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Introduction

FontExplorer X Pro 5 introduces new features and enhancements. The new User Interface is fully integrated with the latest Mac OS X versions.

This document summarizes all the new key features provided in FontExplorer X Pro 5. Below is a list of the main features new to FontExplorer X Pro:

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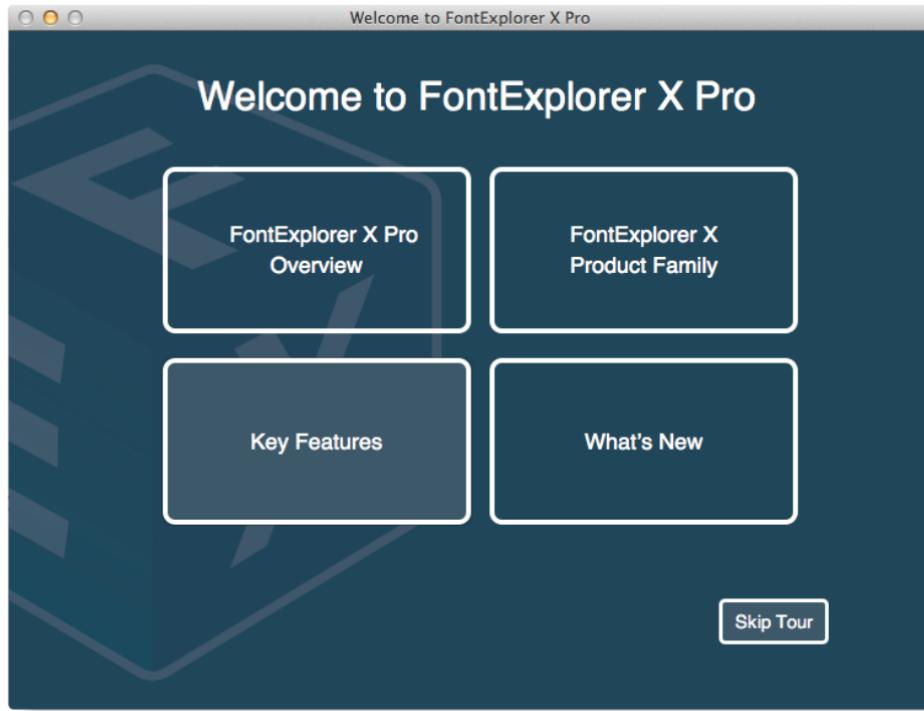


For a detailed list of all changes, see the corresponding Release Notes. To check the Release Notes, click

[FontExplorer X Pro Release Notes](#)

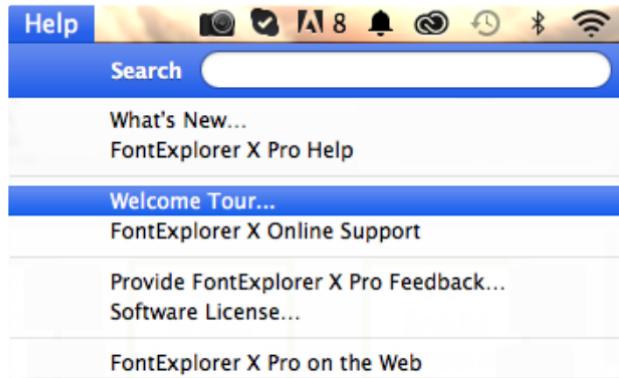
Welcome Tour

If you are new to FontExplorer X Pro the “Welcome Tour” is a good place to start with an overview of the product, product family and key features. If you’ve just updated from a previous version the “What’s New” section is the place to start for a quick summary of the new features.



You can revisit the Welcome Tour at any time by selecting the **Help** menu and choosing:

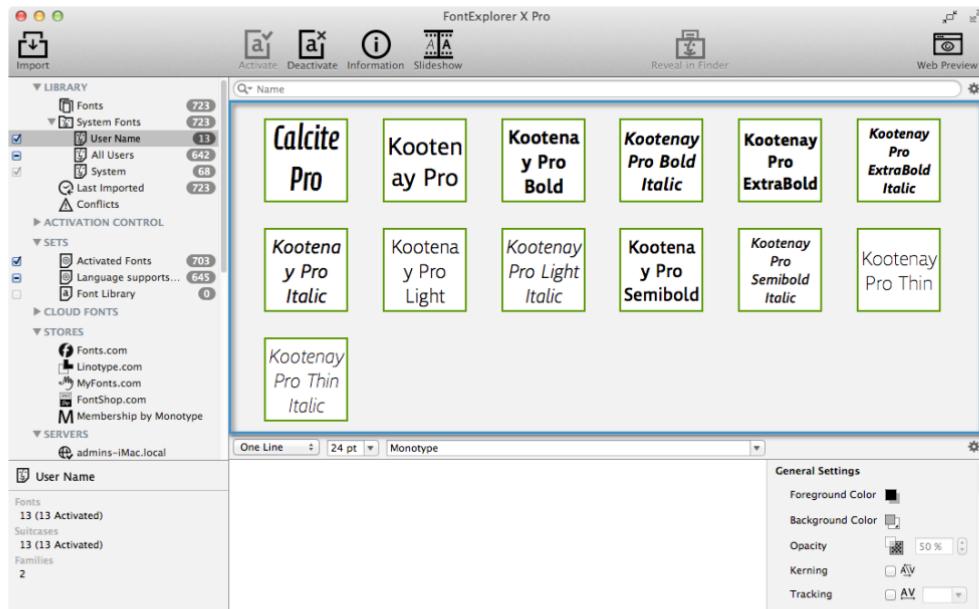
Help > Welcome Tour...



