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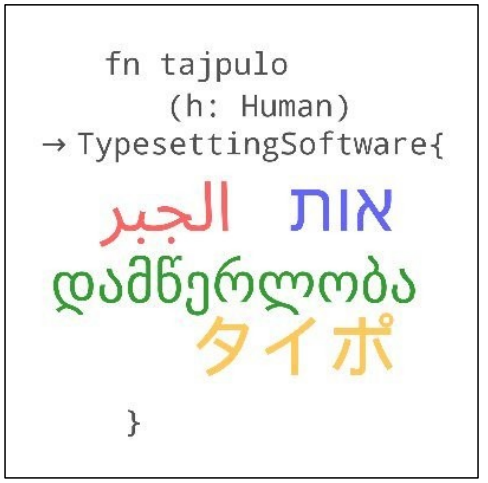

- tajpulo
- DruckZeug member since 2014
- in Graz since 2010
- privately: https://lukas-prokop.at/
- typographically: https://who.typho.org/tajpulo
- I do digital typesetting (one day a week)

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struct pandoc {
  meta: Meta,
  block: Vec<Block>
}

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type Meta = HashMap<String, MetaValue>;

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Chapter 1.
Understanding the domain

Definition

> Typesetting is the composition of **text** for publication, display, or distribution by means of arranging **physical type** (or sort) in mechanical systems or **glyphs** in digital systems representing characters (letters and other symbols).
>
> — *EN Wikipedia "Typesetting" (emphasis mine)*

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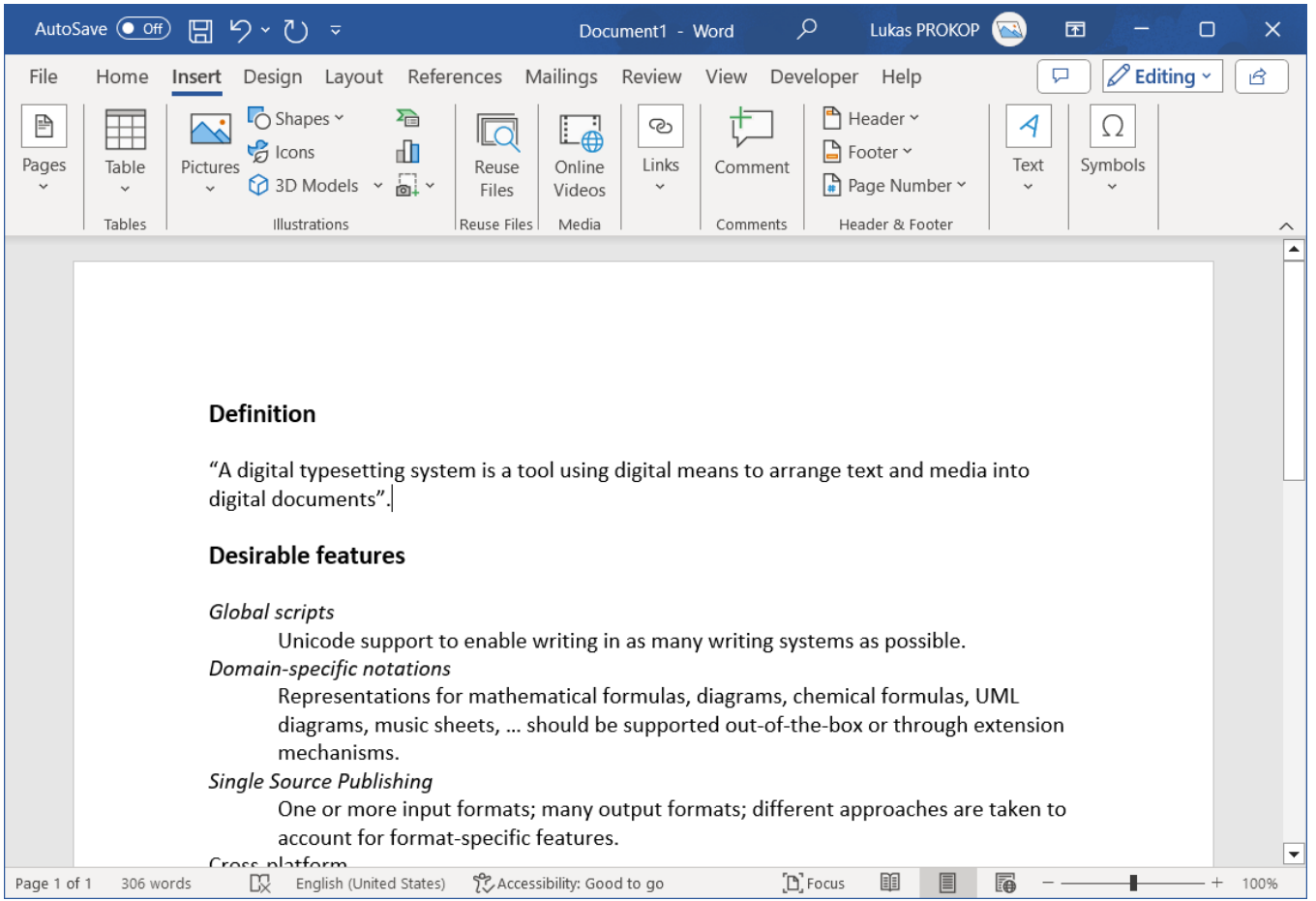
> A **plaintext** digital typesetting system uses Unicode scalars to specify text and its arrangement in digital documents.
>
> – *my definition (https://arewedigitaltypesettingyet.com/)*

