

FontExplorer® X Pro

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Introduction

FontExplorer X Pro 5, the latest release for Macintosh introduces many new features and enhancements. The new User Interface is fully integrated with the latest Mac OS X versions. This document summarizes all the new key features provided in FontExplorer X Pro 5. Below is a list of the main features new to FontExplorer X Pro:

- **Welcome Tour**
- **Font Tiles View**
- **State of the Art User Interface**
- **New Font Stores Integrated**
- **New Plug-Ins**
- **WOFF 2.0 Support**
- **Unicode 7.0 Support**
- **Cloud Fonts**

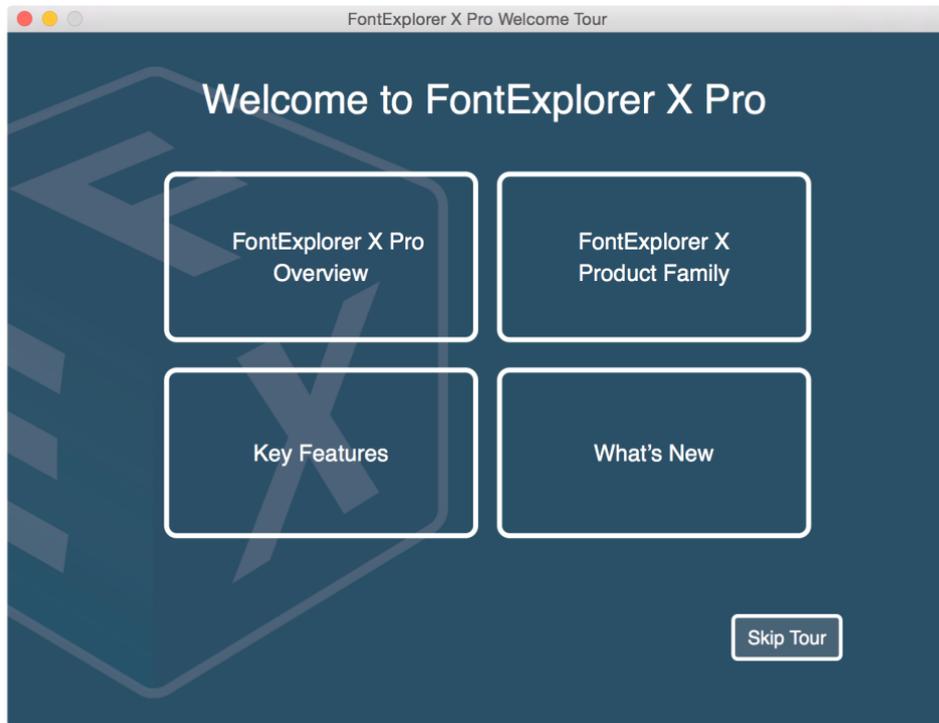


For a detailed list of all changes, see the corresponding Release Notes. To check the Release Notes, click

[FontExplorer X Pro Release Notes](#)

Welcome Tour

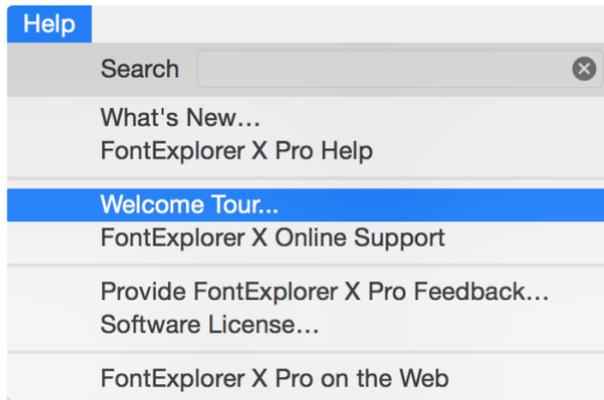
If you are new to FontExplorer X Pro the “Welcome Tour” is a good place to start with an overview of the product, product family and key features. If you’ve just updated from a previous version the “What’s New” section is the place to start for a quick summary of the new features.



“Shows an overview of the most important features as well as the new features.”