Welcome Tour slides are aimed at providing a general overview of the product itself, other products of the family, key features and newly introduced features for the latest release.

Font Tiles View

Enjoy a new user experience while viewing fonts in FontExplorer X Pro. The Font Tiles View is often a more convenient option to have a look at fonts. This feature provides a user-friendly interface, enabling you to view fonts in a mosaic like style. This feature also provides a character oriented browsing experience for both local and server fonts.



"You can customize this view from basic to extensive information."

To enable the Font Tiles View:

1. Click on the **Settings** icon on the right side just above the font list. This will open the Font List Settings.
2. Select the **Font Tiles** option which will enable the Tiles related settings.



- **Slider** – You can increase or decrease the size of the Tiles.
- **Custom Text** – You can enter your own text to be shown in the Tiles in place of the font name.
- **Show Name** – When using **Custom Text** you can additionally show the font name at the bottom of the tile. When **Custom Text** is not selected, the font name is the default text in a Tile.
- **Show Rating** – When activated any rating that you assigned to a font will be shown in the upper right corner of the Font Tile.



“Enable/Disable the
Font Tiles View
from the Font List
Settings.”

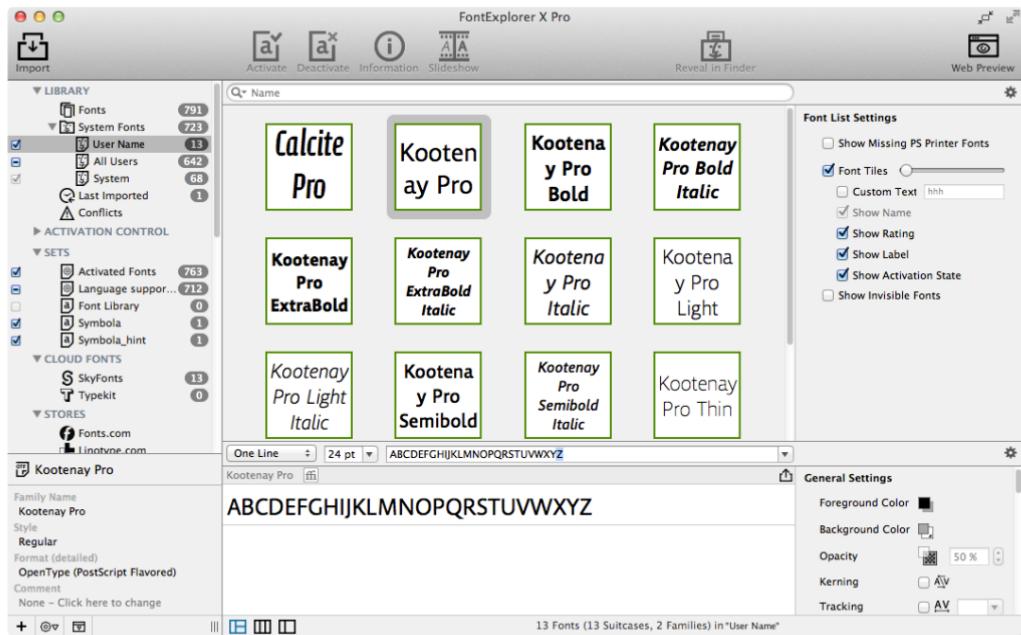
- **Show Label** – With this option colored labels that you assigned to a font will be shown in the upper left corner of the Font Tile.
- **Show Activation State** – When activated you can see the Activation State of the fonts. A green outline indicates an activated font, a grey outline is used to show a non-activated font, a red outline is a font that is no longer available in FontExplorer X Pro – a so-called “missing font”.

