

FontGazer

Plug-in

User Guide for Macintosh and Windows

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Introduction

FontGazer is a font preview plug-in for Adobe InDesign. This unique plug-in allows you to find, try, and buy new fonts from Fonts.com with ease.

Find Fonts

FontGazer comes with a rich set of search capabilities that allow you to find fonts for any occasion and need. Font listings include information about the number of styles supported by the font, font features and the font type.

Try Fonts

FontGazer provides you with the unique ability to test-drive fonts before you buy them. After finding a font, you can select an existing text frame and apply the selected font to it. This will give you a real-world feel of the font according to the layout of the page.

Buy Fonts

After finding the required font, you can either send it to the shopping cart or proceed directly to the checkout screen at Fonts.com. A quick, effortless, and secure checkout process ensures that you get instant access to the fonts you have purchased.

The purpose of this user guide is to help users with FontGazer usage i.e., finding, trying, and buying fonts through the FontGazer plug-in.

Fonts.com from Monotype Imaging is a premier website that offers more than 150,000 fonts. Visit us at: www.fonts.com

Installation

Installing the FontGazer plug-in for Adobe InDesign is a quick and easy process. When installed, FontGazer needs no additional setup and is ready for use instantly.

Requirements

- Mac OS X 10.6 or higher
- Windows XP with Internet Explorer 8
- Windows 7 with Internet Explorer 9 (recommended)
- Internet connection (required to try out fonts)
- FontGazer is available for Adobe InDesign (Windows) and Adobe InDesign (Macintosh) as two separate versions. You should choose this plug-in according to the operating system you are using.

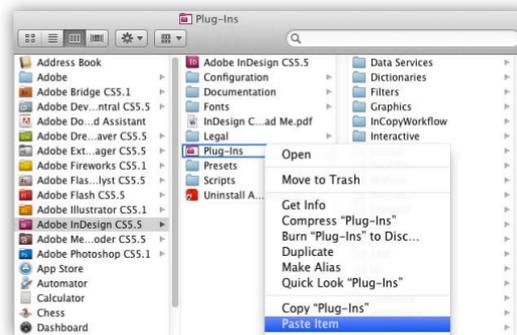
FontGazer supports Adobe InDesign version CS5 and above. Please make sure that a supported version of Adobe InDesign is installed on your computer.

Installation Steps

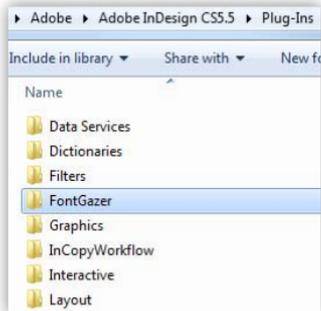
Follow the steps given below to install FontGazer:

1. Quit Adobe InDesign if it is already open. You should choose this plug-in according to the operating system and the version of InDesign (CS 5 or CS 5.5) you are using.
2. For Macintosh, copy the appropriate FontGazer plug-in and paste it into the *Plug-Ins* folder inside Adobe InDesign application folder.

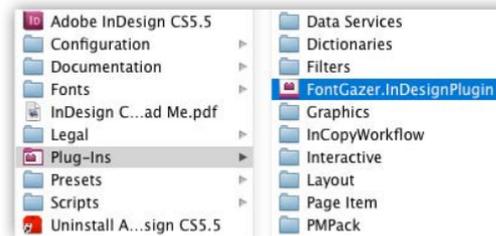
For Windows, copy the appropriate FontGazer folder and paste it into the *Plug-Ins* folder inside Adobe InDesign application folder.



Adobe InDesign Plug-Ins folder



FontGazer plug-in folder in Windows



FontGazer plug-in in Macintosh

3. According to your operating system, the Adobe InDesign Plug-Ins folder should now contain the required FontGazer plugin/folder.