> A **FOSS** system satisfies the OpenSource criteria by OSI
>
> – *my definition (c.f. https://opensource.org/osd)*



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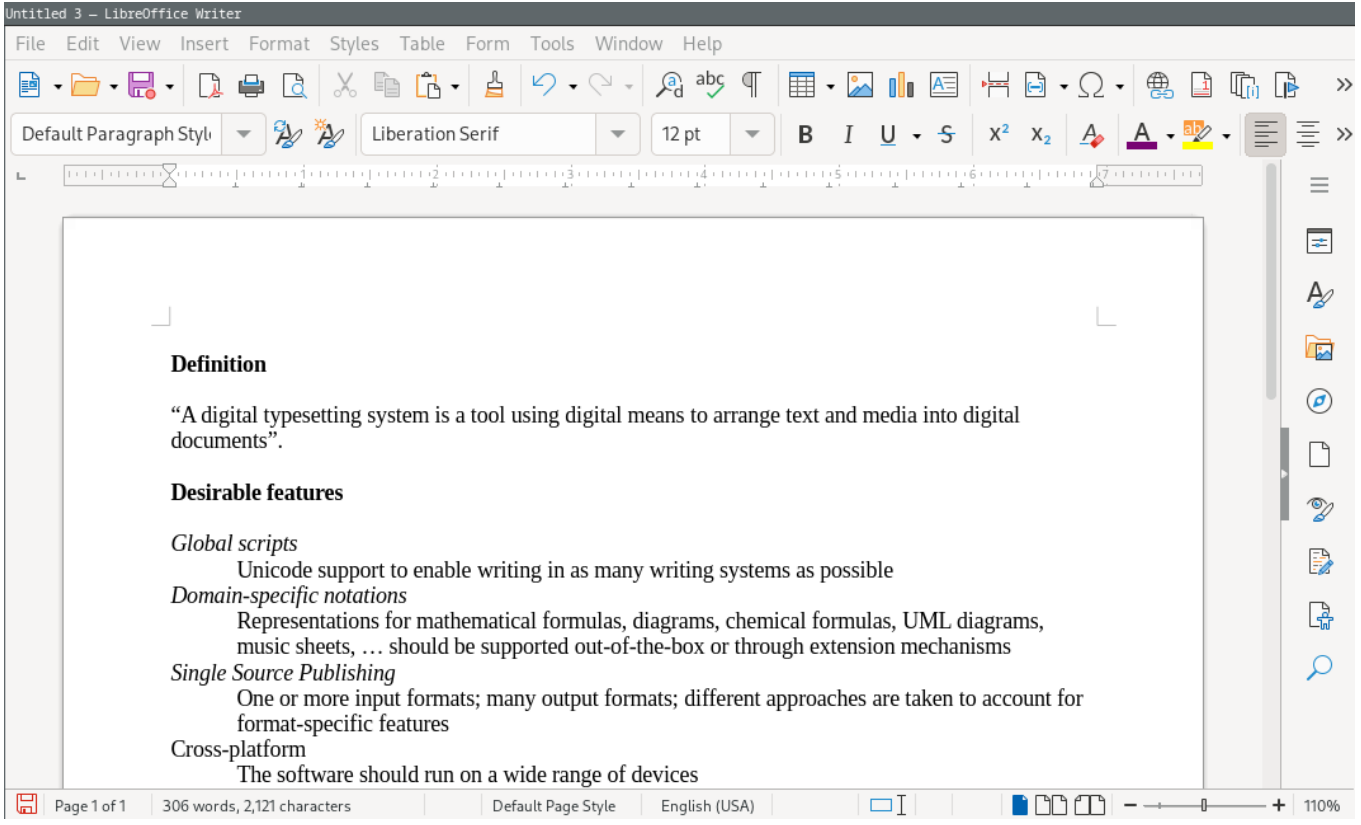