Selected fonts are indicated by a thick grey outline. To activate or deactivate a font in Tiles View, select the font or fonts and choose from one of these options:

1. Click on the **Activate or Deactivate** icon in the **Toolbar**.
2. Right-click on a **Font Tile** and select **Activate or Deactivate** from the contextual menu.
3. From the **Font** menu, select **Activate or Deactivate**.
4. Use the keyboard shortcut **Shift+cmd+A** to activate or **Shift+cmd+D** to deactivate.

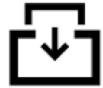
State of the Art User Interface

FontExplorer X Pro has adapted a new, modern user interface in keeping with the Mac OS guidelines. The flat design focuses on minimalistic use of simple elements, typography and flat colors without taking away any of the functionality of FontExplorer X Pro. Some preference settings for the Font List and Preview Area have been moved to a more convenient location directly in the main window. These areas can be shown or hidden by clicking in the gear icon in the main window.



"FontExplorer X Pro 5
fully supports the Mac
OS X dark mode."

The new icons were designed to be simple while still conveying their function. But if you're not sure what an icon represents, just hover over it with the mouse and a tooltip will tell you its functionality.



Import



Fonts



Save



Print



Store Orders



Web Preview



Expand
Font List



Registration



System Font



Last
Imported



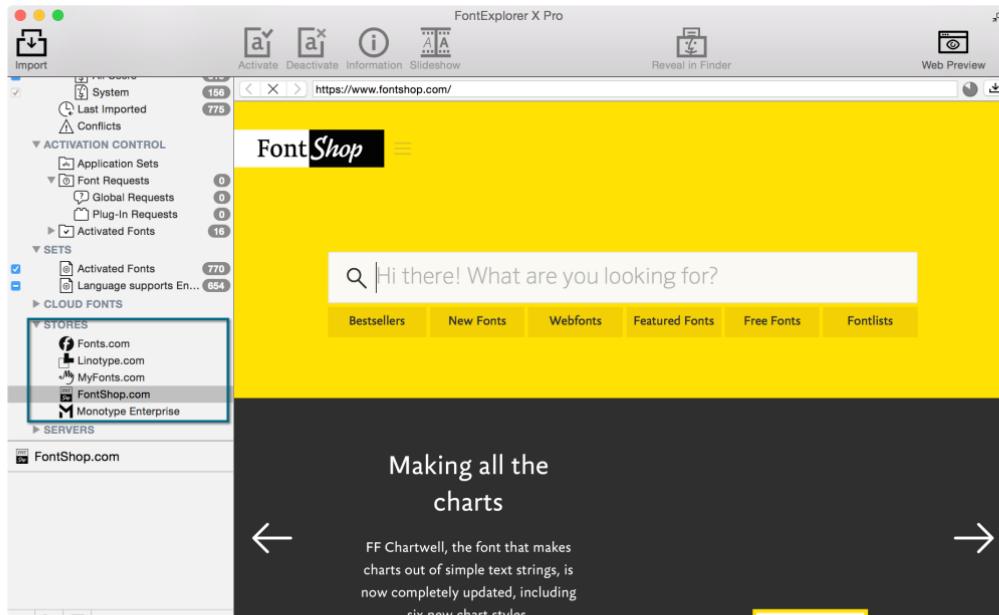
Folder



Collapse
Font List

New Font Stores Integrated

In FontExplorer X Pro 5, you will experience improved and enhanced Store functionality with five integrated online Font Stores. This eliminates a break in the workflow as purchased/licensed fonts can now be directly downloaded, installed and activated without leaving FontExplorer X Pro.



Now, you can select to work with up to five Font Stores in a browser window within FontExplorer X Pro. The view shows the original website of the Font Store which means all account and

purchase workflows are handled by the font portal. Supported online Fonts Stores are:



