

Batch Converting Multiple 'Type 1' fonts for use in Win2000 and WinXp using FontLab 4

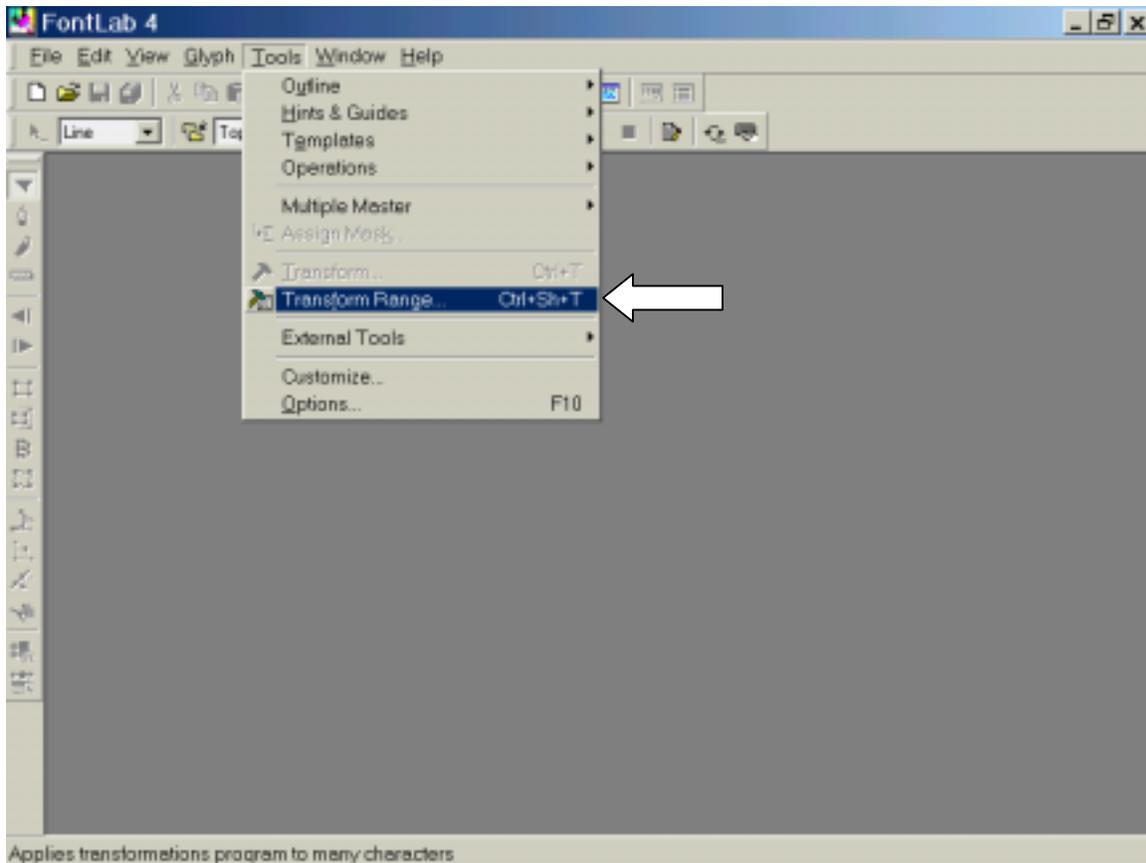


I've purposefully made this little tutorial simplistic so that it will, hopefully, be understandable by a large audience,... so just bear with me,... or... go away,... cause I don't want you here anyway... LOL...

