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What is the Core Client?

The Core Client is a lightweight font activation application designed to accommodate users outside the design and editorial communities. It works with Universal Type Server to automatically activate specific sets of fonts when a user logs in to their computer, prevent unauthorized font activation, and keep all users in compliance with available font licenses.

Core Client allows the user to choose to activate Startup Sets in any single workgroup, or in all of their workgroups.

Core Client key advantages:

- **Compliance**: Keeps every computer in your organization licensed and legal.
- **Consistency**: Organize and distribute fonts to all users across the organization to ensure consistency.
- **Prevention**: Close the holes and prevent users from introducing rogue fonts onto their systems and into the workflow.

When the Core Client starts, it activates all fonts in the Startup Sets that are in the selected workgroup. The Core Client also enforces the System Font Policy specified for the user. The administrator can designate which fonts are allowed in the user’s System Fonts, and if the user attempts to install other fonts they will be automatically removed (Mac) or deactivated (Windows).
Preparing for the Core Client

To prepare your Universal Type Server and user systems for the Core Client, you will need to do the following:

1. Ensure that your Universal Type Server license includes the Core Client. See Licensing the Core Client below.
2. Download the Core Client installers. See Downloading the installers below.
3. Confirm that user systems meet the Core Client system requirements. See System requirements on the next page.
4. Create Core Client user accounts using the Management application. See User accounts on the next page.
6. Install the Core Client. See Installing the Core Client on page 8.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not install the Core Client on a system with Universal Type Client.

Licensing the Core Client

The Core Client is licensed on a per-seat basis, and requires the Enterprise Edition of Universal Type Server.

You activate and review Universal Type Server licenses in the Management application. Your Universal Type Server system needs to connect to the Internet to validate your license and add-ons.

To determine if you have a license for Core Client connections, log in to the Management application, click the Administration tab, then click Licenses.

If you need to purchase licenses for the Enterprise Edition or the Core Client, contact Extensis Sales.

Once you have purchased an additional feature for Universal Type Server, you need to update your license:

1. Open the Management application.
2. Click the Administration tab, then click Licenses.
3. Click Remove, then click OK.
4. Click Activate Universal Type Server.
5. Enter the credentials for your License Administrator account, then click Submit.
   - If you have multiple Type Server licenses with the same License Administrator, choose the appropriate license and click Select.

For more information, see the Management application documentation.

Downloading the installers

You can download the Core Client installer from Universal Type Server Support. Be sure to download installers for the platforms that you are supporting.
System requirements
The latest system requirements and other information is available at Universal Type Server System Requirements.

Macintosh
- macOS™ 10.11 through 10.14
- 2.0 GHz or faster processor
- 1 GB available hard drive space for application files, plus additional space for fonts
- 100 Mbit/s or faster network connection

Windows
- Windows® 8.1 or Windows 10
- 2.0 GHz or faster processor
- 1 GB available hard drive space for application files, plus additional space for fonts
- 100 Mbit/s or faster network connection

User accounts
All Core Client users need to have an account on your Universal Type Server. You can use an LDAP server to authenticate existing network users, or you can create user accounts manually.

For details about adding network user accounts to your Type Server, see the Directory Services or Active Directory section of the Management documentation.

For network user accounts, you may still wish to change some of the account settings as described below.

NOTE: The Core Client can be used with Active Directory and Kerberos Single sign-on to automatically connect the user to the correct Type Server without them having to enter a password. See Connecting automatically on page 11.
To create a user account:

1. Start your web browser and log in to the Management application.
2. Click Users in the workspace tab at the top of the window.
3. Optional: Choose a workgroup from the Filter By Workgroup pop-up menu.
   If you choose a workgroup, new users will be added to that workgroup. If you choose All Workgroups, new users will not be added to any workgroup.
4. Click + at the top of the Users list to add a new user.
5. In the User Account Data pane on the right, click Account and enter at least a User ID.
6. Click Settings. Only a few options are used for Core Client users:
   - **Enforce System Font Policy:** Select this option to have the Core Client monitor the user’s System Fonts and disallow removing required fonts or adding new fonts.
   - **Disable Startup Sets:** Fonts in a user’s Startup Sets are automatically activated when the Core Client connects to the Type Server. If you select this option, fonts in Startup Sets will not be activated for the user.
     You might choose to turn off this option but enforce the System Font Policy for users that do not need to use fonts other than those required by their operating system.
   - **Time between server syncs:** The Core Client will connect to the Type Server at this interval and activate or deactivate fonts as needed.
     Most Core Client users will not have frequent changes to their available fonts, so you can safely change this to a larger interval, or even Manual. (The Core Client will always synchronize with the Type Server when it establishes a connection, and the user can perform a manual sync at any time.)
7. Click Save to save the user account.
8. To add the user to a workgroup, right-click the User ID in the Users list, choose Manage Workgroup Assignment, select one or more workgroups, then click OK.