Fonts.com



FontShop.com



Monotype
Enterprise



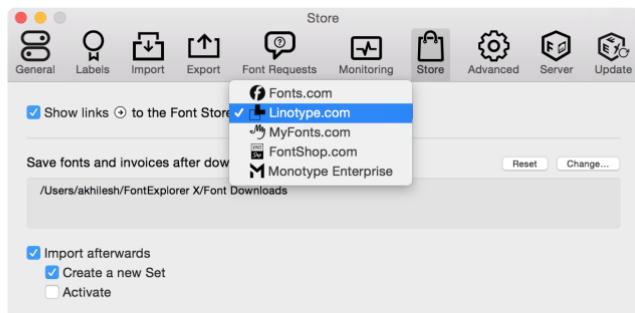
Linotype.com



MyFonts.com

Store Preferences

Select **FontExplorer X Pro > Preferences...** and click Store



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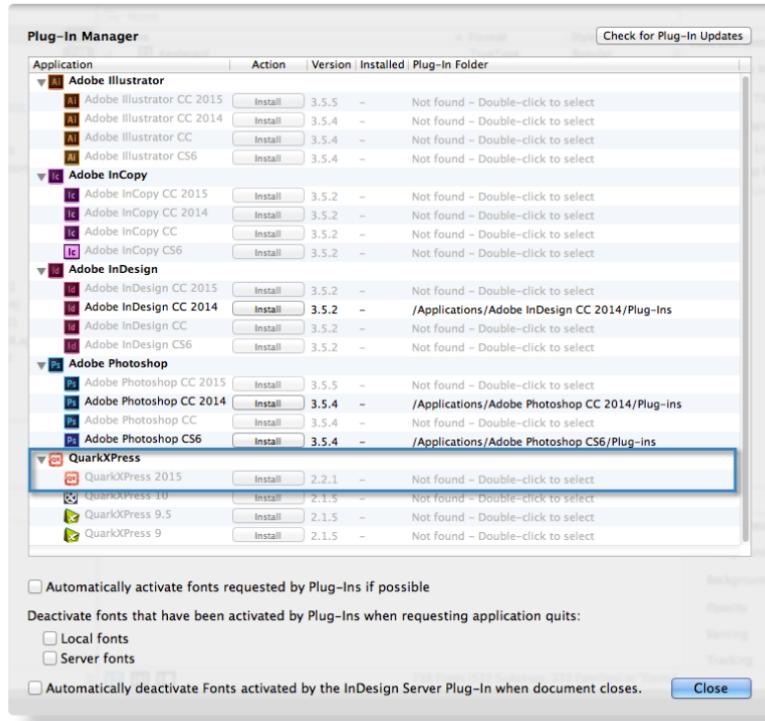
- specify a default store to search for fonts
- change download location
- configure **Import afterward** settings to optionally import the font after purchasing, create a new Set and/or Activate

Additionally you can customize the source list to show or hide specific Font Stores. Go to the **View** menu and select **Configure Source List**.

QuarkXPress 2015 Plug-In

Updated Plug-Ins now support auto-activation for the QuarkXPress 2015.

Select **Tools > Plug-In Manager...**

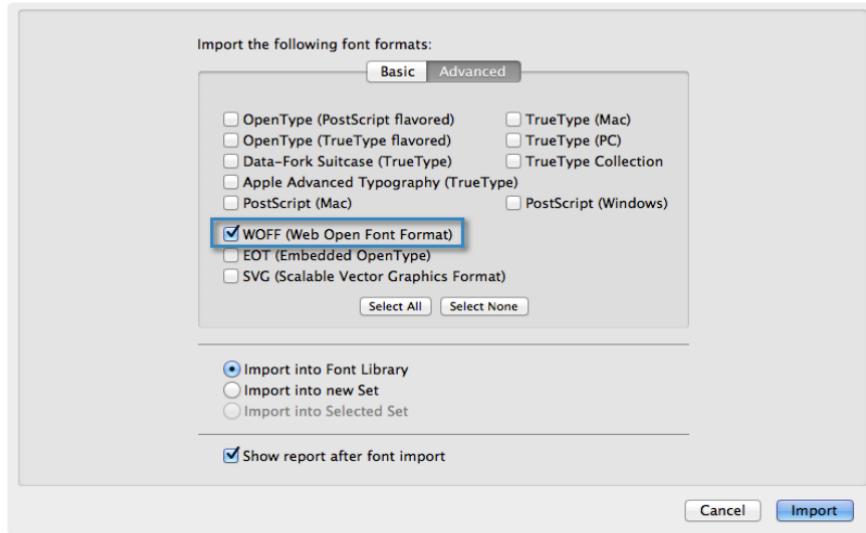


"QuarkXPress 2015 has been added to the QuarkXPress Plug-in list"

WOFF 2.0 Support

About WOFF 2.0

WOFF2 is a font format that provides, on average, a 30% reduction in file size, thus helping Web fonts load more quickly in compatible browsers.



