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What's a Desktop License?

When you're shopping for fonts you'll often see the term *desktop license*. A desktop license allows you to install a font on a computer or other device and use it to make graphics.

Examples of What a Desktop License Allows

- album covers
- book covers (including ebooks)
- business cards
- clothing
- decals*
- embroidery

What's Allowed With a Desktop License?

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What's Not Allowed With a Desktop License?

A desktop license doesn't allow you to *embed* the font. Embedding means transferring, including or uploading the *actual font* into an application,

- flyers
- game graphics
- graphics inside an ebook
- lesson sheets
- logos
- magazines
- movies
- web printing service (Zazzle, Redbubble)
- pamphlets
- PDF documents
- posters
- product labels
- signs
- stamps*
- stencils*
- stickers*
- tattoos
- television
- videos
- website graphics

website or hardware. Refer to the included license agreement for details.

* Stamps, Stencils & Stickers

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Free Demo Fonts

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Custom Typefaces

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