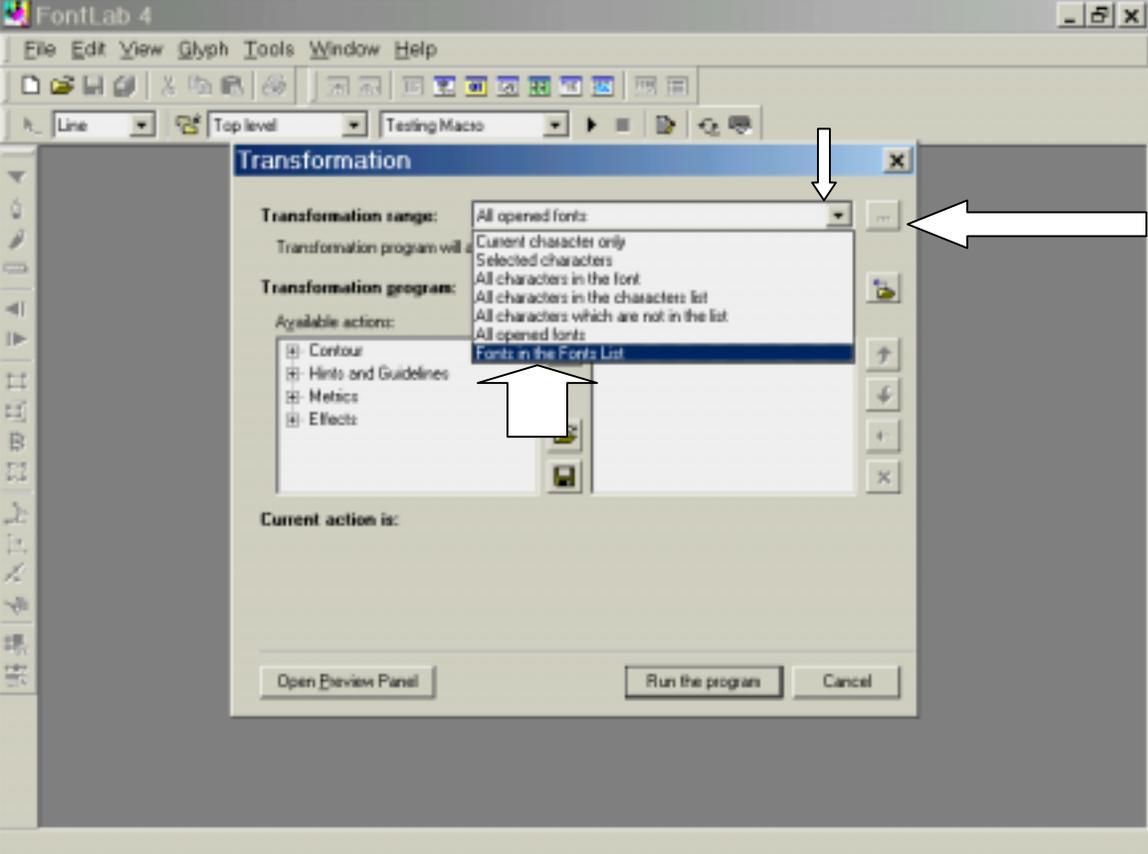
An important note before we start. This process is to correct Type 1 font(s) that Adobe Type Manager (ATM) reveals to be **invalid**. Win 2000 and WinXP are more strict in their handling of fonts and occasionally some older fonts do not meet this higher standard. This process will bring them up to date. **You should only try to convert font(s) you know to be invalid.** This method is not 100% effective. The font(s) may still be invalid after conversion, in which case you may have to take other action over and above the scope of this document. But this **Batch Conversion Method** does automate the process, and most Type 1 fonts are rendered usable by the two Windows Operating Systems noted above. One last item, **True Type fonts do not fall under this category, so should not be considered part of this discussion.**

And now on to the show...