Default *Plug-Ins* folder location:

- Windows - *Program Files/Adobe/Adobe InDesign [version number]/Plug-Ins*
- Macintosh - *Applications/Adobe InDesign [version number]/Plug-Ins*

4. Open Adobe InDesign and go to *Window > FontGazer*.



FontGazer available in the Window menu after installation

Update Notification

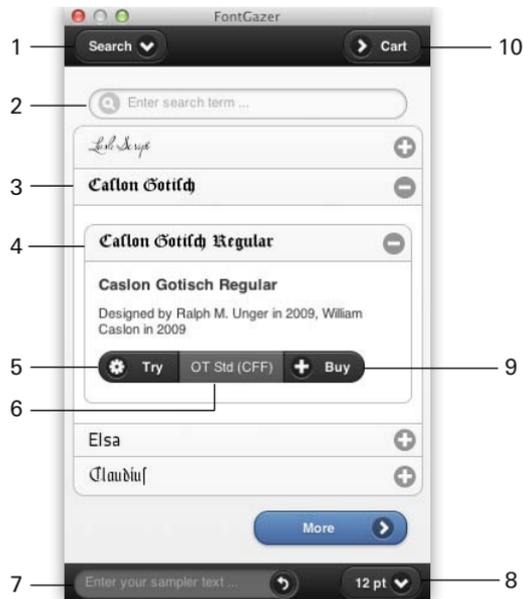
When a new version of FontGazer is released, an update notification is displayed near the top of the FontGazer window. Clicking on the notification link opens the FontGazer website. From there, you can download the latest version of FontGazer and replace with the existing plug-in by using the installation steps given above.



FontGazer - update notification

FontGazer Interface

FontGazer is a simple to use yet efficient plug-in that helps in finding new fonts to aid the creative process of creating document layouts in Adobe InDesign. The figure given below shows common interface elements of FontGazer:



FontGazer - interface

By default, FontGazer displays the list of all fonts released within the last month.

1. *Find Fonts*: Lists the various methods that are available to find fonts in FontGazer.

- *Search*: Search for fonts by a keyword related to the font like font name, font feature, designer, classification, language, etc.
- *Categories*: Browse fonts listed by font category. For e.g., sans serif, handwriting.
- *Usage*: Browse fonts based on the document type. For e.g., book, newspaper.
- *Themes*: Browse fonts based on different themes. For e.g., Christmas, birthday, business.



FontGazer - search fonts menu

2. *Font Search*: Used to enter a keyword related to the font to be searched.

3. *Font Text*: Displays the name of the font or the custom font text.

4. *Font Style*: Style of the selected font.

5. *Try*: Allows the selected font to be tried in a text frame with existing text.

6. *Supported Font Features*: Font format and language extension for the selected font.

7. *Custom Font Text*: Used to view the given text in place of the *Font Text*. The ability to give custom text is useful for understanding how characters are rendered in different fonts.



FontGazer - custom font textbox

Searching for an empty string in *Font Search* displays the list of all fonts released within the last month.

8. *Custom Font Size*: Font size for the *Font Text*.
9. *Buy*: Sends the selected font to the shopping cart.
10. *FontGazer Shopping Cart*: Takes you to the shopping cart.



FontGazer - shopping cart

All fonts in the shopping cart can be bought from the shopping cart by pressing the *Checkout* button.

Finding Fonts

In FontGazer, you can either find fonts by a keyword or browse fonts by category, usage, or theme. The *Find Fonts* drop-down menu can be used to select different options for finding fonts in FontGazer. These options are explained below:

Using Search

Use this option to search for fonts based on a keyword. Here, you can search for font name, font feature, designer, classification, language, etc. To search for a font based on a keyword:

1. Click on the *Font Search* textbox available near the top of the FontGazer window.
2. Write a keyword related to the font to search and hit the *Return/Enter* key on your keyboard.
3. In the results, select the required font to display different font styles for it. Expanding each style provides further details about the chosen font.



