

Font Getter Stack (Beta)

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Introduction:

Use this Stack to embed a variety of different font faces into your page using the newly launched Google Font Directory service. A useful utility for serious web designers looking to add professional typography to pages. Embedded fonts can be used in both personal and commercial websites and are compatible across all major web browsers. Importantly, text rendered using embedded fonts can still be read by search engines and accessed via accessibility aids like screen reader devices.

Installation:

As per normal, copy the font-getter.stack package (in its entirety) to `~/Library/Application Support/RapidWeaver/Stacks/` where `'~'` is the name of your home directory. Restart RapidWeaver for the new stack to become available for use.

Setup:

Switch your page output to 'tidied' under the page inspector. Drag and drop a Font Getter stack into your stacks page. While in edit mode, single-click the 'i' button to open the stack inspector (HUD) pictured right.

In your web browser, navigate to <http://code.google.com/webfonts> and make a note of the font face you wish to use.

In **Font API** enter the name of your font. If a font contains spaces in its name, use a '+' character, instead of a space.

For **Font Name**, enter the name of the font as you see it. Spaces between names are permitted.

Tick any of the formatting variants you want to import, in addition to the regular font. Only tick variants you are actually going to use.

Apply To is where you can list the CSS selector names of elements you want to have a special font face applied to. Multiple elements can be modified - just put a comma between each selector name. You can use the Firebug plugin in Firefox or the Inspector in Safari to grab selector names - just preview your page from RapidWeaver and right-click (or Ctrl + Click) the item to grab its name.

Important: Embedded font faces may only work after you preview your web page outside of RapidWeaver. Certain plugins or themes may force their own font faces into a page. Embedded fonts may slow down page rendering. Switch page output to tidied to maintain valid XHTML.

