

Tell me more about font types and formats

Font type indicates the content and structure of information used to describe a font. Font format indicates the file format used to store a font type.

When the font converters convert PostScript font types, the font type remains the same, but the font format usually changes. When the font converters convert TrueType fonts, the font type changes to PostScript Type 42 and the font format changes to PFA.

Supported source font types

Most font converters can convert the following font types:

- PostScript Type 1
- PostScript Type 3
- PostScript Type 42
- PostScript Type 1 Multiple Master
- TrueType

Supported source font formats

The table below outlines the font formats that most Font Converters can convert.

Source Font Format	Description
Windows PFA	No file name extension expected with font file. Format may contain all supported PostScript font types.
Windows PFB	File name extension (.pfb) expected with font file. Format may contain all supported PostScript font types.
Windows TrueType	File name extension (.ttf) expected with font file. Format contains only TrueType font type.
Macintosh PostScript in NTFS multi-stream file	No file name extension expected with font file. Finder type LWFN expected. POST resource in resource fork evaluated. Format may contain all supported PostScript font types.
Macintosh TrueType in NTFS multi-stream file	No file name extension expected with font file. Finder type TFIL expected. SFNT resource in resource fork evaluated. Format contains only TrueType font type.