



Extensis Suitcase: The Need for Auto-Activation

White Paper Summary

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The Problem: Having the exact font you need, when you need it

One of the most common problems that any user encounters on a daily basis is seeing an application's Missing Fonts dialog. You know that the font was active and available when you created the document, but sometime between the time you originally created the document and the time you later open the document, those fonts were deactivated. Now when you open the document you encounter your application's Missing Fonts dialog. You now have to go seek out the exact font or fonts that were used in your document, activate them, and then return back to your document. Not exactly the most efficient way to spend your time at work.

The Solution: Extensis Suitcase & Apple's FontSync™ Technology

Over the last 10 years, advancements in font management applications have helped better address the problems associated with missing fonts. The best-selling font management application, Extensis Suitcase, has integrated Apple's FontSync technology to ensure that the exact font used to create a document is automatically activated when you open the document at a later time.

Through auto-activation support, Suitcase makes it easier than ever to activate your fonts. Whether you are using QuarkXPress in Mac OS X Classic mode or directly in Mac OS 9, or Adobe Illustrator 10 or Adobe InDesign 2.0 running native in Mac OS X, Suitcase will automatically activate the fonts you need, when you need them. Suitcase is the only font manager to use Apple's FontSync™ technology to ensure that the exact font used to create the document is activated when you open the document at a later time.

FontSync is a unique way to identify one font from another. Just like a fingerprint uniquely identifies one individual from another, FontSync uses all of the unique characteristics of a font and creates a profile. This profile is then stored in each document and used whenever the document is opened. Since the data is in the document, if the document is sent to another user, the data goes along with it. This means that if any other user with Suitcase opens the document, the fonts that are required by the document will be automatically activated or opened. No more missing fonts messages.

Auto-activation demonstrates the true value of font management by taking the work and responsibility of activating fonts off the plate of users. Suitcase does all the work. This function is completely automated so users no longer have to worry about having the right fonts at the right time.

Suitcase has been evolving as a font management utility since the early days of the Macintosh. In addition to the ability to auto-activate fonts, Suitcase also allows users to manually activate and deactivate fonts as needed. Designers, editors and production users all benefit from using Suitcase in their daily workflow. Suitcase was the first font manager to be released for Mac OS X and is the only font manager that supports PostScript Type 1, TrueType, Data Fork Fonts (dfont), Windows TrueType and OpenType fonts.