

Tiffmaker Desktop Version

Version 2.1

User Guide

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Introduction

Tiffmaker Desktop is an adaptation of the Tiffmaker90 DLL. The program converts text files (ASCII, Unicode) into TIFF files. The program can convert individual files, selected files or entire folders, even nested subfolders.

Tiffmaker requires Microsoft .NET version 2.0 or later.

Trial Version

The free trial version may be used for 30 days and makes DEMO annotations at the top margin of the output files

Step-by-Step Procedure

1. Click on Select Individual File(s) button and select one or several text files that you wish to convert to a graphics format (TIFF, etc). To select several non-contiguous files, press the CTRL key while selection the files. To select a range of contiguous files, press the SHIFT key while you press the first and the last file in the range.
2. Select the canvas file. The canvas file represents the background of the graphics image that you will create. The canvas typically is a blank TIFF file, but it can be an actual image. Several common sizes of canvas files are supplied with the program. The canvas file controls the resolution and color depth of the output file. If you need a special format, choose Create Canvas File from the File menu. You can also use any existing image file as a canvas (virtually any graphics format, except PDF), but you must first move that image file into the 'Canvas Files' sub-folder (and restart the program). The 'Canvas Files' sub-folder is typically the `C:\Program Files\Informatik Inc\TiffmakerDesktop\Canvas Files` folder.
3. Specify other optional settings:

Font:

The default is Arial 12. Click on the Font button to choose any other font type, size and style.

Margin Offsets:

The default settings are 0.75 Inches for left margin, 0.50 Inches for the top margin, 0.25 Inches for both the right and bottom margins. Change as needed. All values are in Inches (one Inch equals 2.54 Centimeters).

Page Break:

By default, a page break will be created when the line reaches the bottom margin or when a standard page break character is encountered. You can overwrite this behavior by setting a maximum number of lines per page or specifying your own page break character (or character string). This option will rarely be used.

Line Spacing:

The line spacing is system standard. You can specify your own spacing if necessary. The value is in Inches (one Inch equals 2.54 Centimeters). This option will rarely be used.

Character Set (Unicode Characters):

For certain character sets you may need to choose the proper ISO code. Try first with the default setting; if the characters are not rendered correctly, try an appropriate ISO code. For some characters sets (for example Arabic, Hebrew, etc) you also need to set the Right-to-Left option.

Serialize Suffix:

If you are converting multi-page files, by default the output file will be a multi-page TIFF file. You can choose to create serialized files instead. To create serialized files, specify the serial suffix in the 'Serialization Suffix' box, for example 0001.

4. Press OK button to convert the file(s)

If you are converting a single file, you are prompted to specify the output file name. All output files are in the TIFF format.

If you are converting several files in a batch, you are prompted to specify the output folder. The files will be named the same as the source files, but with a '.tif' extension name.

If you are processing subfolders, new sub-folders are created automatically if they don't already exist.

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