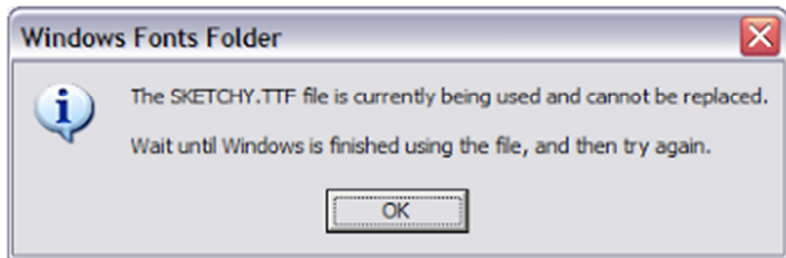


Install Font(s) Without Administrator Privileges

When you try to install a font without having proper permissions to the `C:\Windows\Fonts` directory, this is the error message you get:



The SKETCHY.TTF file is currently being used and cannot be replaced.
Wait until Windows is finished using the file, and then try again.

This one is a classic among all the ambiguous and disorienting error messages that Windows throws in our way. It says that the file is in use, but if you get this error you can be pretty sure that it is a permission issue.

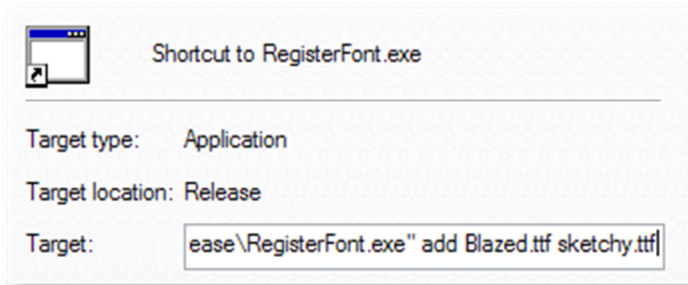
How to Install Fonts in Windows as a Normal User?

Windows have made it extremely difficult for normal users to install fonts. This is because the `C:\Windows\Fonts` where all the Fonts live peacefully is writable only by Administrator. Either the administrator need to give you write permission to this folder (which will not be that feasible in a corporate environment) or you will have to read along this post till the end.

There is a small command line utility which can add and remove fonts to your font cache. This addition is temporary – it lasts only till the system is rebooted. Therefore this utility need to be run each time you start your system. Here are instructions to do so:

1. Download the RegisterFonts utility
2. Unzip it to a suitable location for running the app from
3. Download all the fonts (.ttf files) that you want to install into this location.
4. *Right-click* on RegisterFont.exe and select *Create Shortcut*
5. Right click on this shortcut and select *Properties*. Append the string `add font1.ttf font2.ttf` to the Target field. Remember to replace *font1*,

font2, etc. with the name of the fonts that you have downloaded to this folder. In this case we have added two fonts, *Blazed.ttf* and *sketchy.ttf*. The shortcut properties looks like this:



6. Drag this newly created (and edited) shortcut to *Start Menu -> All Programs -> Startup* folder so that this gets executed each time the system is rebooted.

Once you run the shortcut, you will see that the fonts you added are available to you in all Windows applications.

Those who experiment with a lot of fonts can also remove fonts from the cache at runtime. To do this, open a command prompt, navigate to <RegisterFont.exe directory> and run the command: `RegisterFont.exe rem fontname.ttf`.

Download RegisterFont: <http://anoopengineer.googlepages.com/RegisterFont.zip>

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