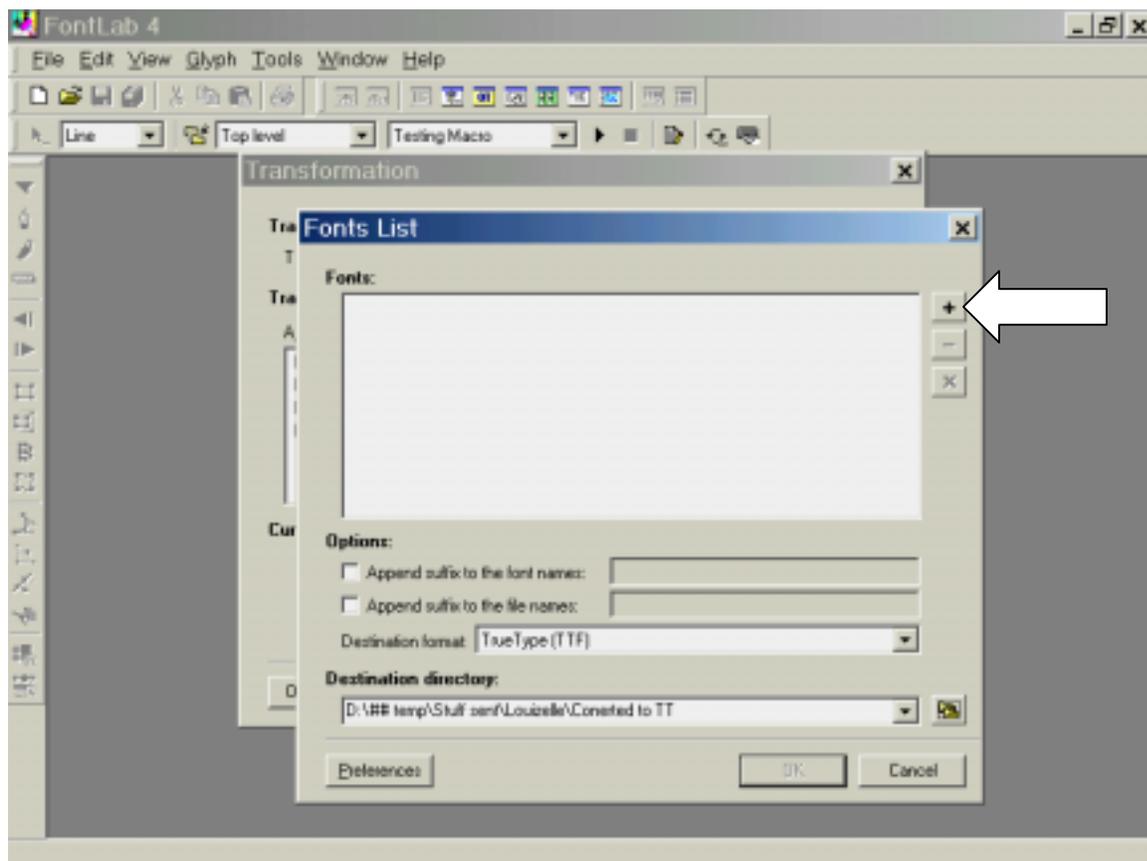
The first step is to open FontLab 4. There is no need to open any fonts,... just the program itself being open is enough. Now click 'Tools' ➔ 'Transform Range', or just hit Ctrl+ Shift+ T.



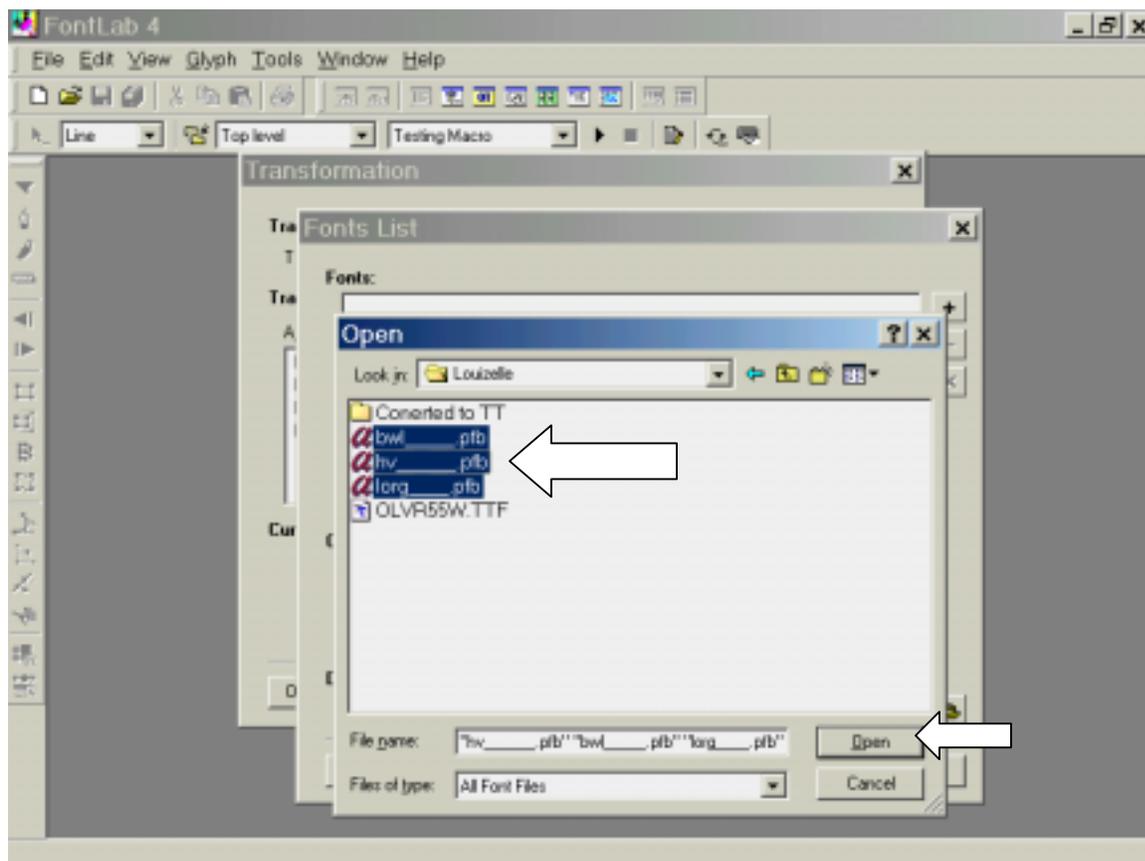
Next click the 'drop down' button (little arrow) and click on 'Fonts in the Font List' (fat arrow). Then click the button with the '3 dots' at the top right (long arrow).



