WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF POSTSCRIPT?
Sure, there’s bad news. But then there’s some good news. We promise.

Adobe’s announcement of end-of-support for PostScript fonts means change is coming. What will the demise bring? How does it impact creative professionals now, and in the future? What the heck is going to happen?

23% of our customers do not. Meanwhile, about 30% guess PostScript makes up more than half of their font library. Given the average font library includes 4500 fonts, not knowing what’s what can be hugely problematic.

Check out the results from our customer polls and surveys to find out what your peers are thinking—and doing—to avoid a big ol’ rigmarole. Then lean on our helpful tips for managing your workflow sans PostScript.

Are You Still Using Postscript Fonts In Your Work?
About 50% of our customers say “yes,” despite the looming threat of end-of-support. Updating to OpenType or TrueType will be a ton of work, made even more fun by time constraints. Creatives and companies should proactively shift from PostScript fonts to supported font types in new work.

Over 30% of respondents are considering converting their PostScript fonts into the appropriate font type. Alert! Converting fonts can not only damage or unexpectedly affect their integrity, but it can also create compliance issues that mean potential legal trouble with foundries and font resellers.

Let’s face it: deadline pressure can be intense. But with so much at stake, it’s better to take action today than panic tomorrow—and suffer real consequences come January 2023. Speaking of action, at Extensis, we know a few things about font management and how to kick chaos out of your creative workflow.

Do You Know How Many Postscript Fonts You Have?

30% of respondents say they’re developing a plan. However, only 17% of them have a stated goal, and only 8% started removing fonts.

How Will You Deal With Postscript Fonts In Your Collection?
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2. Extensis PostScript EOS Survey, June-August 2021

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The Good News:
We’re Brimming With Helpful Tips For Managing Your Workflow Sans PostScript

Understand The Deliverables
Develop a complete list of the PostScript fonts in your world, and the files they’re hiding in. We know, but it’s totally worth it.

Create A Flow
Decide how you’ll handle each document. You’ll love it when your plan comes together.

Create A Plan
Consider impacts on deadlines and budgets (i.e., if you have to buy new font licenses). It’s better to know what you need before you need it.

Divvy Up The Responsibilities
It’s that “teamwork makes dream work” thing. Set up an approval and tracking process.

Get A 10,000-Foot View
This is a big project that requires an understanding of both what it’s for (hint: it’s the future of your business) and which tools you need to accomplish your mission.

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