You can revisit the Welcome Tour at any time by selecting the “Help” menu and choosing:

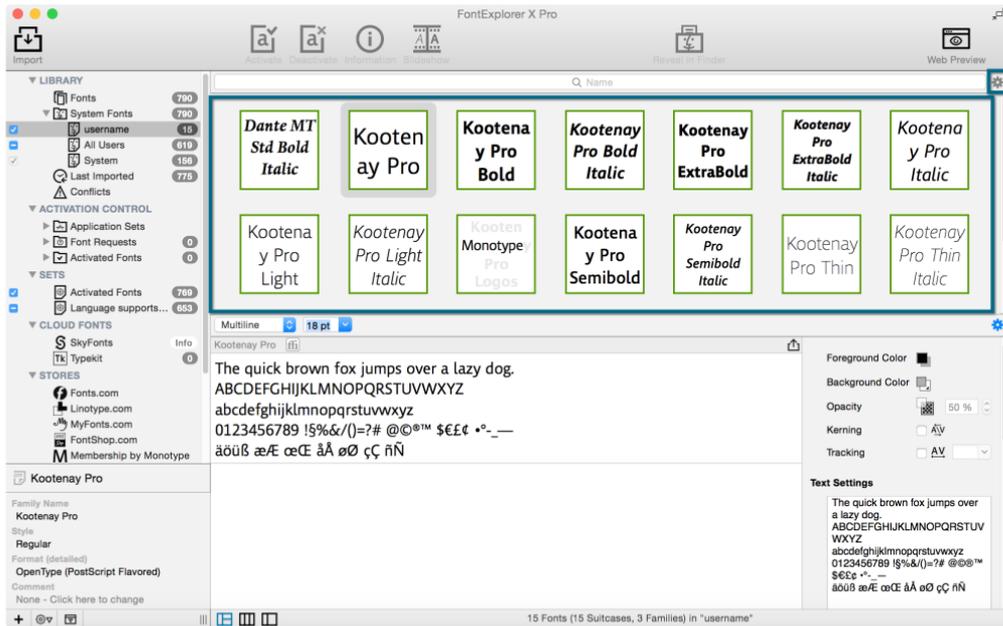
Help > Welcome Tour...



Welcome Tour slides are aimed at providing a general overview of the product itself, other products of the family, key features and newly introduced features for the latest release.

Font Tiles View

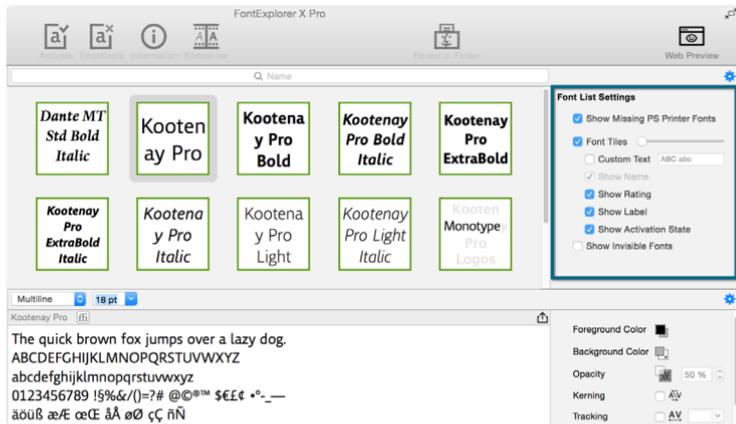
Enjoy a new user experience while viewing fonts in FontExplorer X Pro. The Font Tiles View is often a more convenient option to have a look at fonts. This feature provides a user-friendly interface, enabling you to view fonts in a mosaic like style. This feature also provides a character oriented browsing experience for both local and server fonts.



“You can customize this view from basic to extensive information.”

To enable the Font Tiles View:

1. Click on the Settings icon on the right side just above the font list. This will open the Font List Settings.
2. Select the Font Tiles option which will enable the Tiles related settings.



- **Slider** – You can increase or decrease the size of the Tiles.
- **Custom Text** – You can enter your own text to be shown in the Tiles in place of the font name.
- **Show Name** – When using “Custom Text” you can additionally show the font name at the bottom of the tile. When “Custom Text” is not selected, the font name is the default text in a Tile.
- **Show Rating** – When activated any rating that you assigned to a font will be shown in the upper right corner of the Font Tile.



“Enable/Disable the Font Tiles View from the Font List Settings.”

