

How to install and remove fonts on Mac

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Font management on Mac

You can manually install fonts on your Mac or use Font Book.

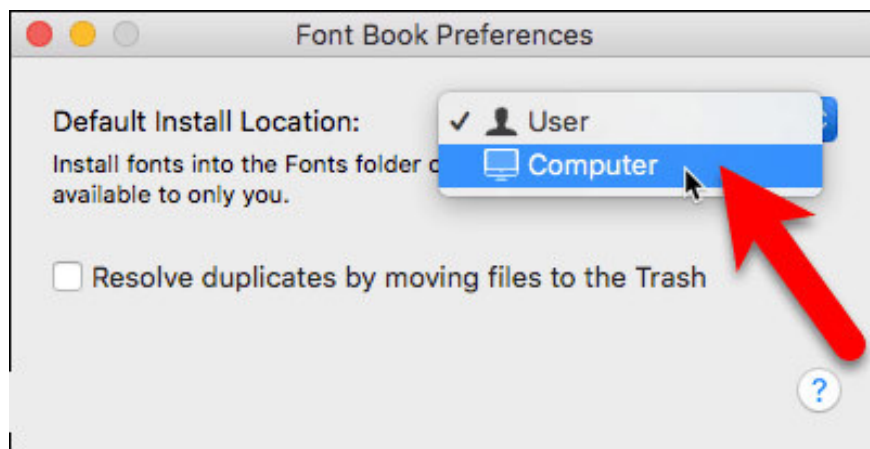
Font Book is included in Mac system and is the standard font management since OS X 10.3 (Panther). There are other font management tools, but Font Book has all the most basic features you need, including the ability to add, delete and manage fonts.

We recommend using Font Book, as it has the ability to disable fonts as well as solve duplicate fonts. But in this article, we will also show you how to add manual fonts.

Change the default installation location in the font book

In Font Book, there are two options for installing fonts. You can set the font for your own use (default **User** mode) or let all computer users can use them (**Computer** mode).

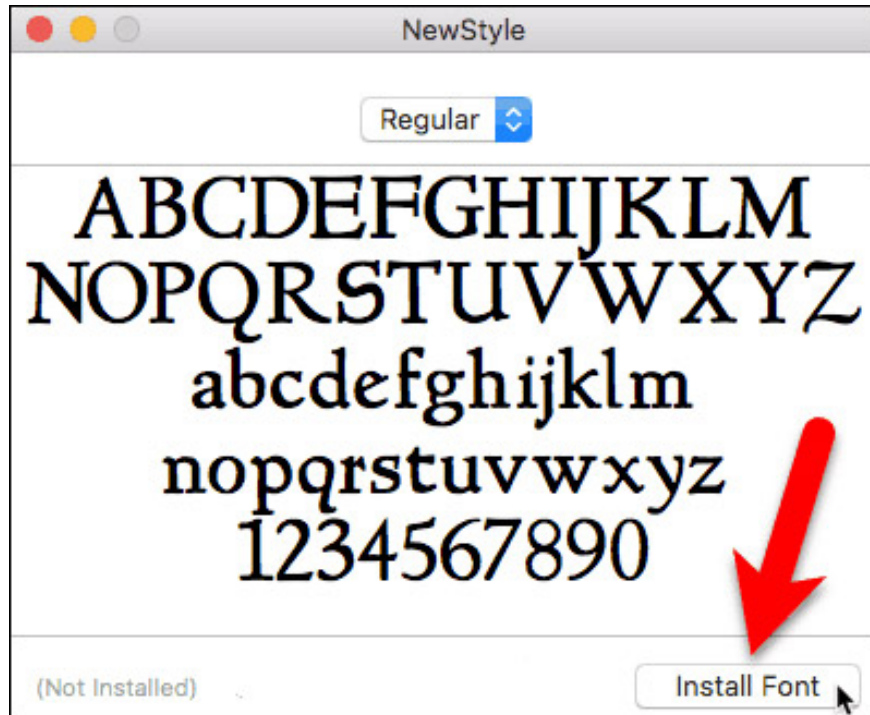
To change the default font installation location, open Font Book and go to **Font Book> Preferences** , or press **Cmd +,** (comma). Select an option from the **Default Install Location list** .



Install new Fonts with Finder and Font Book

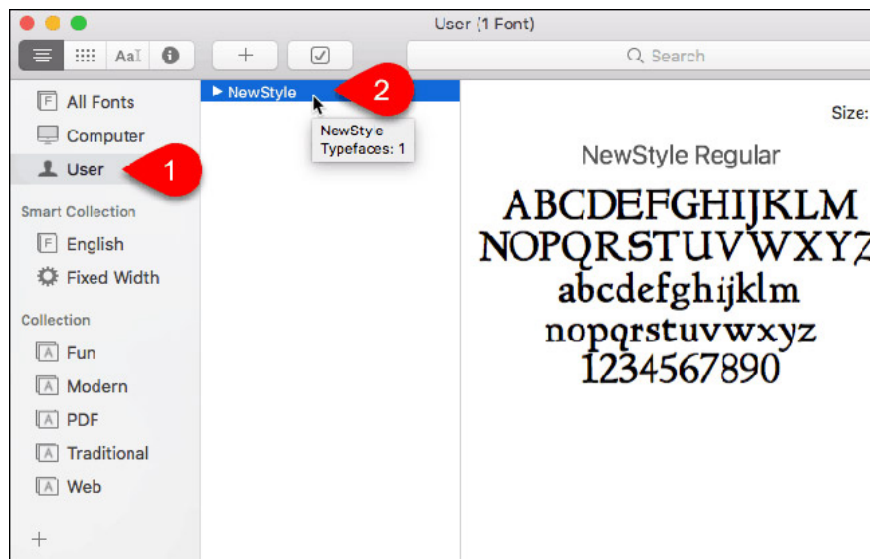
After you have chosen where you want to install the font by default, open the **Finder** and navigate to where you have stored the downloaded font. Double-click the font you want to install.