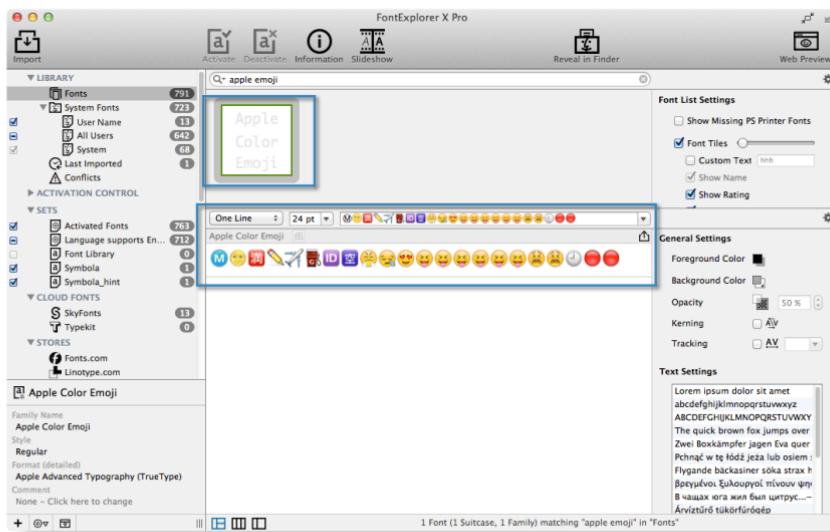
You can easily add WOFF 2.0 fonts into FontExplorer X Pro where they can be previewed, organized into Sets, Folders and Smart Sets and even accessed in the Web Preview. You can also view information about the font in the Font Information dialog.

Unicode 7.0 Support

About Unicode 7.0

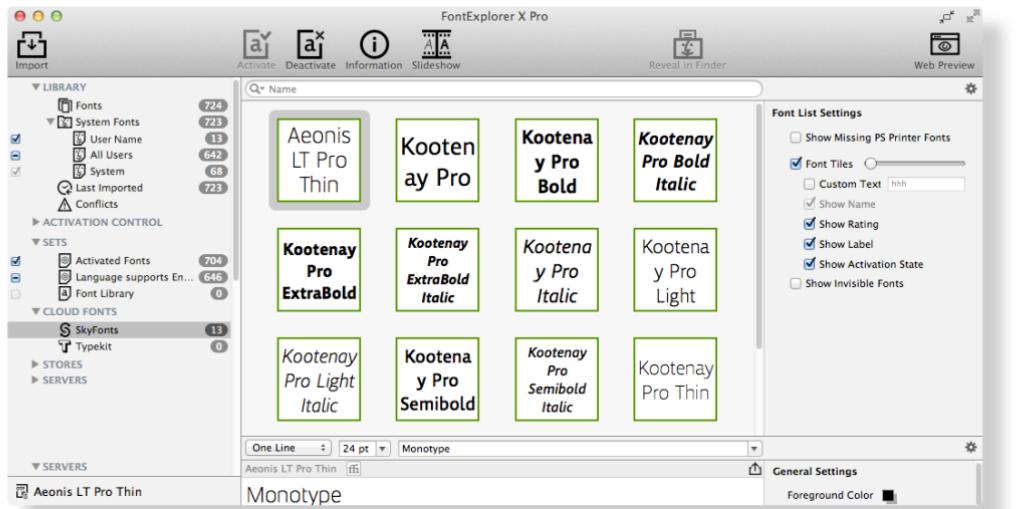
Unicode 7.0 adds a total of 2,834 characters, encompassing 23 new scripts and many new symbols, as well as character additions to many existing scripts.

Symbols can speak more than words, if you ever wanted to see all the characters of a font that uses Unicode 7.0 then you are on the right track with FontExplorer X Pro 5. Now FontExplorer X Pro will support Unicode 7.0 to display the new and updated character sets of this standard, which also includes 250 new Emoji symbols. Check the new fancy Emojis in the **Apple Color Emoji** font to get an idea of what that means.



Cloud Fonts

In addition to the Monotype SkyFonts solution, FontExplorer X Pro now also supports Adobe Typekit fonts with its own entry in the source list. When you download a cloud font it will automatically show up in FontExplorer X Pro and can be activated and deactivated like any other font.



FontExplorer X Pro 5.5

PostScript Fonts and OS X 10.11 Compatibility Issues

Due to security measures in OS X 10.11 (El Capitan), PostScript Fonts need to be located somewhere in your Users directory, such as /Users/[username]/Font Folder in order for them to work properly in some graphic applications. When PostScript Fonts are located outside of your Users directory you may notice any of the following conditions:

- PostScript Type 1 Fonts are not visible in an application's font list although they are activated in FontExplorer X Pro
- Text using PostScript Type 1 Fonts does not appear properly. Characters may appear as an omega "Ω", a box or they are not visible at all
- Changing one PostScript Font to another may remove the selected text
- OpenType and TrueType fonts located in your users directory disappear from your applications font list after activating a PostScript Font

Not all graphic applications will have problems. Generally problems are limited to