For details about user accounts and account settings, see the Users section of the Management documentation.

**Creating Startup Sets**

The Core Client uses Startup Sets to determine what fonts to activate.

In order to create a Startup Set, you must connect to your Type Server with Universal Type Client using an account that is either a Font Administrator or a Workgroup Administrator in the same workgroup as the Core Client user.

If the user’s workgroup has fonts that are not included in a Startup Set, they will be not able to activate those fonts using Core Client.

To create a Startup Set:

1. In Universal Type Client, select the workgroup where you want to add the Startup Set.
2. Select fonts in the font list that you want to include in the Startup Set.
   You can add or remove fonts at any time.
3. Choose File > New Set from Selection. Enter an appropriate name for the set.
4. With the new set selected, choose File > Share Set, then choose File > Startup Set.
5. Quit the Type Client.

For more information about sets, see the Sets section of the Type Client documentation.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not install Universal Type Client on a system where you have installed or will install the Core Client.
Installing the Core Client

Copy or download the Core Client installer to the client computer. Installers are available here: Universal Type Server Support.

Double-click the Core Client installer icon and follow the instructions in the installer screens. You should accept all of the installation defaults.
Using the Core Client

Most of the time the Core Client will function in the background. The only times a user needs to interact with it is to log in, to choose a different workgroup, or to perform a manual synchronization.

Logging in
The Core Client installer sets the Core Client to start automatically when a user logs in to the computer. The user will be presented with a connection window, where they need to enter their Type Server account username and password.

If you need to start the Core Client manually:
- On macOS, double-click the Type Server Core Client icon located in the Applications folder.
- On Windows, choose Type Server Core Client from the Start menu.

Choosing a workgroup
A workgroup associates one or more Universal Type Server user accounts with a selection of fonts. In any given workgroup, a user might have a different role and access to different fonts than in other workgroups. (The Core Client doesn’t give users access to any capabilities that different roles might provide.)

After the user logs in, the Core Client presents a list of the user’s workgroups that have one or more Startup Sets. (Workgroups that do not have Startup Sets are not listed.)

At the top of the list is All Workgroups, a virtual workgroup that conglomerates the fonts and sets included all workgroups. Choosing this allows the user to activate fonts in all the Startup Sets in all their workgroups.

Below this the Core Client lists each individual workgroup. Under each workgroup are the Startup Sets included in that workgroup.

The user can choose All Workgroups (which is the default), or any single workgroup. When the user selects a workgroup, Core Client deactivates previously-activated fonts, then immediately activates fonts from the selected workgroup.

Manual synchronization
Core Client users are automatically synchronized with the Type Server based on the Time between server syncs specified for their account. Synchronization downloads and activates fonts in the user’s Startup Sets, deactivates and removes any fonts that are no longer in the user’s Startup Sets, and applies the System Font Policy (if this option is turned on).

Users can also manually synchronize fonts at any time.

To manually synchronize fonts, choose Synchronize Now from the @ Tools menu.

To force the Core Client to re-download all fonts and settings instead of just new fonts and changes, hold down the OPTION key (Macintosh) or CTRL key (Windows), then choose Synchronize and Reset from the @ Tools menu.
Logging out
The user will rarely need to manually disconnect from Type Server.

To close the Core Client and stay connected to the Type Server:
- **Mac:** Choose Core Client > Quit, press \( \text{⌘} + Q \), or close the window.
- **Windows:** Press \( \text{ALT} + F4 \) or close the window.

If the user really does need to disconnect, they should first make sure that they’re finished using fonts and that they don’t have any jobs in a print queue, since disconnecting automatically deactivates all synchronized fonts. (Of course they will be able to continue to use system fonts.)

**To disconnect from Universal Type Server,** choose Forget Connection from the @ Tools menu.
Connecting automatically

Without any other configuration, a user would need to log in to a Universal Type Server every time they start their computer.

There are several steps you can take to make this process easier for the user, and more secure for your organization.

- **Configuration file**: Deploy a configuration file that will automatically fill in the server connection information in the Core Client login screen.
- **Automatic login**: Set up your Type Server, user account, and the user’s computer to have the Core Client automatically log in to the Type Server when the user logs in to their computer.
- **Allow only specific fonts**: You can assign the user to a workgroup with a Startup Set and turn on the System Font Policy so that the user has access to specific fonts and cannot add fonts to their system.

By configuring all these options, the Core Client does its job (enforcing your organization’s font compliance requirements) with minimal interruption to user workflow.

**Configuration file**

You can add a configuration file to a Core Client user’s computer that will automatically fill in the Type Server connection information.