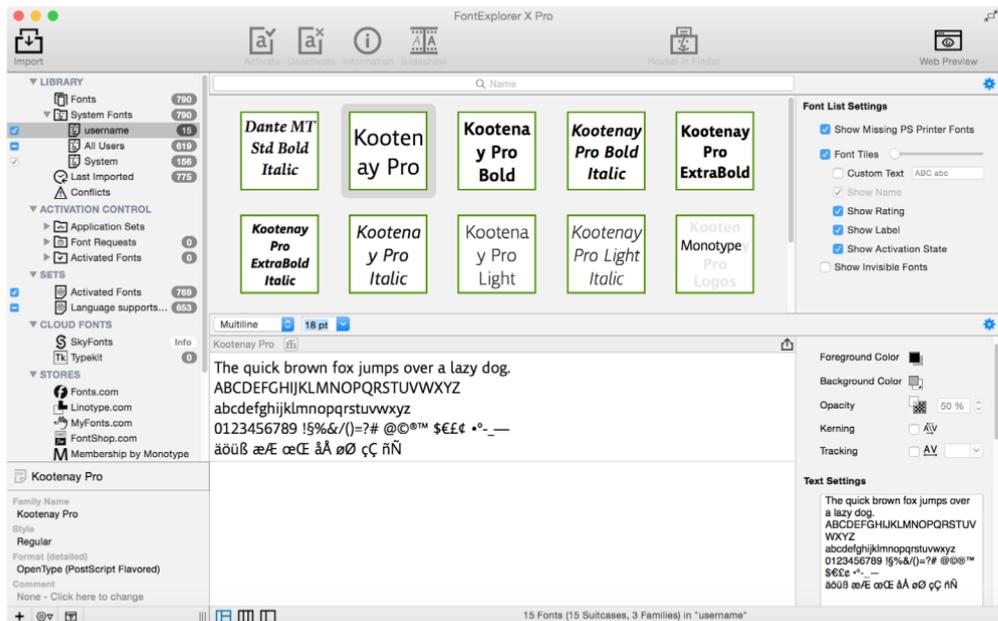
- **Show Label** – With this option colored labels that you assigned to a font will be shown in the upper left corner of the Font Tile.
- **Show Activation State** – When activated you can see the Activation State of the fonts. A green outline indicates an activated font, a grey outline is used to show a non-activated font, a red outline is a font that is no longer available in FontExplorer X Pro – a so-called “missing font”.

Selected fonts are indicated by a thick grey outline. To activate or deactivate a font in Tiles View, select the font or fonts and choose from one of these options:

1. Click on the Activate or Deactivate icon in the Toolbar.
2. Right-click on a Font Tile and select Activate or Deactivate from the contextual menu.
3. From the “Font” menu, select Activate or Deactivate.
4. Use the keyboard shortcut Shift+cmd+A to activate or Shift+cmd+D to deactivate.

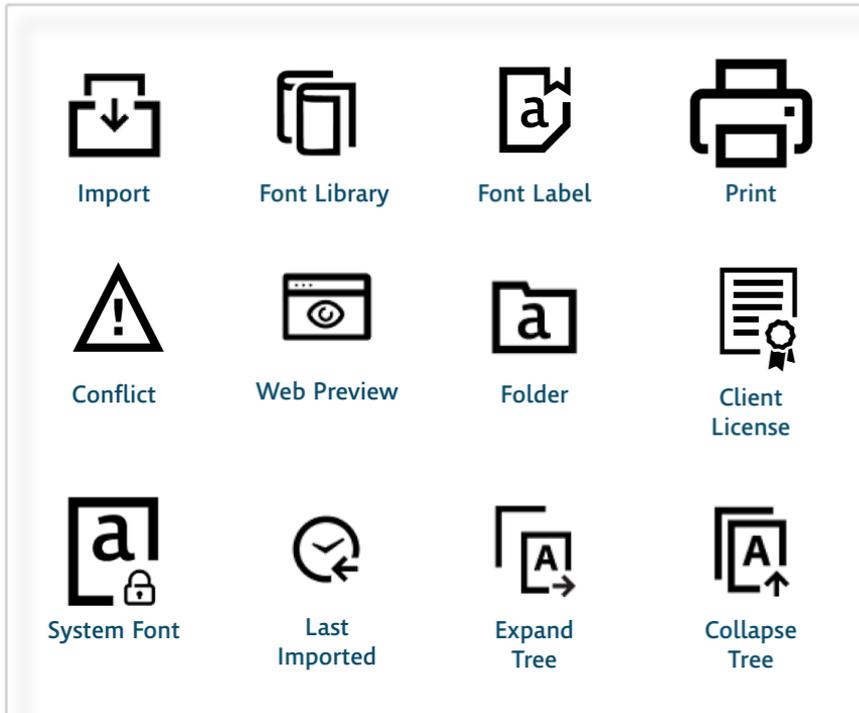
State of the Art User Interface

FontExplorer X Pro has adapted a new, modern user interface in keeping with the Mac OS guidelines. The flat design focuses on minimalistic use of simple elements, typography and flat colors without taking away any of the functionality of FontExplorer X Pro. Some preference settings for the Font List and Preview Area have been moved to a more convenient location directly in the main window. These areas can be shown or hidden by clicking in the gear icon in the main window.