Click **Install Font** on the dialog box displayed.



The Font Book opens, and the font will be installed exclusively for you (**User**) or for all users (**Computer**), depending on what you have selected in **Preferences** .

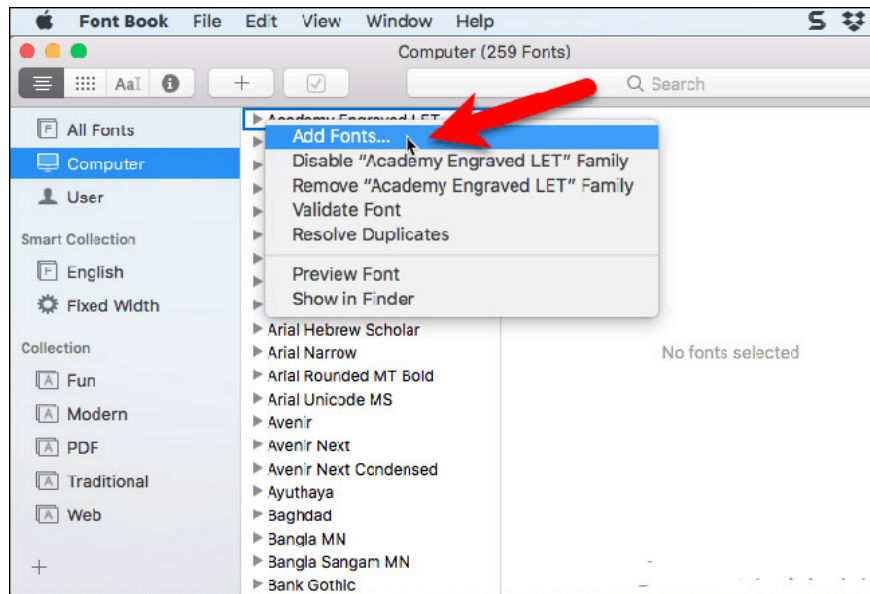
The font preview is displayed in the right pane.



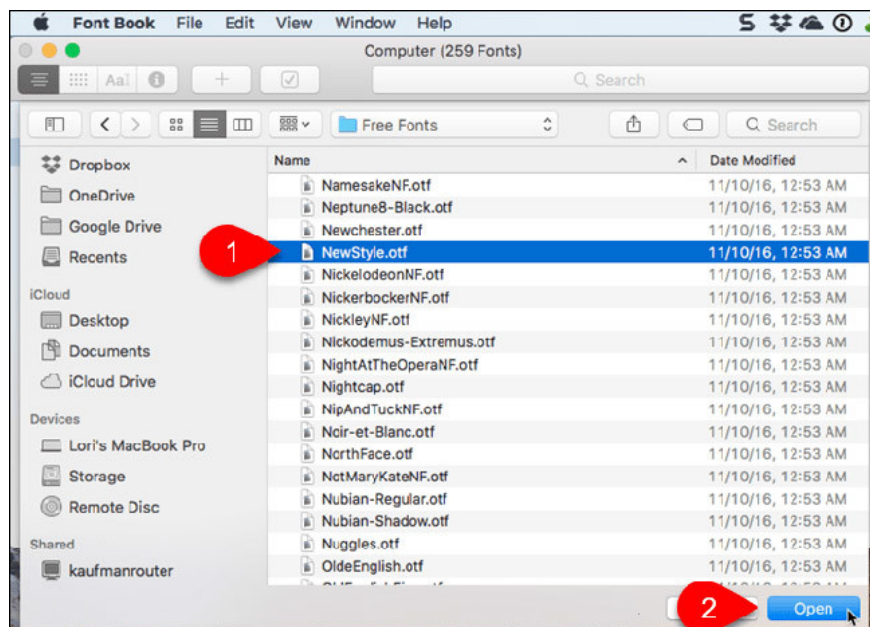
Install new font from right in Font Book

You can also add a font from within Font Book. Suppose you have set the default location to User, but you want to add the font for all users to use without changing the default location.

Click **Computer** in the left pane. Then, right-click on any font in the list on the right and select **Add Fonts** .



Find the folder containing the font you want to add, select the font and click **Open** .