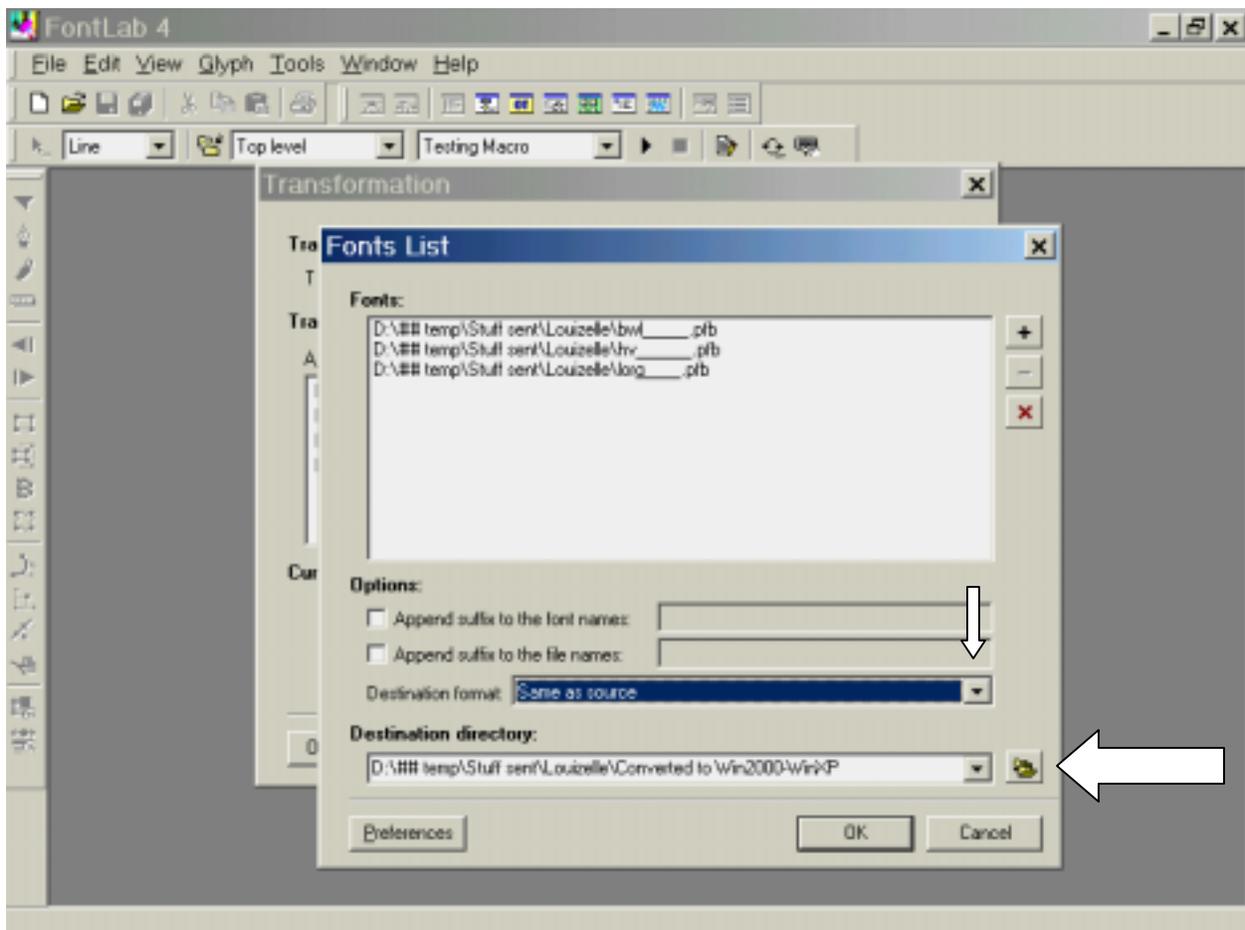
To bring up the 'Open Dialogue' box, click the button with the 'Plus Sign' on it (arrow).



