

ProFont IIX

Version 1.0

What is ProFont IIX?

ProFont IIX is a monospaced font designed for programming. It's based on **ProFont Distribution 2.2** by Andrew Welch, Carl Osterwald and Steve Gilardi. Please read *About_ProFont_Distribution_2.2.pdf* for general information about ProFont.

While the original ProFont is stored in the »classic MacOS fashion« (i.e. the font information is to be found in the resource fork of the file), ProFont IIX is stored in a standard TrueType (.ttf) file which has all information saved in the data fork.

ProFont IIX contains (just like the original) the usual outline fonts as well as bitmapped fonts for screen display at certain sizes: 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 24 points. Please note that not all applications support display of bitmap fonts, they should work with ProFont IIX, too, but they use the outline versions instead.

Please also note that ProFont IIX probably wasn't properly tested with Windows or Linux, it was build for Mac OS X! It might work smoothly on Windows or Linux nonetheless – I don't just don't know. But if you try it on Windows, be sure to turn on ClearType font rendering.

For other Windows or Linux versions of ProFont, please visit the website mentioned at the end of this document.

ProFont IIX looks best in applications that use the bitmap version and with antialiasing turned **off**; it's acceptable when it uses the outline version and supports antialiasing. (If you don't know whether your favourite application supports bitmap fonts and antialiasing – well, just install ProFont IIX and see if you like it... after all, **that's** the important thing.)

And, apart from the font format, are there other things that a different in ProFont IIX compared to the original? Yes, there are:

- I've added the Euro Sign (€) – looks quite ugly at some sizes, but it works;
- the fi and fl ligatures are available, but they won't be automatically inserted when you type fi oder fl, because that's a nuisance when you're programming.

Why is it called ProFont IIX?

Because there are nearly no changes compared to ProFont 2.2. I added the x because in the first place I regarded it as being experimental. And because the first version was made at about the same time when the Macintosh IIX was available...

By the way, you can install both the original ProFont and ProFont IIX on your system, there will be no confusion.

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