# Using Fonts Found in an AutoCAD File

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## QUESTION

I have a number of fonts that I have used with AutoCAD files in the past. Can I use these font styles in Chief Architect?

## ANSWER

AutoCAD supports TrueType (.TTF) fonts and Shape File (.SHX) fonts, while Chief Architect supports TrueType (.TTF) fonts and Non-True Type (.FON) fonts.

If the font that you would like to use is a TrueType (.TTF) or Non-True Type (.FON) font, it may be compatible with Chief Architect after it has been installed to the appropriate location on your system. However, if the font is a Shape File (.SHX) font, it unfortunately is incompatible with Chief Architect and cannot be used.

- Fonts on a Windows computer are located in your Fonts folder. Information on locating your Fonts folder and installing fonts can be found here:
  https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/314960/how-to-install-or-remove-a-font-in-windows (https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/314960/how-to-install-or-remove-a-font-in-windows)

- Mac computers have a built-in app called Font Book, which allows you to manage fonts. More information on managing the fonts on your Mac can be found here:
  https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201749 (https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201749)

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