

Font Converter

Use the Font Converter to convert font files to PFA (Printer Font ASCII) format, which Prinergy requires to correctly process fonts.

Font Converter contains two tabs: a **Global** tab and a **Job** tab. Fonts on the **Global** tab are stored on the home server and are available to all jobs. Fonts on the **Job** tab are stored in the job folder and are available only to that job. When in doubt, use the **Job** tab.

When Prinergy uses converted fonts

Prinergy uses converted fonts in two places:

- During the refine process, the normalize function uses PFA fonts to embed font information in the PDF pages it produces.
- During the output process, the renderer requires fonts in PFA format.

Supported source font types and formats

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

The Font Converter can convert the following font types:

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

The Font Converter can convert the following font formats:

Source font format	Description
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 only contains TrueType font type.
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.

Converted font type and format

The Font Converter always converts fonts to a PostScript font type PFA format.

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

Note: For fonts that are difficult to convert, try using Macromedia Fontographer to convert to a supported format.

Limitations of Font Converter

SMB file-sharing protocol does not support the Font Converter feature in Workshop. Font Converter works only with font files that have resource forks stored in an NTFS alternate data stream. Since SMB has resource forks stored in separate files, you need to manually convert the font files' resources to AFP format.