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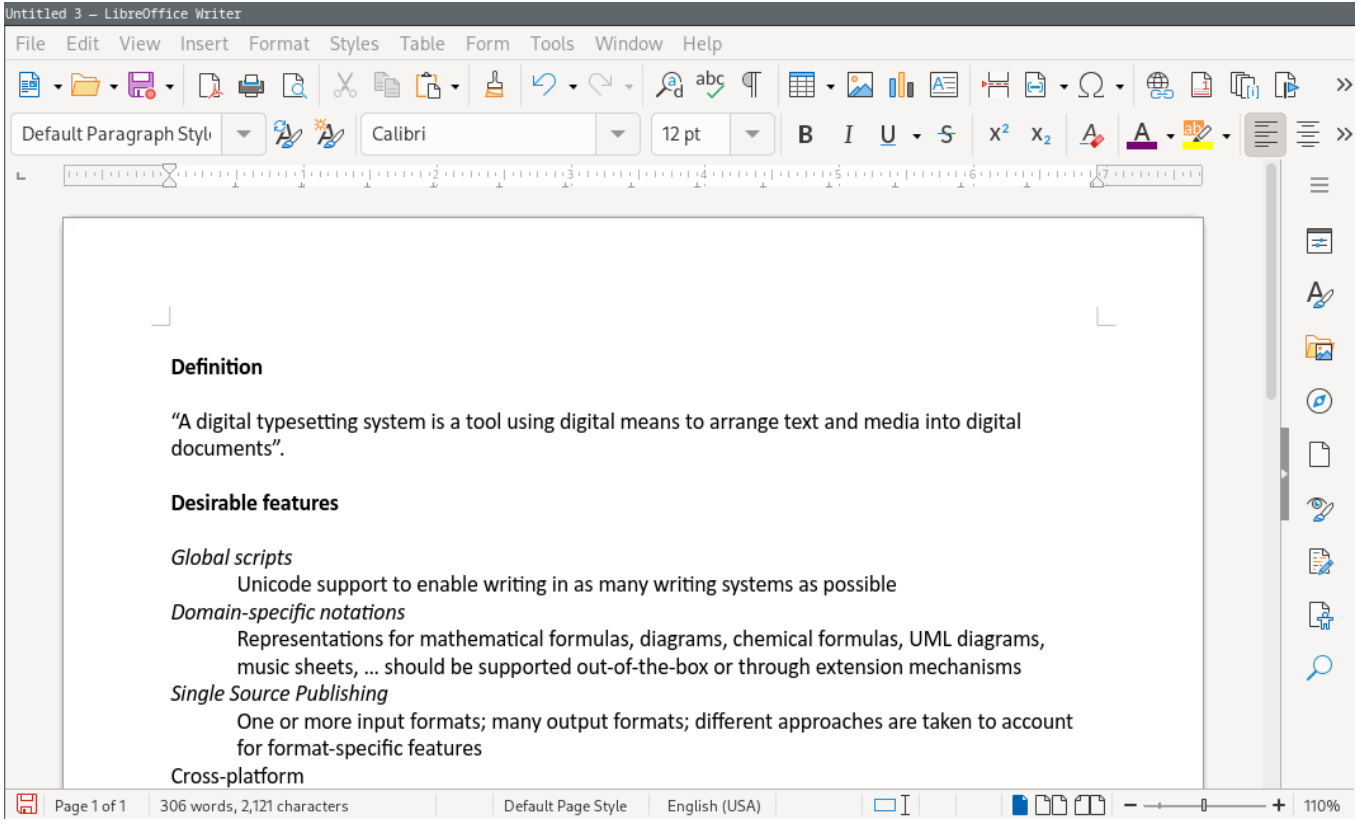