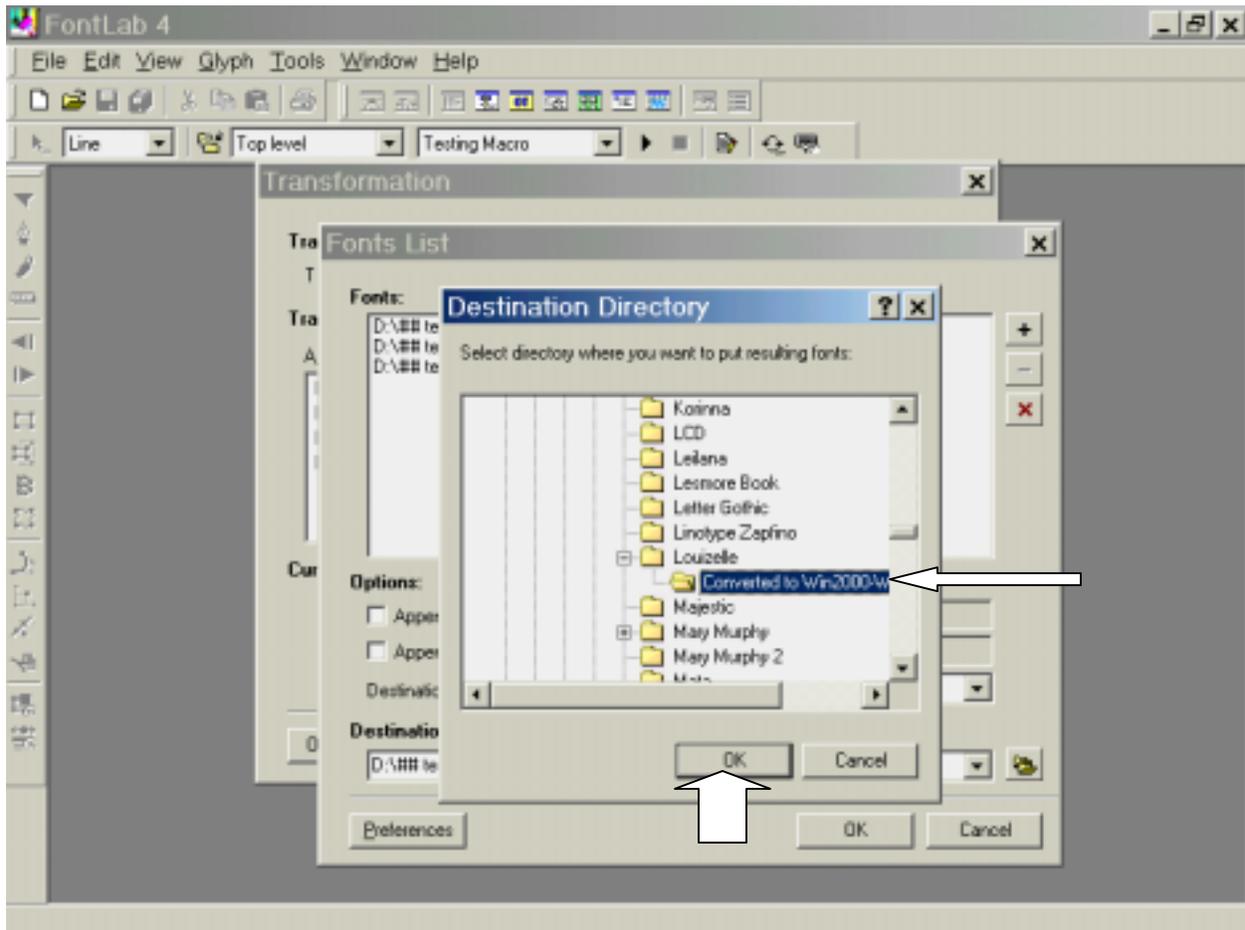
Navigate your way to the Type 1 fonts that you want to convert (big arrow). Highlight them all,... and click 'Open' (small arrow).