If all your users connect to the same Type Server, you can create one file and deploy it to all workstations.

In order to create the configuration file, you will need a text editor capable of saving a plain text file in UTF-8 format without a byte order mark (BOM). You can useTextEdit on macOS or Notepad on Windows.

If you prefer a more robust editor, we recommend [BBEdit](https://www.barebones.com/products/bbedit/) for macOS and [Notepad++](https://notepad-plus-plus.org/) for Windows.
The configuration file consists of one or two lines that identify the server to the Core Client. You can specify the server by address and port, or using its Bonjour name. For information about setting the server’s Bonjour name, see the Server Status section of the Server Administration documentation.

**Example: IP address and port**

```
server.address=12.34.56.78
server.port=8080
```

**Example: DNS name and port**

```
server.address=example.com
server.port=8080
```

**Example: Bonjour name**

```
server.bonjour=Universal Type Server 1
```

### NOTES
- You must include either the `server.bonjour` parameter or both the `server.address` and `server.port` parameters.
- If you include both `server.bonjour` and `server.address`, the Bonjour name will be used to make the connection.
- The default port for Core Client communication is **8080**.
- The configuration file must end with an empty line; press ENTER or RETURN after your final configuration parameter.

### Headless mode

Headless mode automatically syncs and activates fonts from all of a user’s Startup Sets, and does not allow them to change what is activated. (Note that the Core Client window is still open with headless mode on, so that the user can perform other tasks, such as disconnecting from the server.)

To turn headless mode on, insert the following line into the configuration file:

```
headlessmode.enable=true
```

To turn headless mode off, remove the line, or change it to `headlessmode.enable=false`.

When headless mode is on, the Core Client will display a warning after the user logs in. When the user dismisses the warning, they will have access to the Tools menu, allowing them to sync fonts with the server, or disconnect from the server.

If the user quits the Core Client application, all fonts will remain active.

**NOTE:** You can use headless mode without specifying the server connection parameters.

### Saving in UTF-8 format

The configuration file needs to be named `com.extensis.TypeServerCoreClient.conf`. You can either save your file with this name or rename it when you have finished. If your text editor appends .txt or other extension, be sure to remove it before deploying the file.

- In TextEdit on macOS, choose Format > Make Plain Text to convert your file to plain text, choose File > Save, then choose Unicode (UTF-8) from the Plain Text Encoding pop-up menu.
- In Notepad on Windows, choose File > Save, then choose ANSI from the Encoding pop-up menu. (Do not use Notepad’s UTF-8 or Unicode formats; these add a byte order marker which is not recognized by the Core Client.)
- In BBEdit on macOS, choose File > Save, then choose Unicode (UTF-8) from the Encoding pop-up menu.
- In Notepad++ on Windows, choose Encoding > UTF-8 before saving the configuration file.
Deploying the configuration file

Once you have created the configuration file, you need to copy it to the computers where you have installed the Core Client.

- On macOS, copy the file to the /Library/Preferences/ folder.
- On 64-bit Windows, copy the file to C:\Program Files (x86)\Extensis\Type Server Core Client\.
- On 32-bit Windows, copy the file to C:\Program Files\Extensis\Type Server Core Client\.

Automatic login

You can configure a user’s computer to automatically connect the Core Client to the Type Server without displaying the login window.

You will need to:

- Create a Universal Type Server user account through Directory Services in the Management application.
- Configure Kerberos Single sign-on.
- Configure the user’s computer to log in using Active Directory.
  For macOS users, the Macintosh computer needs to be joined to the Windows domain in order to use Active Directory.

With a configuration file deployed, an Active Directory-based Type Server account, Kerberos Single sign-on, and a computer that logs in to the network using Active Directory, the Core Client will automatically log in to the Type Server when the user logs in to their computer.

Allow only specific fonts

To ensure that a user always has access to a specific selection of fonts, you can do two things:

- Turn on the System Font Policy for the user in the Management application.
  This ensures that the user cannot install additional fonts on their system.
- Make sure that the user is a member of a single workgroup where all of their required fonts are in a Startup Set, or activate headless mode so that all of their Startup Set fonts are always activated.
  This ensures that a specific group of fonts is always synced to the user’s system and automatically activated when they connect to the Type Server.
Uninstalling the Core Client

macOS
1. Start the Core Client.
2. Choose Forget Connection from the Tools menu.
3. Quit the Core Client.
4. Delete the file Type Server Core Client in the Applications folder.
5. Delete the following (you will need to enter your computer password to delete each of these items):
   - The Core Client folder located in \Library\Application Support\Extensis\n   - The file com.extensis.TypeServerCoreClient.plist located in \Library\LaunchAgents\n   - The Core Client folder in <user>\Library\Extensis\ (where <user> is the name of the user logged in to the computer)
     To access the <user> library, hold down the OPTION key and choose Go > Library in the Finder.
6. Restart your computer, then empty the Trash.