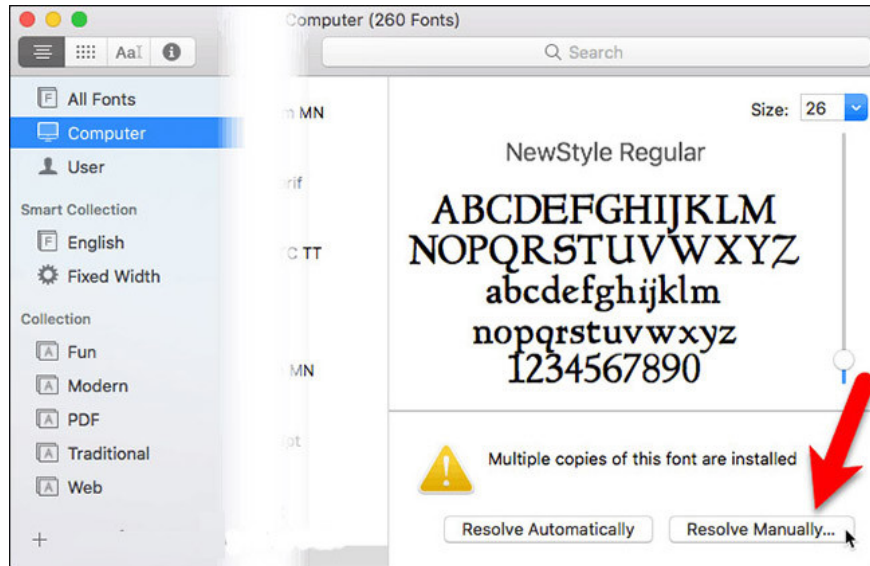


Resolve duplicate fonts when installing new fonts in Font Book

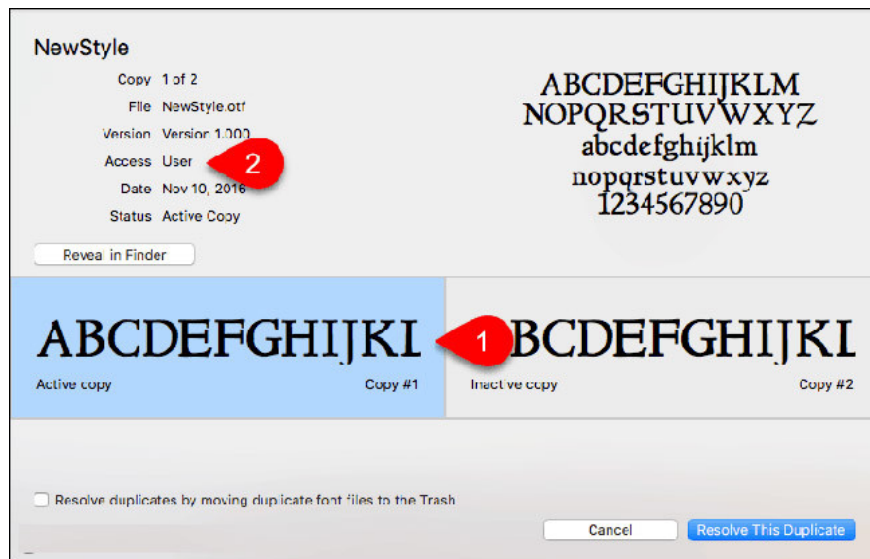
If you are installing fonts in Computer mode and the same font in User mode (or vice versa), a warning message tells you that many copies of a font have been installed.

You can solve the problem automatically, help Font Book make decisions about which font still works and which font is disabled.

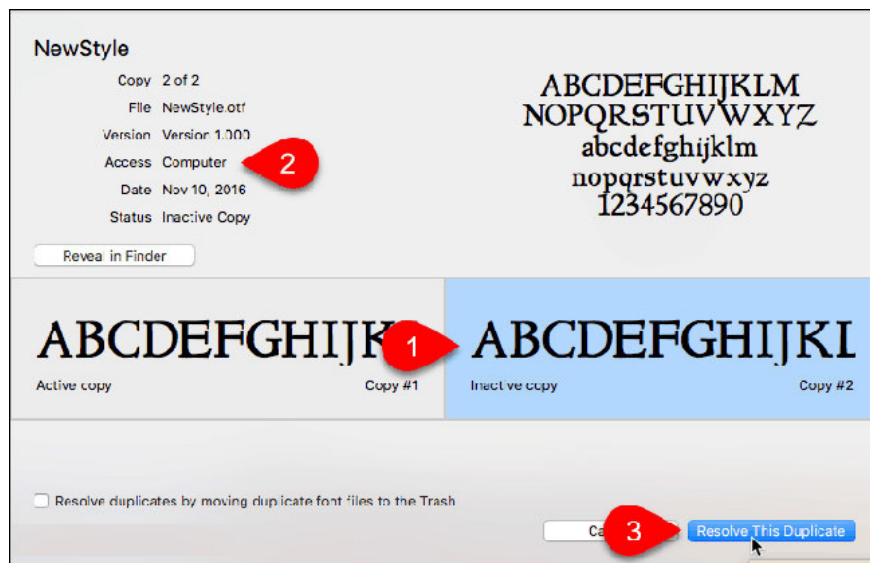
In the case of the following example, we will solve the problem manually, so we click **Resolve Manually** .



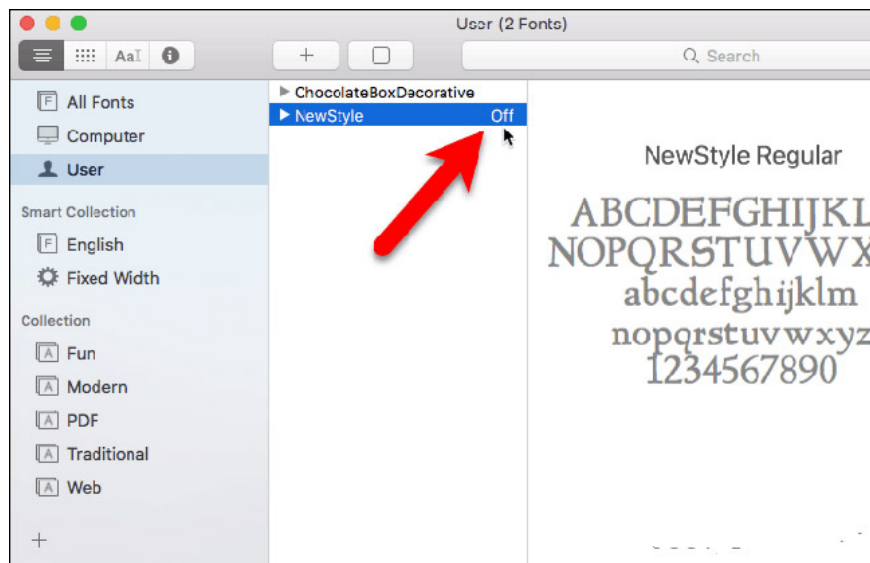
Both the **Active** copy and the font's **inactive** copy will be displayed. See **Access** to know who has access to the selected copy of this font.