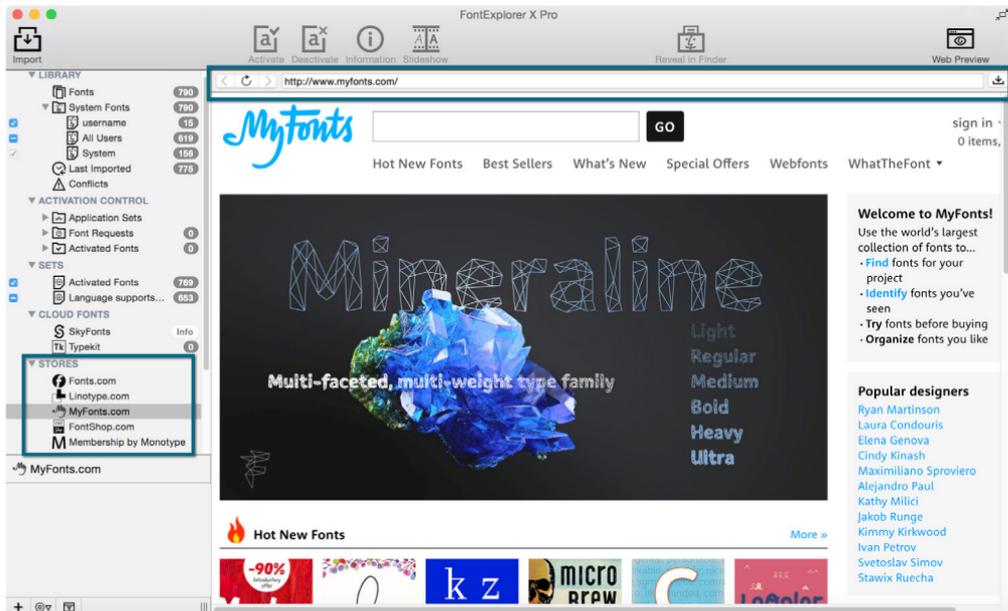
“FontExplorer X Pro 5 fully supports the Mac OS X dark mode.”

The new icons were designed to be simple while still conveying their function. But if you're not sure what an icon represents, just hover over it with the mouse and a tooltip will tell you its functionality.



New Font Stores Integrated

In FontExplorer X Pro 5, you will experience improved and enhanced Store functionality with five integrated online Font Stores. This eliminates a break in the workflow as purchased/licensed fonts can now be directly downloaded, installed and activated without leaving FontExplorer X Pro.



Now, you can select to work with up to five Font Stores in a browser window within FontExplorer X Pro. The view shows the original website of the Font Store which means all account and

purchase workflows are handled by the font portal. Supported online Fonts Stores are:



Fonts.com



FontShop.com

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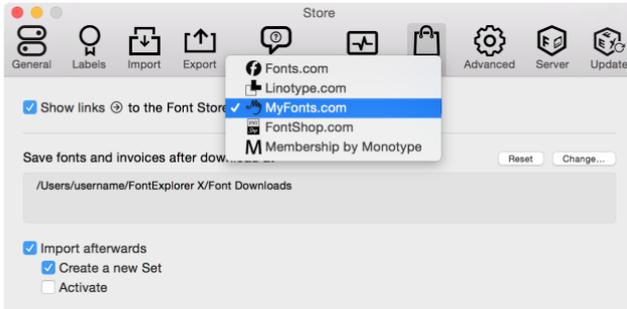
Linotype.com