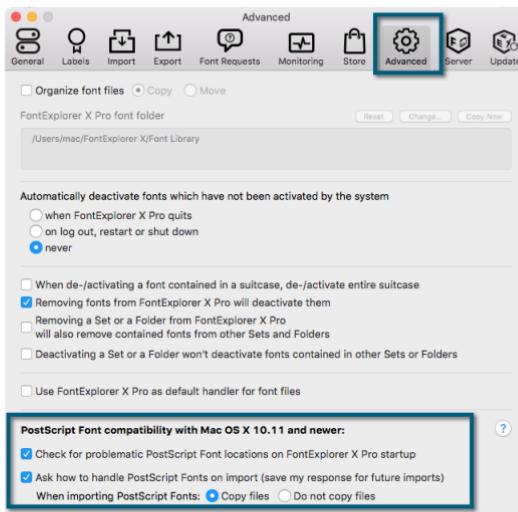
- Adobe InCopy, InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop (CS6 and older)
- QuarkXPress 9, 10 and 2015
- Applications from the App Store (sandboxed applications)

Applications that are not affected:

- Adobe InCopy, InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop (CC and newer)
- Most applications not from the App Store (non-sandboxed)

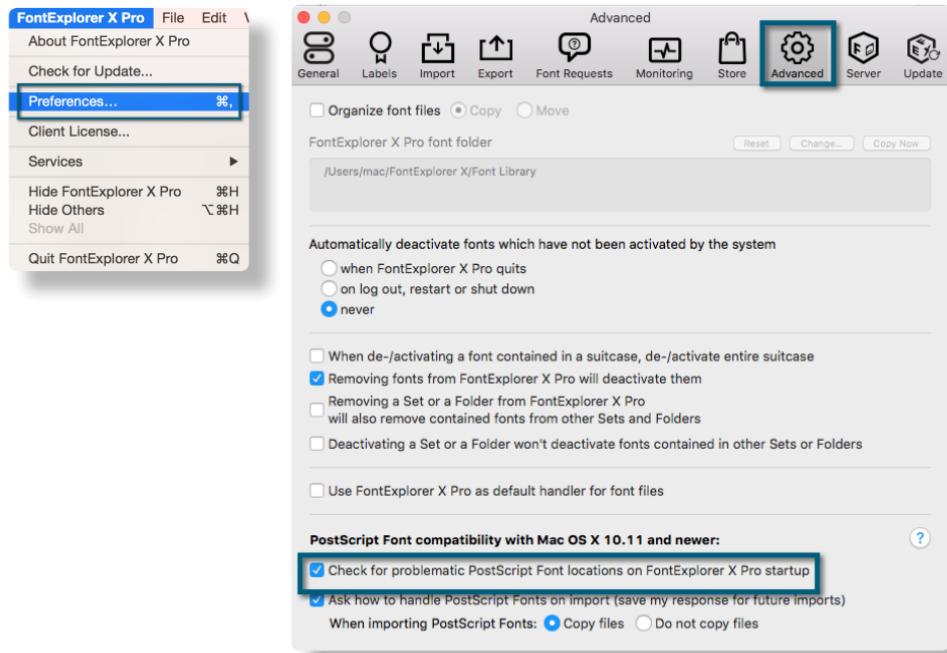
There are no compatibility issues with OpenType and TrueType Fonts. These can be located in any directory.

FontExplorer X Pro will help you to resolve potential problems by scanning your font database for PostScript fonts on startup. If detected, you will be asked if you want to copy these fonts. If you choose to do so, they will be copied to the path specified for Organising Fonts if this is located in the Users directory. When the path is outside of the Users directory, the PostScript Fonts will be copied to **/Users/[username]/FontExplorer X/Font Library/**. You may choose not to copy them if you are working with graphic applications that are not affected. The scan for PostScript Fonts function can be turned off in the Advanced panel of the FontExplorer X Pro preferences.



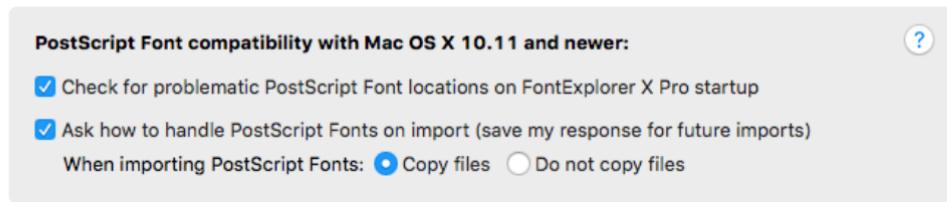
Organized Fonts

The **Organize Font** feature can also cause PostScript Fonts to be copied or moved to a potential problem location. FontExplorer X will check the path set for organizing fonts and warn you if it is outside of the users directory. To change the organize font path, go to the **FontExplorer X Pro** menu and select **Preferences....** In the **Advanced** panel you can specify a new path which will be remembered for future font import.