We want to make this font available to all users, so click on the **Inactive** copy, which **Access** is **Computer** . We want to turn this copy into **Active** , so we click **Resolve This Duplicate** .



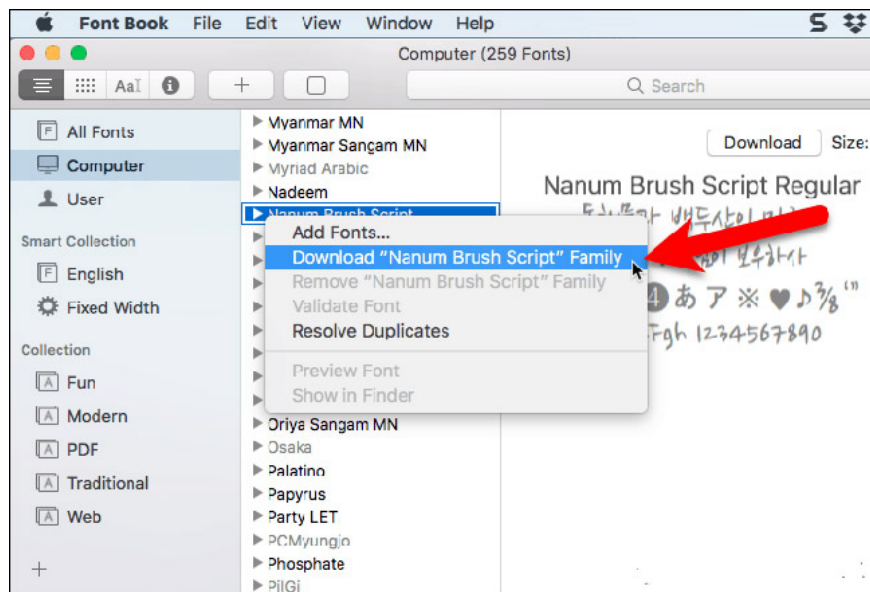
The copy of the font in **Computer** mode is enabled and the copy in **User** mode will be disabled or **Off**.



Font settings have not been downloaded in Font Book

Many fonts are installed on your Mac for all users, in **Computer** mode. In this list, you will see some fonts that are gray. These fonts are disabled (indicated by the word **Off** to the right of the font name) or they have not been downloaded yet.

To download fonts that are not available on your computer, right-click on the font and select **Download Family**. You can also click the **Download** button in the right pane.



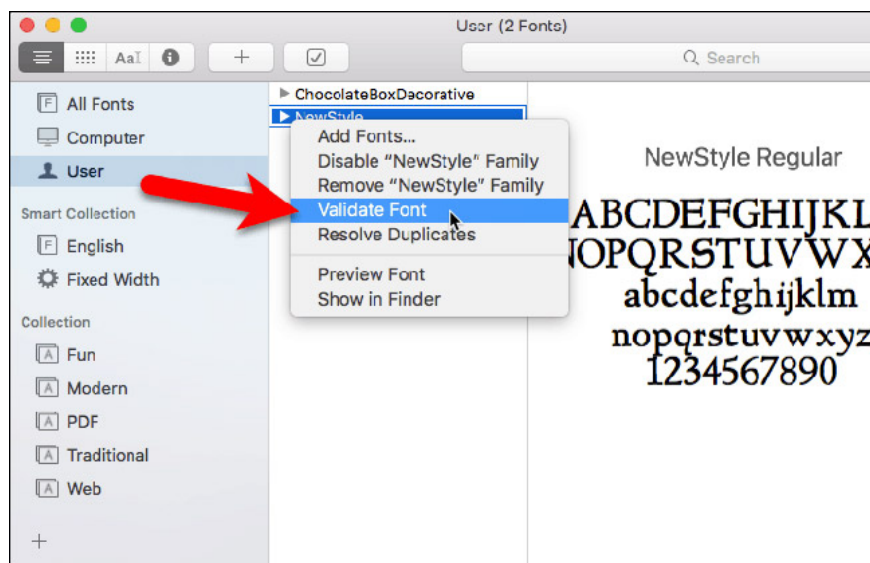
Validate fonts on Mac

When you install the font in Font Book, it will automatically check for errors or be authenticated. You can also authenticate the font manually after installation if an error occurs with that font.

Disabled fonts remain on Mac but cannot be used in applications.

Select the font (s) you want to authenticate and do one of the following:

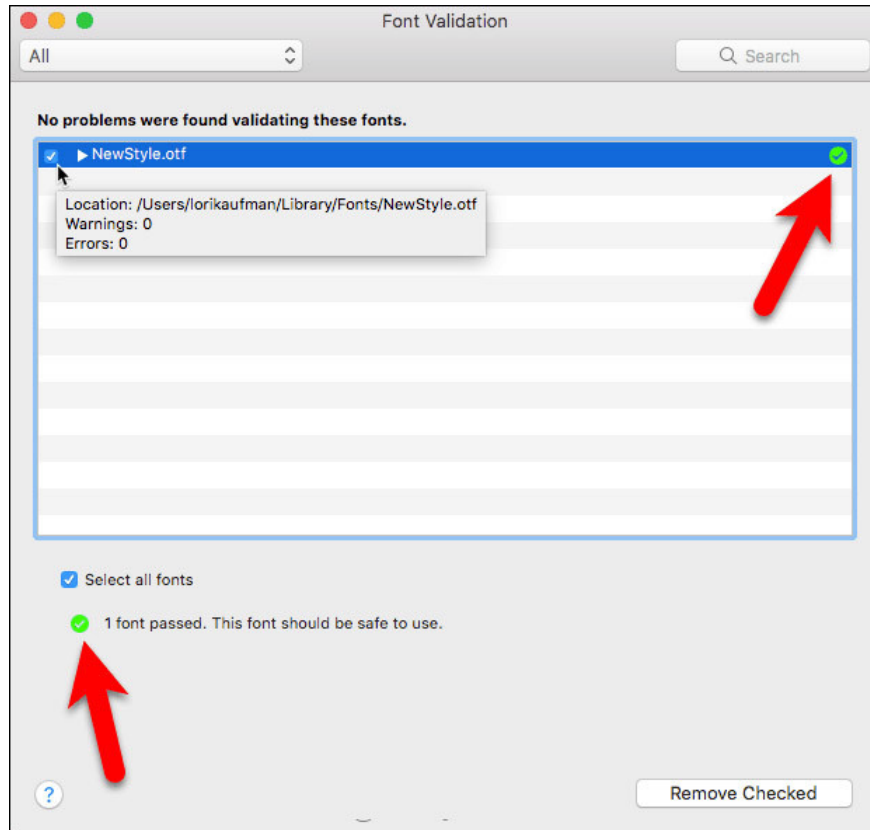
1. Right click on the font and select **Validate Font** .
2. Select **File> Validate Font** .



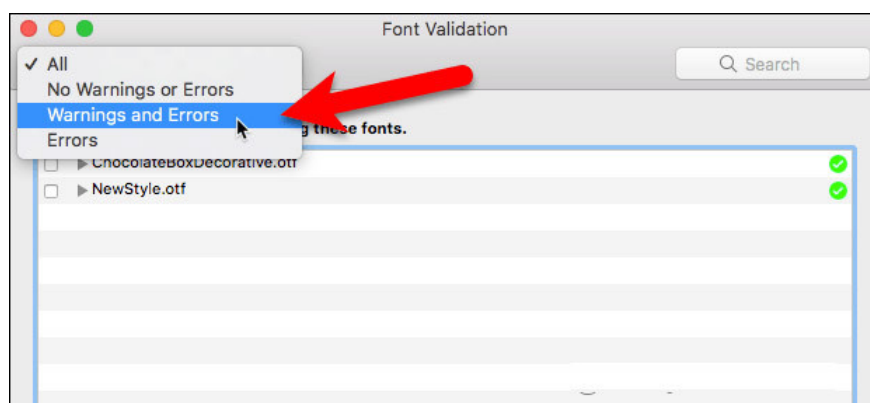
One of the three icons is displayed next to each font on the **Font Validation** window:

1. The green icon indicates that the font has been transferred.
2. A yellow icon indicates a font warning.
3. The red icon indicates an error: The font has not been successfully authenticated.

To resolve triggered and disabled alerts and errors (the next section will show you how to disable fonts), select the font and click **Remove Checked** .



If you have a long list of authentic fonts, there is a way to make it easier for you to find problematic fonts. Select **Warnings and Errors** from the list at the top of the **Font Validation** window.



To validate the font file before installing, open **Font Book** and go to **File> Validate File** . Select the file and click **Open** . **Font Validation** window displays the status of the font file. Then, you can install that font, if you

want, on the Validation Font window by selecting the font and clicking **Install Checked** . We recommend that you do not install fonts that display warnings or errors after authentication.

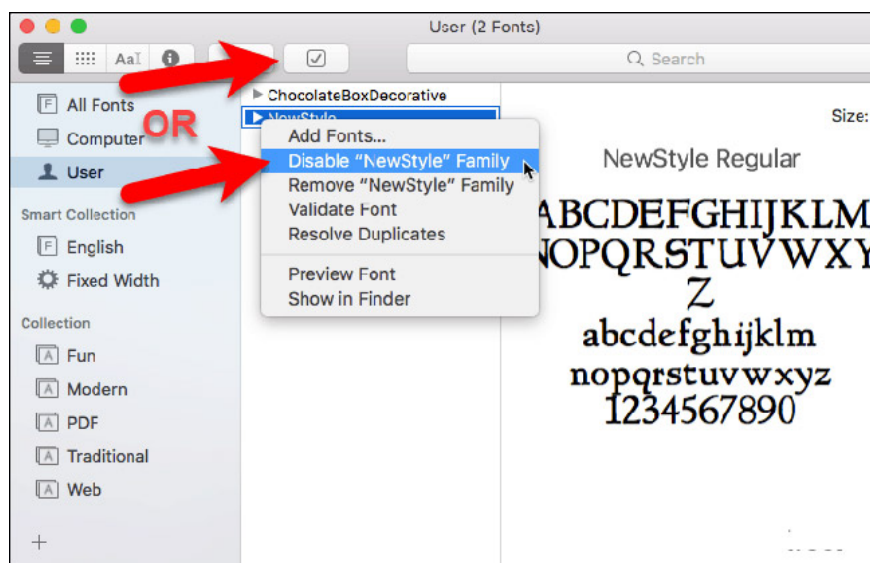
Disable fonts on Mac

If you decide you don't want to use a font anymore, but you don't want to delete it, you can disable that font.