[FontGazer - font details](#)

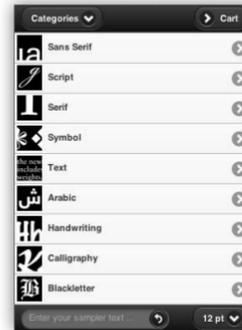
Search is the default option for the *Search Fonts* drop-down menu.

For more details about the *Find Fonts* options, see "[FontGazer Interface](#)"

Using Categories

Use this option to browse fonts based on different font categories like sans serif, handwriting, blackletter etc. To browse for fonts based on a category:

1. Click on the *Find Fonts* drop-down menu at the top-left corner of the FontGazer window and choose *Categories*.
2. In the *Categories* screen, select the desired category.
3. In the result list, select the required font to display different font styles for it. Expanding each style provides further details about the chosen font.



FontGazer - fonts by category

Using Usage

Use this option to browse fonts according to the document or intended usage. To browse for fonts based on your usage:

1. Click on the *Find Fonts* drop-down menu at the top-left corner of the FontGazer window and choose *Usage*.
2. In the *Usage* screen, select the desired usage criteria.
3. In the result list, select the required font to display different font styles for it. Expanding each style provides further details about the chosen font.



FontGazer - fonts by usage

Using Themes

Use this option to browse for fonts based on different themes like holidays, lifestyles, celebrations, etc. To browse for fonts based on the different themes:

1. Click on the *Find Fonts* drop-down menu at the top-left corner of the FontGazer window and choose *Themes*.
2. In the *Themes* screen, select the desired theme.
3. In the result list, select the required font to display different font styles for it. Expanding each style provides further details about the chosen font.



FontGazer - fonts by theme

Trying Fonts

FontGazer allows its users to test-drive a selected font before buying. Follow the steps given below to try a font chosen in FontGazer:

1. Find the required font in FontGazer.
2. Go to the Adobe InDesign document and choose the *Selection Tool* or *Type Tool*.
3. With the *Selection Tool/Type Tool*, select a text frame that contains some text.
4. Go back to the FontGazer window and click on the *Try* button available in the font details section.
5. Notice that the font of the text in the text frame has changed to the font you are trying.



FontGazer - Try button

To return to the original text, perform one of the following:

- Clicking on the *Try* button will automatically change it to the *Revert* button. After trying a font, you can restore it's original font by clicking on the *Revert* button.
- Choose *Restore text frame* from the text frame's context menu.



FontGazer - Revert button

For font preview, FontGazer implements the selected font and converts the text in the text frame to an image.

Buying Fonts

Just like Finding and Trying fonts, it is very easy to buy new fonts with FontGazer. The checkout process for buying fonts in FontGazer is the same secure connection that is enjoyed by many users around the world when they buy fonts from Fonts.com. Follow the steps given below to buy fonts in FontGazer:

1. Once the required font is selected, click on the *Buy* button in the font details section. This will send the selected font to the shopping cart.
2. In the shopping cart, click on the *Checkout* button available at the top-right corner of the FontGazer window. This will open a new FontGazer window.
3. In the new window, go through the list of fonts and check that the list contains all the fonts you want to buy. To delete a font from this list, click on the *delete this item* link available near the end of each font listing.
4. In the font listing, select the number of users who will be using the font.
5. Scroll down to the Checkout options and select *Member* or *Guest* checkout option.
6. In the *Submit Order* page, fill out all the details and review the order before pressing the *Submit Order* button.



FontGazer - Buy button



FontGazer - checkout window

Shopping cart keeps a record of your fonts till you remove them by clicking on the *Clear all* button.

7. Make sure the *Install after download* option is checked.
8. In the *Download Order* page, press the *Download* button to download the font to your local machine. If this is your first use, you will be asked to set a default font download location.
9. After the download, close the FontGazer window and check that the font has been installed.



FontGazer - download order page