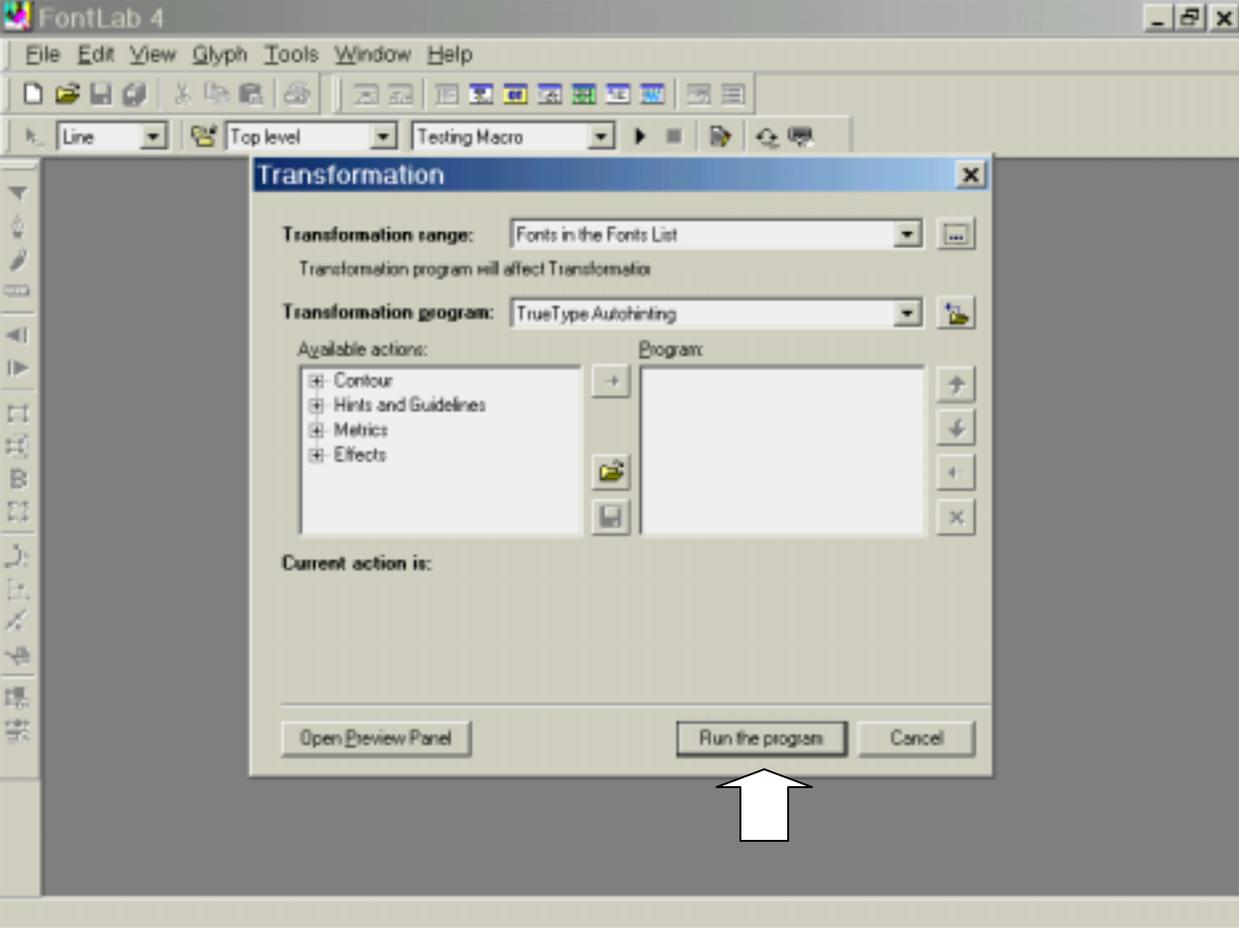
Next, using the 'drop down' button (small arrow), change the 'Destination Format' to 'Same as Source'. **The full list of options is not shown, since it would cover the bottom of the panel**. And change the 'Destination Directory' to the one you desire, using the button on the bottom right with the icon that looks like folders (large arrow).