Font Import

When you import a PostScript Font FontExplorer X Pro will notify you of potential problems. You will be asked if you want to copy the imported PostScript fonts to a folder in your user home directory. Your response **Copy Files** or **Continue without Changes** will be saved for future imports. You can reset your default response for future imports by going to the **FontExplorer X Pro** menu and selecting **Preferences...** In the Advanced panel you can select the checkbox **Ask how to handle PostScript Fonts on import...**. The next time you import a PostScript Font you will be asked again how to handle it.



FontExplorer X Pro now addresses compatibility issues with PostScript fonts and OS X 10.11 (El Capitan) by automatically identifying problematic PostScript Fonts and providing the user an option to automatically resolve the issue. New settings in the Advanced panel of the FontExplorer X Pro preferences support this feature for local fonts.

FontExplorer X Pro 5.5 for Server Users and Administrators

(Requires FontExplorer X Server 2.5)

Advanced Server Communication

Communication between the Mac Client and your Mac or Windows FontExplorer X Server can be optimized by using the **Advanced Server Communication** option. This allows the client to communicate via Json protocol instead of XML. The option can be turned on in the FontExplorer X Pro preferences **Server** tab.

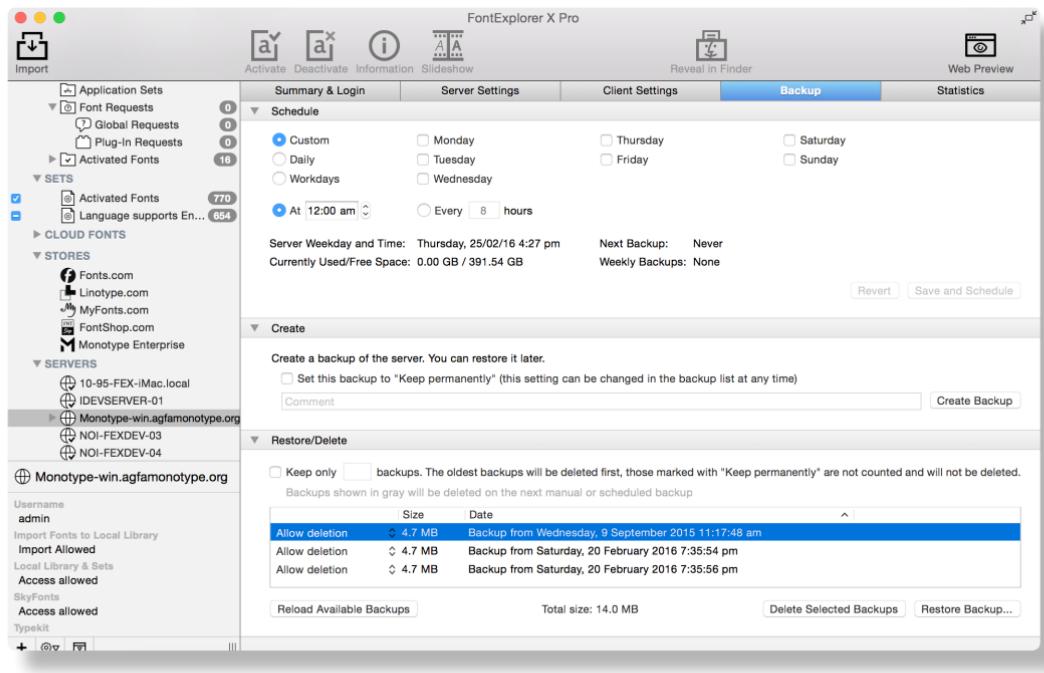


This can also be enabled via the Terminal command:

```
defaults write com.linotype.FontExplorerX enableServerCommunicationUsingJSON true
```

FontExplorer X Server Backup Management

FontExplorer X Pro 5.5 introduces several new enhancements to the Server Backup and Restore feature. The new Server Backup management offers capabilities such as adding comments, automatically deleting backups and permanently keeping backups. In addition, information on the total amount of space taken up by backup files is shown below the backup list.



To set your preferences for Server Backups:

1. Connect to FontExplorer X Server as an Administrator
2. In FontExplorer X Pro, select **Server** from the source list and click on the **Backup** tab from the right area

NOTE:

The Backup panel will be enabled for Administrators or users with the security level “Create, Restore and Delete Backups”

The advanced backup management feature is only available in combination with FontExplorer X Server 2.5 for Macintosh and Windows.

Customize Backup(s)

To customize the Server Backup(s), use the below options:

Schedule: You can schedule a backup by providing your preferences:

- **Custom** - Select the **Custom** radio-button and select the days you wish to make a backup by clicking provided checkboxes.
- **Daily** - if you want a daily backup then select the **Daily** radio-button.
- **Workdays** - You can also schedule backup only on workdays. Select **Workdays** radio-button.
- **At** - Specifies the time the backup will be created for “Custom”, “Daily” or “Workday” schedules
- **Every** - If you want to make more than one backup in a day then select **Every** radio-

button and set the frequency (in hours) in the textbox.

