preview* dialog to create a Font Set based on the fonts applied throughout the web page. The set is automatically given the name of the website for which the font set is created.

Font Print Book

Added to the previously existing functionality of creating a custom font print book, you now have the ability to export and import previously custom font print book templates.

Saving a Print Template

1. To save a Print Template, Select a font(s) from the Font List and press *Command + P*. Alternatively, you can also go to *File > Print* after selecting the font(s) from the *Font List*.
2. Create a custom font print book design. After creating a custom design template, make sure *Custom Print Template* is displayed in the *Template Name* drop-down list.
3. Click on the *Template Name* drop-down list and select *Save As...*
4. In the *Save As* dialog, enter a name for the custom template you just created.
5. Click on the *Save* button to save the template. The new template created by you will now be displayed in the *Template Name* drop-down list.



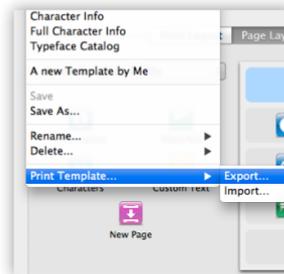
Print Template - Save As...

Exporting a Custom Print Template

1. To export a custom print template, open the *Print* dialog and make sure you have

created and saved a custom print template using the steps mentioned in the previous section.

2. Click on the *Template Name* drop-down list and go to *Print Template > Export*.
3. In the *Export Print Template* dialog, enter a name for the print template and set the location for saving the custom print template file.
4. Choose the custom font template you want to export.
5. Click on the *Export* button to export the template.



Print Template - Export template

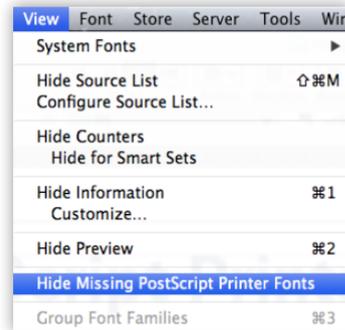
Importing a Custom Print Template

1. To import a custom print template, open the *Print* dialog and make sure you have exported a custom print template using the steps mentioned in the previous section.
2. Click on the *Template Name* drop-down list and go to *Print Template > Import*.
3. In the *Select FontExplorer X Print Template* dialog, select the custom print template file.
4. Make sure the template you want to import is selected. Click on the *Import* button to import the template. After the import, you will see the imported template available in the *Template Name* drop-down list.

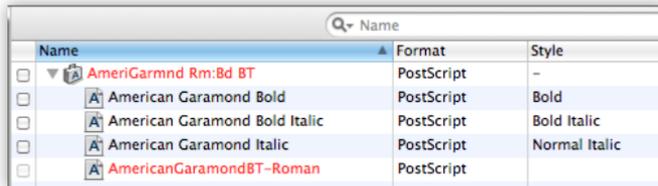
PostScript Printer Fonts Option

PostScript fonts are used in professional digital typesetting. PostScript suitcases contain information for displaying each contained font style on the screen but do not necessarily contain information for printing each style. In the past, these “missing fonts” were displayed in red in FontExplorer X Pro. Now you can hide the “missing fonts” in the *Font List*.

To hide missing PostScript printer fonts, go to *View > Hide Missing PostScript Printer Fonts*. Similarly, to show missing PostScript printer fonts, select *Show Missing PostScript Printer Fonts*.



Toggle PostScript Printer Fonts



The image shows a screenshot of the Font Explorer X Pro font list. The list has columns for Name, Format, and Style. The first font, 'AmeriGarmnd Rm:Bd BT', is highlighted in red, indicating it is a missing font. Other fonts listed include 'American Garamond Bold', 'American Garamond Bold Italic', 'American Garamond Italic', and 'AmericanGaramondBT-Roman'.

Name	Format	Style
<input type="checkbox"/> AmeriGarmnd Rm:Bd BT	PostScript	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Garamond Bold	PostScript	Bold
<input type="checkbox"/> American Garamond Bold Italic	PostScript	Bold Italic
<input type="checkbox"/> American Garamond Italic	PostScript	Normal Italic
<input type="checkbox"/> AmericanGaramondBT-Roman	PostScript	

Missing PostScript fonts

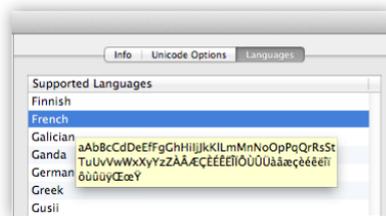
Font Information

Along with detailed font information, FontExplorer X Pro also provides you with the ability to see languages supported by a font.

Languages Supported

To view the languages supported by a font:

1. Double click on the font to view font information.
2. Go to the *Characters* tab.
3. Click on the *Languages* tab in the information panel on the right.
4. Hover the mouse on a language to view the language character set in a tooltip.

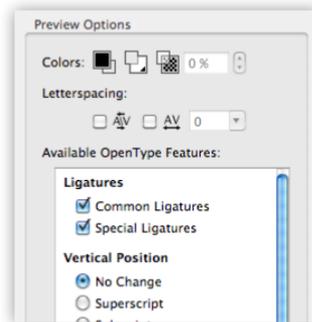


Font information - Supported languages

Detailed Preview - OpenType Features

To view the OpenType features supported by a font:

1. Double click on the font to view font information.
2. Go to the *Detailed Preview* tab.
3. Available OpenType features in the font are available under the *Preview Options* section.



Font information - OpenType Features

New Software Licensing Option

If you have a Fonts.com subscription which includes a license for FontExplorer X Pro, you can use your Fonts.com account with FontExplorer X Pro 4.0. To add Fonts.com license:

1. In the *FontExplorer X Pro* menu, go to *Client License...*
2. In the *FontExplorer X Pro License* dialog, click on the *Sign In...* button.
3. Fill-in your Fonts.com credentials in the *Email Address* and *Password* fields.
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