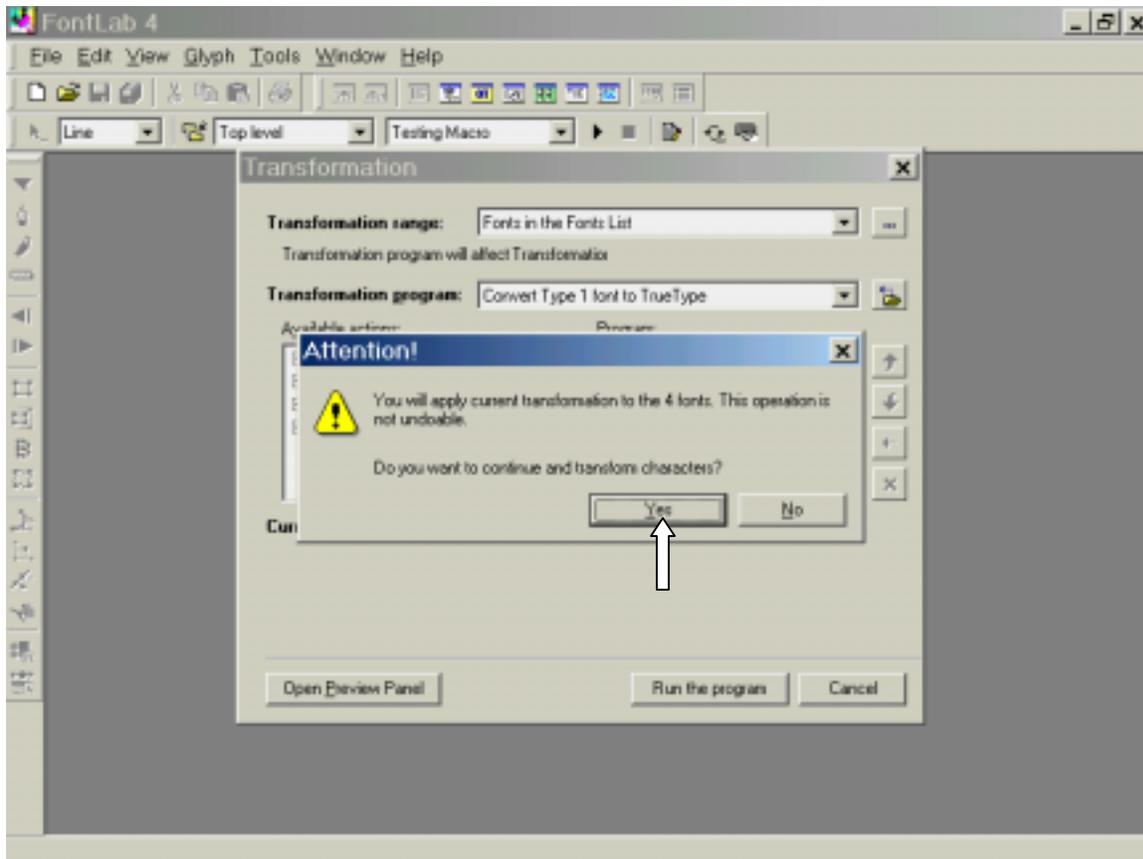
Navigate your way to the 'Destination Directory' (long arrow) and click 'OK' (fat arrow).



Now click the 'Run the Program' button (fat arrow).



Lastly,... click the 'Yes' button (small arrow) on the 'Attention' box that pops up. You will see a 'Progress Bar', and FontLab 4 will automatically convert the fonts for use with Win2000 or WinXP.



General Note:

- This method can also be used to 'Batch' convert fonts between formats, specifically from Type 1 to True Type, since that is sometimes necessary. And as far as I can tell, in that case, kerning and composite glyphs are maintained properly.

Thank You,... and stop by again.

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