MyFonts.com

Store Preferences

Select **FontExplorer X Pro > Preferences...** and click **Store**



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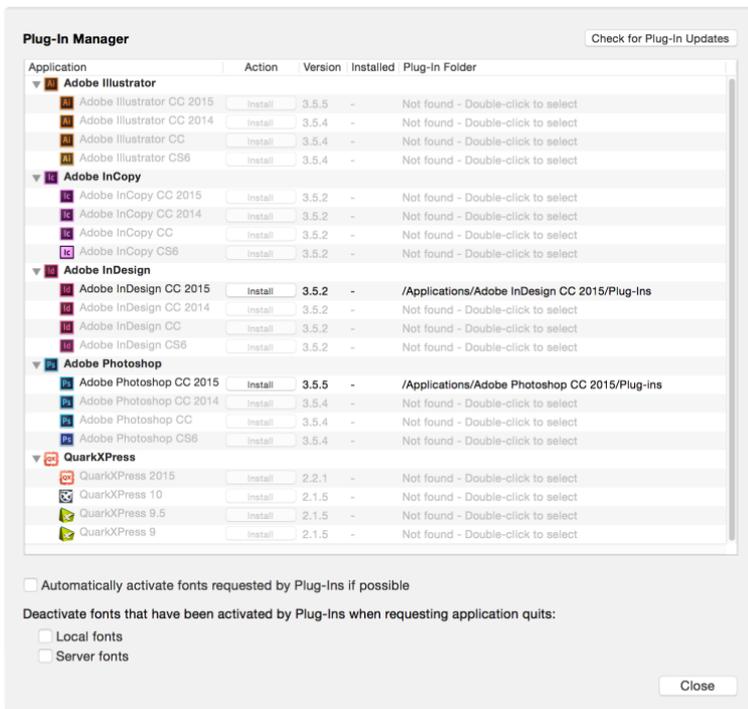
- specify a default store to search for fonts
- change download location
- configure **Import afterward** settings to optionally import the font after purchasing, create a new Set and/or Activate

Additionally you can customize the source list to show or hide specific Font Stores. Go to the "View" menu and select "Configure Source List".

New Plug-Ins

Updated Plug-Ins now support auto-activation for the brand new QuarkXPress 2015 and Adobe Creative Cloud 2015 InCopy, InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop applications.

Select **Tools > Plug-In Manager...**



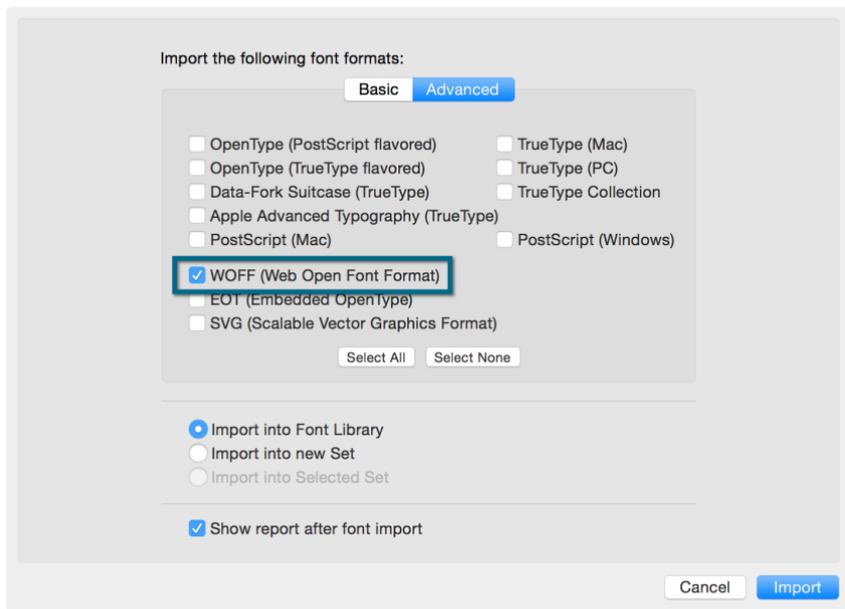
“QuarkXPress 2015 has been added to the QuarkXPress Plug-In list”

“Plugins for the Adobe Creative Cloud 2015, InCopy, InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop were added to the Adobe Plug-In list”

WOFF 2.0 Support

About WOFF 2.0

WOFF2 is a font format that provides, on average, a 30% reduction in file size, thus helping Web fonts load more quickly in compatible browsers.