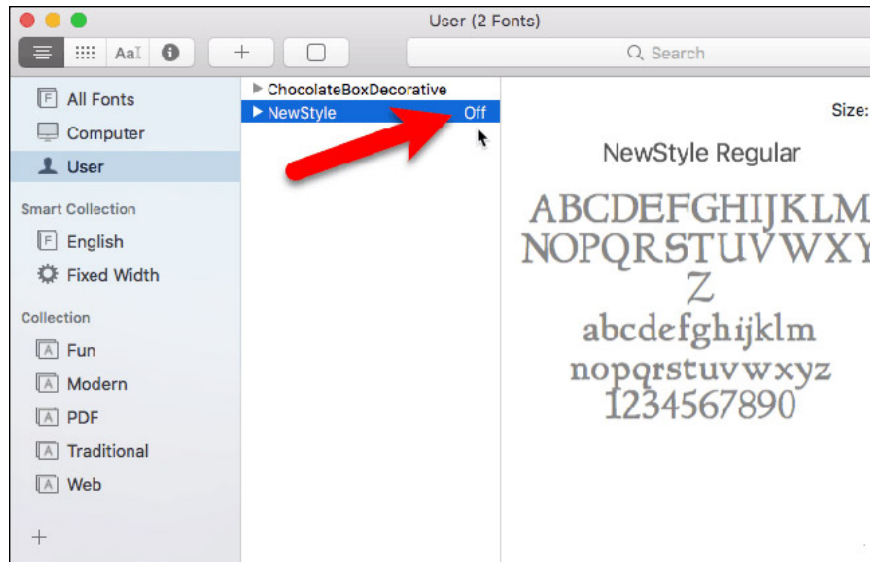
First, select the font (s) you want to disable. Then, do one of the following:

1. Right click on the font and select **Disable** .
2. Click the **Disable** button.
3. Go to **Edit> Disable** .

Note: System fonts cannot be disabled.



The disabled fonts are displayed in light gray and labeled **Off** . They are not deleted from your Mac but they cannot be used in applications.



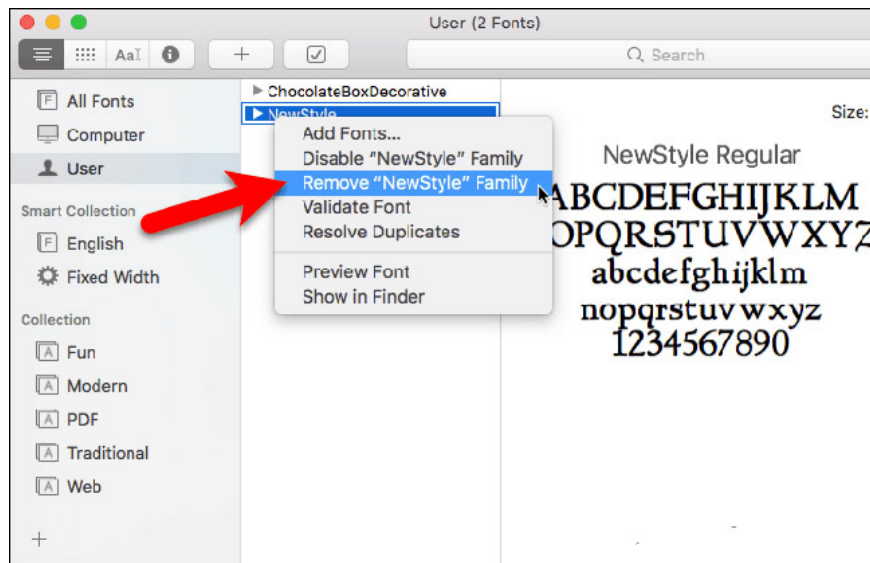
Remove fonts on Mac

If there are fonts you don't want to be on your Mac, you can delete them.

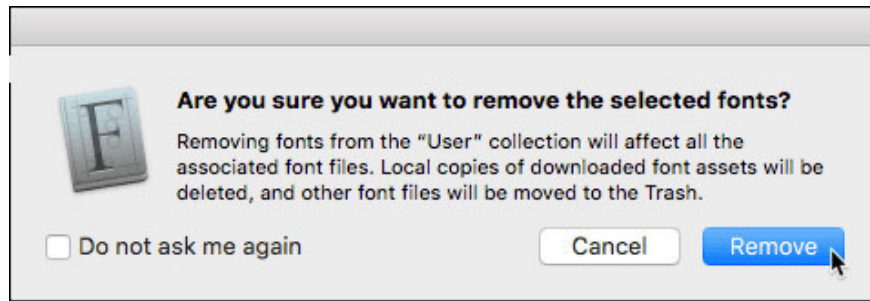
To remove the font in Font Book, select that font and do one of the following:

1. Right click on the font and select **Remove**.
2. Press the **Delete** key.

Note : The system font cannot be deleted.



Click **Remove** on the display confirmation dialog.

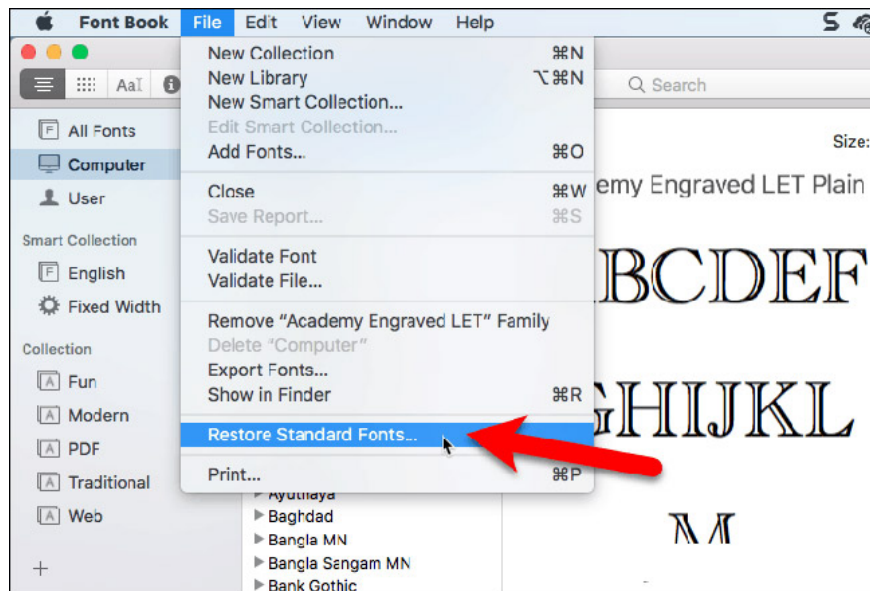


Deleted fonts will be transferred to **Trash** and not in **Font Book** or in applications.

