Neo Alternative Display Fonts

These are alternative screen-fonts for use with the AlphaSmart Neo. They change the typeface shown on the Neo's LCD display. They do not affect printed characters, or characters transferred to a PC or Macintosh.

The fonts provided are:

Solo

A bold-face font that uses a narrow typeface (roughly equivalent to the Neo's standard 'Small' font, but which shows only a single line on screen. This is handy for suppressing sudden urges to go back and edit what you have just written...

Bold

The same typeface as **Solo**, but in a six-line font. This is a slightly stylised font which may be easier to read than the standard 'small' font.

Tech1

An alternative version of **Solo**, but with more stylised characters.

Tech6

An alternative version of **Bold**, but with more stylised characters.

Micro

A 7-line font, similar in style to 'Small'.

Nano

An 8-line font, similar in style to 'Small'

Femto

A 9-line font. Not the prettiest of type-faces, but suitable for editing large amounts of text on the Neo's screen.

Atto

An 11-line font. Just about readable on the Neo's screen and able to show around double the number of words as the standard 'small' font size.

Neuropol

A conversion of Ray Larabie's highly-stylised free font 'Neuropol'. To download a copy of the original font (as well as many other excellent typefaces for PC and Mac) see http://www.typodermic.com/

Klingon

Useful if you are learning another language, or for free-form writing without the distraction of being able to read what was just written. This is a conversion of Lars Kasper's font. For more information see http://www.kasper-online.de/en/docs/startrek/klingon.htm

Mirror

A version of **Tech6** that mirrors each letter left to right. Useful for pretending to be Leonardo da Vinci...

These fonts have been tested on a UK Neo running OS 3.1 and AlphaSmart manager running under MacOSX (Tiger). Use of these font files is entirely at your own risk - neither the author nor Renaissance Learning can be held responsible if you loose data or damage your computer as a result.

To install the fonts use AlphaSmart manager. The fonts are actually small SmartApplets and can be installed or removed from the Neo just like any other SmartApplet. Before installing, make sure that you back up any files on the Neo to your main computer.

Once a font is installed, you can select it by pressing CTRL-OPTION-CMD-F. Use the cursor keys to select the font from the menu. The fonts are shown in the menu in the same order as they are shown in the SmartApplet

install dialogue in AlphaSmart manager.

Should one of these fonts causes your Neo to crash you may need to reset your Neo. To do this:

- 1) turn Neo's power off
- 2) While holding down the right hand 'Shift' and 'Back-space' keys, turn the power on.
- 3) Press 'Y' to reset the Neo back to the factory defaults.
- 4) Enter the reset password ("tommy")
- 5) Use AlphaSmart manager to remove the font files and/or restore other SmartApplets.

Please email any feedback or suggestions to support@alquanto.com

If you would like a copy of the font editor, it is available for MacOSX 10.4 (Tiger) only. To obtain a copy email support@alquanto.com.

Samples

Micro:

How quickly daft jumpin9 zebras vex. Atto:

How quickly daft jumping zébras véx Femto:

How quickly daft jumping zebras vex Nano: How quickly daft jumping zebras vex.

How quickly daft jumping zebras vex. Bold/Solo:

How quickly daft jumping zebras vex. Tech1/Tech6:

xev sarbez gnipmuj tfad ylkciuq woH Mirror:

How quickly daft jumping zebras Neuropol:

Klingon:

Version History

- 1.5 Corrected the definition of the ¿ character. Corrected some characters in 'Micro'.
- Corrected line count for Femto. Added Tech1, Tech6 and Mirror. Added samples. Modified Solo and Bold to better distinguish between 'I' and 'I'.
- 1.3 Minor changes to the character style for the letters e, C and F in "Bold" and "Solo".
- 1.2 Added "Femto", "Atto", "Solo", "Bold", "Neuropol" and "Klingon".
- 1.1 Initial release of "Nano" and "Micro" fonts.