Server Weekday and Time: Shows server machine's weekday and time.

Next Backup: Shows the exact time when the next backup is scheduled.

Currently Used/Free Space: Shows the current Used and Free space on server machine.

Weekly Backups: The count of total weekly backups as per the backup schedule.

Revert - Click to revert to the previous settings.

Save and Schedule - Click Save and Schedule to save your settings for Backup.

NOTE: Revert and Save and Schedule buttons will be enabled when you change the Schedule settings.

Create Backup(s)

If you want to create a manual backup outside of the schedule click on the **Create Backup** button to create a backup immediately. You can set this backup to **Keep permanently** by selecting the checkbox provided in the same section. This setting can be changed at anytime in the backup list. You can also write a comment for the backup if you wish to. Comments can be added or edited by clicking on the comment area for a particular backup in the backup list.

Click **Create Backup** to create a manual backup.

Restore/Delete Backup(s)

All the scheduled backup(s) are listed under this tab. You can also specify the number of backups you want to keep. After reaching the maximum limit of backups, the oldest backup will be deleted first to keep a latest scheduled backup. The backups which are already marked with **Keep permanently** will not fall in this category and will not be deleted according to this FIFO (First In First Out) rule. The backup, which will be deleted on the next manual or scheduled backup, will be shown in gray for the easy identification.

Reload Available Backups - If you do not see a recently created backup, click **Reload Available Backups** to refresh the backup list. This may be necessary if you have just changed the backup storage location.

Delete Selected Backups - Select the backup(s) from the list and click **Delete Selected Backups**.

Restore Backup... - Select the backup and click **Restore Backup...** to restore the selected backup to FontExplorer X Server.

FontExplorer X Server

PostScript Font Compatibility with OS X 10.11

If you are experiencing issues with PostScript Fonts downloaded from the Server, FontExplorer X Pro version 5.5 provides a workaround tailored to FontExplorer X Server environments. PostScript Fonts which were downloaded from the FontExplorer X Server can be made available to your graphic applications by executing the following command on the client machine.

Quit FontExplorer X Pro if it is running. Open **/Applications/Utilities/Terminal.app**. Enter the following command at the prompt followed by the Enter key:

```
defaults write com.linotype.FontExplorerX enableServerPostScriptWorkaround 1
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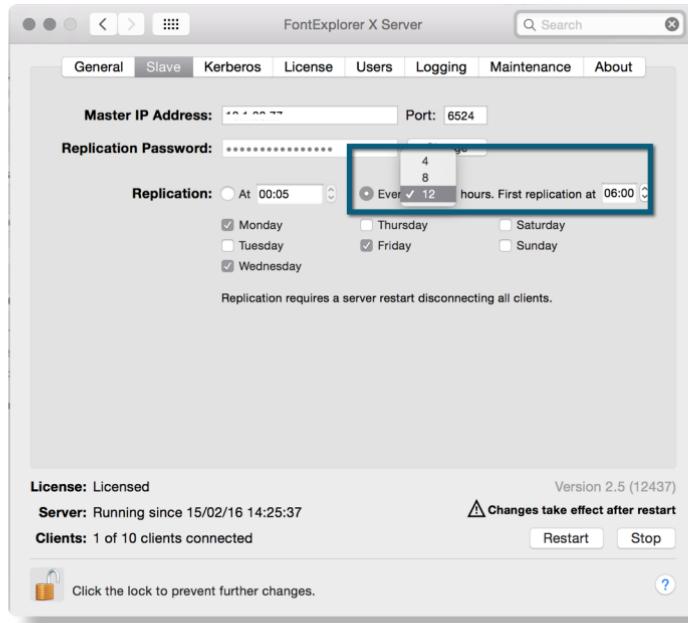
Start FontExplorer X Pro. Your Server PostScript Fonts should now be available in the affected applications.

For more information, see [PostScript Fonts and OS X 10.11 Compatibility Issues](#)

FontExplorer X Server 2.5

In addition to specifying a Slave Server replication interval, it is now possible to select a specific starting time for replication.

Recommended intervals of 4, 8 or 12 hours can be selected from the popup. The intervals are relative to the specified **First replication at** time.



FontExplorer X Server 2.5 adds the following abilities:

- Added server side support for the new Server Backup Management options
- Added the ability to support forest environments for Kerberos Authentication
- Added server side support for optional advanced client-server communication (non XML communication)

Support and Additional Information

Should you have questions regarding FontExplorer X Pro 5.5, you will find further information on the FontExplorer X website at: <http://www.fontexplorerx.com>

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