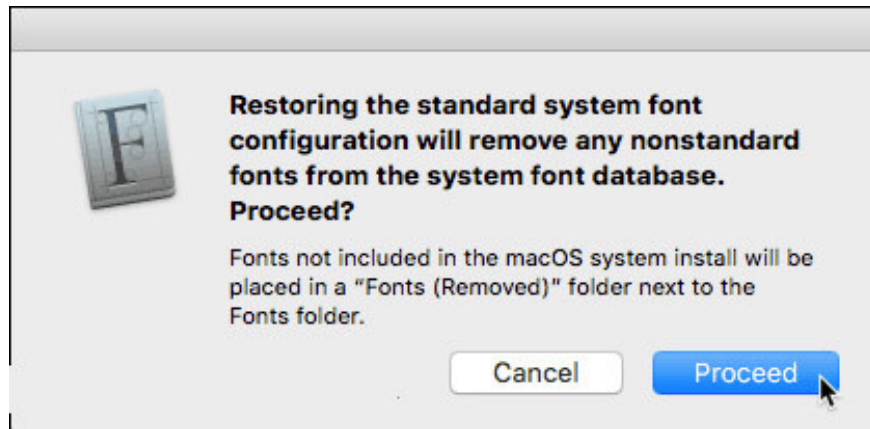
Restore standard fonts on Mac

If you are having trouble with any of the fonts you have installed in Font Book, you should restore the fonts that were originally installed on your Mac. This will move the fonts you have installed into a separate folder, making them no longer available for use in the application.

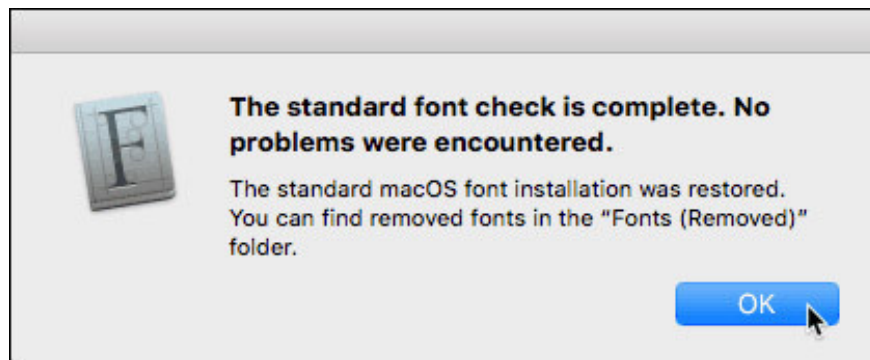
Open **Font Book** and go to **File > Restore Standard Fonts** .



Click **Proceed** on the confirmation confirmation dialog.

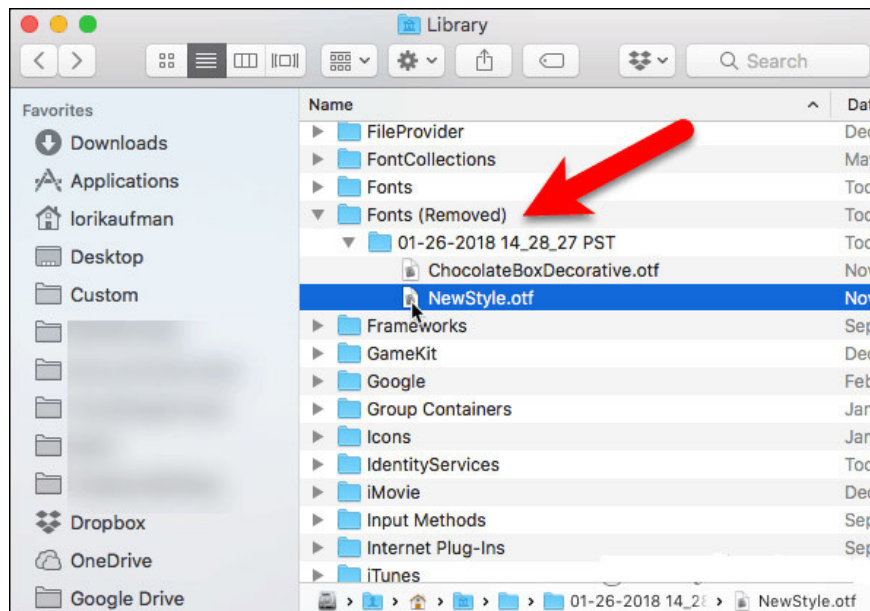


You are informed that the standard font has been restored. Click **OK** .



Other fonts are moved to a folder in the user's Library, ~ / **Library / Fonts (Removed)** or the machine's main Library directory, / **Library / Fonts (Removed)** , depending on where it is installed.

To reinstall the deleted fonts, reinstall them using one of the methods we mentioned above.