Windows
1. Start the Core Client.
2. Choose Forget Connection from the Tools menu.
3. Quit the Core Client.
4. Open the Programs and Features control panel.
5. Choose Extensis Universal Type Core Client.
6. Click Uninstall.
7. Follow the prompts to uninstall.
8. Restart your computer.
Quick Reference

(Print this page, or save it as a stand-alone PDF, as a reference for Core Client users.)

Login
When the Core Client starts, you may be prompted to connect to a Type Server. Either choose the appropriate server from the drop-down list, or enter the server address and port number. (Your Type Server administrator may have configured your computer to automatically fill in the server information.)

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Enter your **Username** and **Password**, then click **Connect**. Your Type Server administrator can provide this information. Take the usual precaution with your password: don’t leave it written down in a location that is easily accessible to your workstation.

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**Headless mode**
If you log in then see the message **Headless mode enabled**, then your Type Server administrator has configured your computer to automatically synchronize and activate all the fonts available to you.

Click **OK** in the message.

When you are in headless mode, you can:

- Use the @Tools menu to manually synchronize fonts, or to disconnect from the Type Server.
- Click **Close** to close the Core Client window; it will still work in the background to keep your fonts active.

**Workgroups**
After you log in, Core Client displays a list of your workgroups and their associated Startup Sets.

Choose any workgroup to activate the fonts in its Startup Sets (and deactivate fonts from the previous selection).
Choose **All Workgroups** to activate the fonts in all of your Startup Sets.

**Tools menu**

- Choose **Synchronize Now** to manually synchronize fonts with the Type Server.
  You can do this if your Workgroup Administrator has added fonts to your Startup Sets and you don’t want to wait for the Core Client to run its scheduled synchronization.
- Choose **Forget Connection** to disconnect from the Type Server.
  You’ll be returned to the login window, where you can log in as a different user or connect to a different Type Server.
  When you disconnect from the server, all your synchronized fonts will be deactivated (you will still be able to use system fonts).
- Hold down the **OPTION** key (Macintosh) or **CTRL** key (Windows) and choose **Synchronize and Reset** from the @Tools menu to force Core Client to re-download all fonts and settings instead of just new fonts and changed settings.
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Support

Use these resources to get answers to questions you have about Universal Type Server and other Extensis products.

Universal Type Server

Universal Type Server Support
This page links to installers, PDF downloads, and other common support resources.

Universal Type Server System Requirements
Full system requirements and other information about the current version of Universal Type Server.

Universal Type Server Release Notes
Historical release notes for all updates to the current major release of Universal Type Server.

Universal Type Server Knowledge Base
Articles describing situational issues and solutions to user-reported problems with Universal Type Server.

Universal Type Server Videos
Get hands-on help through short video tutorials (in English).

Universal Type Server: Compatibility Guide
This page provides details on the support status of Universal Type Server with recent operating systems and databases.

Universal Type Client: Compatibility Guide
Shows compatibility between recent Type Client versions, operating systems, and third-party applications.
General resources

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Search for articles about any current Extensis product, and retired versions as well.

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Details about types of support and hours of availability, including our Support Policy.

**Our Support Policy in a nutshell**
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Hundreds of training sessions, events, and webinars. These are mostly in English, but there are some gems in French and German as well.

**Extensis Videos on YouTube**
Training, event, and educational videos (in English).

**Support Form**
Use this form to submit a support case.

Provide as much of the following information as you can:
- Your email address;
- As the Subject, a brief description of the problem you are having;
- A more detailed description of the problem: when it occurs, whether you can reproduce it, whether it has caused you to lose data, and any other details to help our staff track down the issue.
- Your company name or account number;
- The type of support you need (generally you’ll choose Fix an Issue / Technical Support);
- The product you’re using;
- The version of the product (generally this is in the product’s About box);
- Your operating system;
- Any creative application that might also be affected.

You can also attach a screen shot or other file related to your issue.

**Chat**
Click at the bottom right of any page of the English version of the Extensis website. (Chat is only available in English, between 8:00AM and 3:00PM Pacific time, Monday through Friday.)

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Links to white papers, testimonials, blog posts, and other resources.

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**Learn and Support:** [https://www.extensis.com/learn-and-support/](https://www.extensis.com/learn-and-support/)
Legal resources

Extensis EULA
The legalese description of your rights while using Universal Type Server and any associated services.

Privacy Policy
Details about information we collect and how we use it, including information specific to Europe and California.

Privacy Shield
Details about our practices regarding personal information transmitted to us from organizations subject to protection laws in the European Economic Area and Switzerland.

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