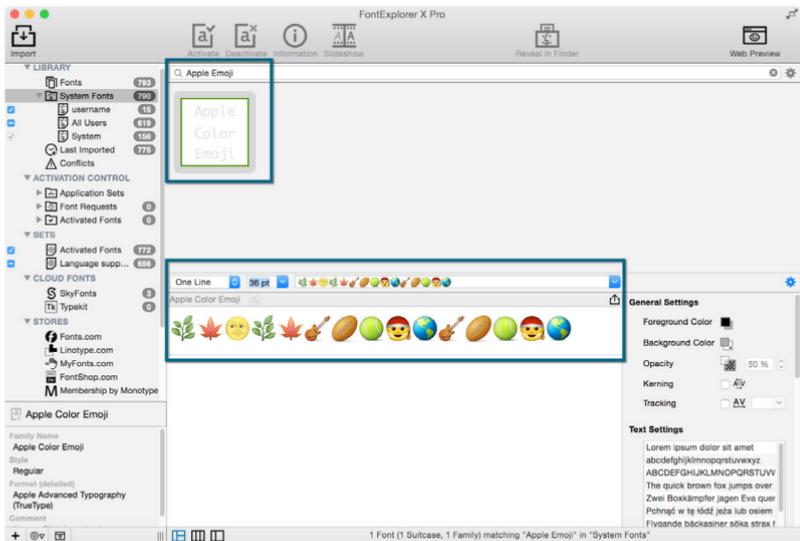
FontExplorer X Pro now supports WOFF 2.0 - Web Open Font Format. You can easily add the WOFF 2.0 fonts into FontExplorer X Pro and manage them just like any other fonts.

Unicode 7.0 Support

About Unicode 7.0

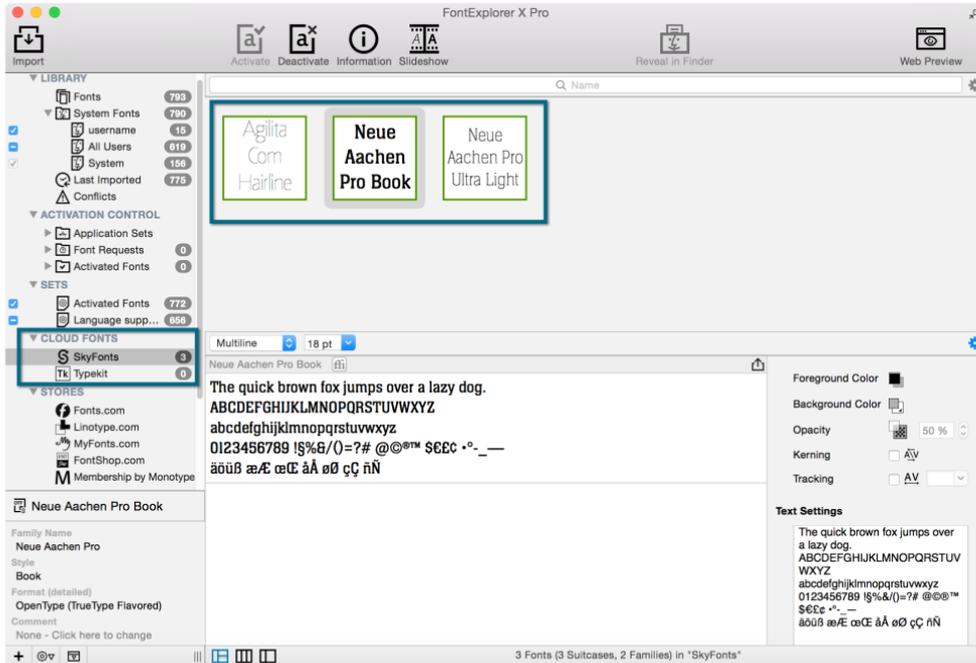
Unicode 7.0 adds a total of 2,834 characters, encompassing 23 new scripts and many new symbols, as well as character additions to many existing scripts.

Symbols can speak more than words, if you ever wanted to see all the characters of a font that uses Unicode 7.0 then you are on the right track with FontExplorer X Pro 5. Now FontExplorer X Pro will support Unicode 7.0 to display the new and updated character sets of this standard, which also includes 250 new Emoji symbols. Check the new fancy Emojis in the **Apple Color Emoji** font to get an idea of what that means.



Cloud Fonts

In addition to the Monotype SkyFonts solution, FontExplorer X Pro now also supports Adobe Typekit fonts with its own entry in the source list. When you download a cloud font it will automatically show up in FontExplorer X Pro and can be activated and deactivated like any other font.



Support and Additional Information

Should you have questions regarding FontExplorer X Pro 5, you will find further information on the FontExplorer X website at: <http://www.fontexplorerx.com>

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