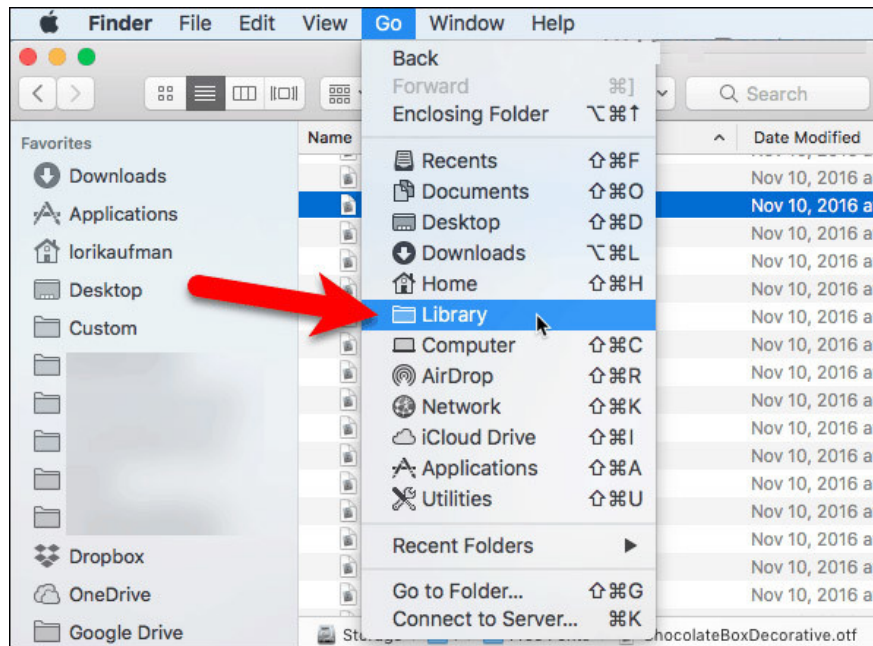


Install fonts manually on Mac

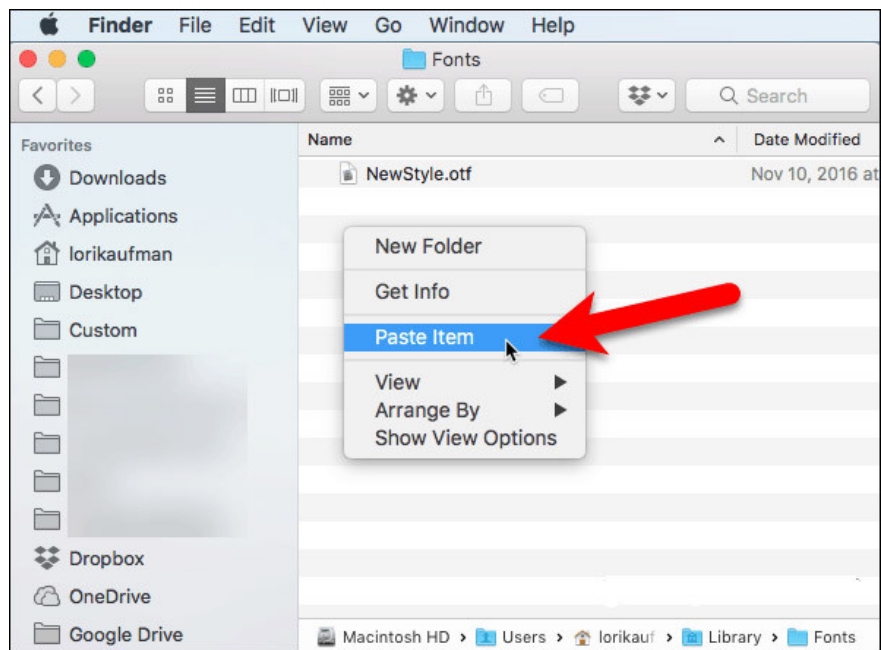
If you want to install fonts manually, you can copy the font files into the appropriate **Fonts** folder on your Mac.

To set the font only for your use, copy the font file and go to the / **Users / Username / Library / Fonts** folder, replace the **Username** with your username. If you want the font to be available to all users, go to the / **Library / Fonts** folder on the Mac hard drive.

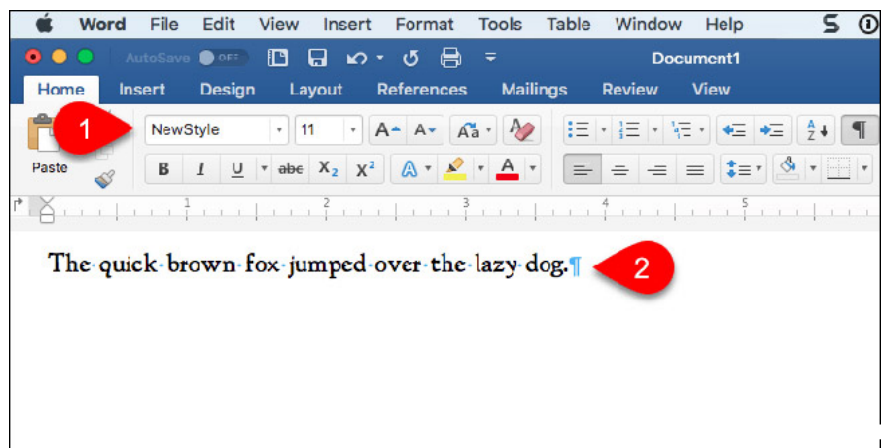
If you don't see the **Library** folder in the **Finder** , open the **Go menu** , press and hold the **Alt** key to make the **Library** available on the menu. Then select **Library** . You can also make the Library folder available permanently in the Finder.



Paste the font file into the Library folder by right-clicking and selecting **Paste Item** or by pressing **Ctrl + V**.



Manually installed fonts are now available in the application. For example, this is the **NewStyle** font used in Word documents.



See more:

1. [How to convert Mac font \(dfont\) to Windows font \(ttf\)](#)
2. [Instructions for installing new fonts in Mac OS X](#)
3. [Website helps you manage all fonts installed in your computer](#)

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