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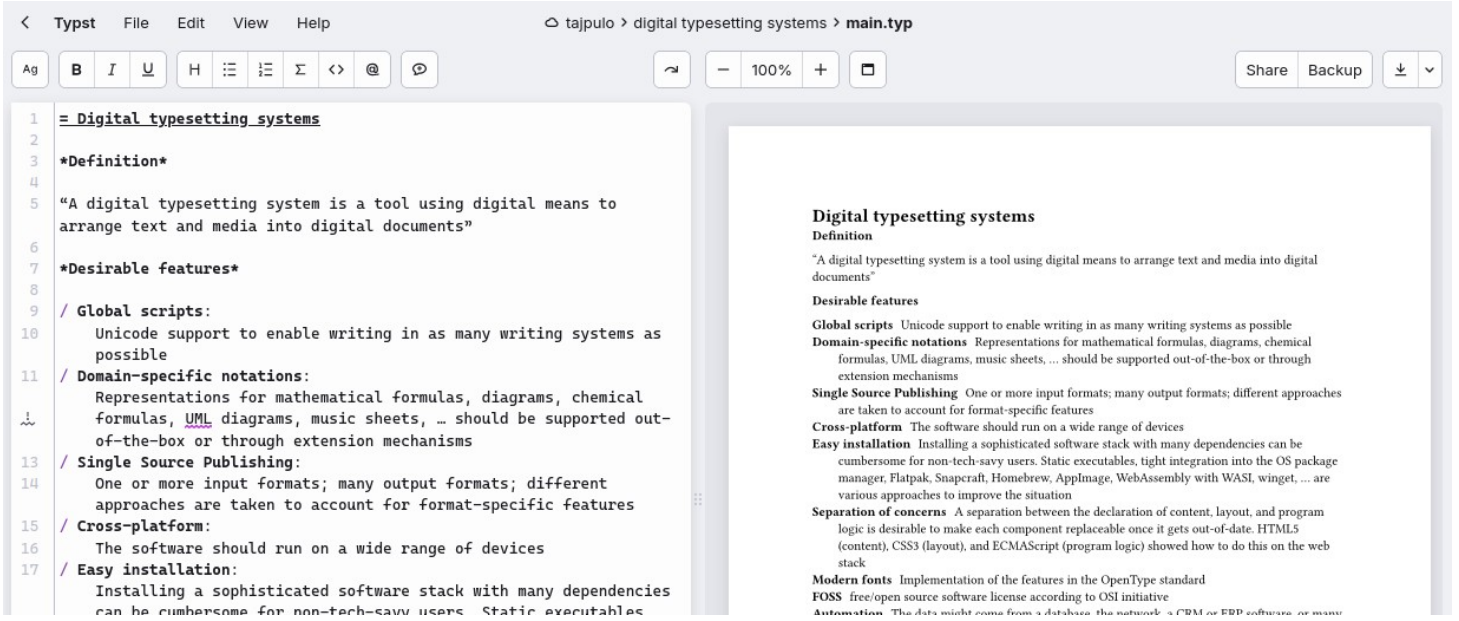

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Non-FOSS products

- Adobe Creative Cloud: Adobe Acrobat, Adobe DreamWeaver, Adobe Fonts, Adobe FrameMaker, Adobe Fresco, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Illustrator Draw, Adobe InCopy, Adobe InDesign, Adobe XD (?–today)
- XML Professional Publisher (1980–today)
- Arbortext Advanced Print Publisher (1980–today)
- Microsoft Word (1983–today)
- QuarkXPress (1987–today)
- Quark CopyDesk (1991–today)
- Antennahouse Formatter XSL-FO or CSS (2000–today)
- Prince (2003–today)
- Apple Pages (2005–today)
- PDFReactor (2006?–today)
- DocBook XSL (2012?–today)
- typeset.sh by Paddle (2020–today)
- BFO Publisher (2022–today)
- …

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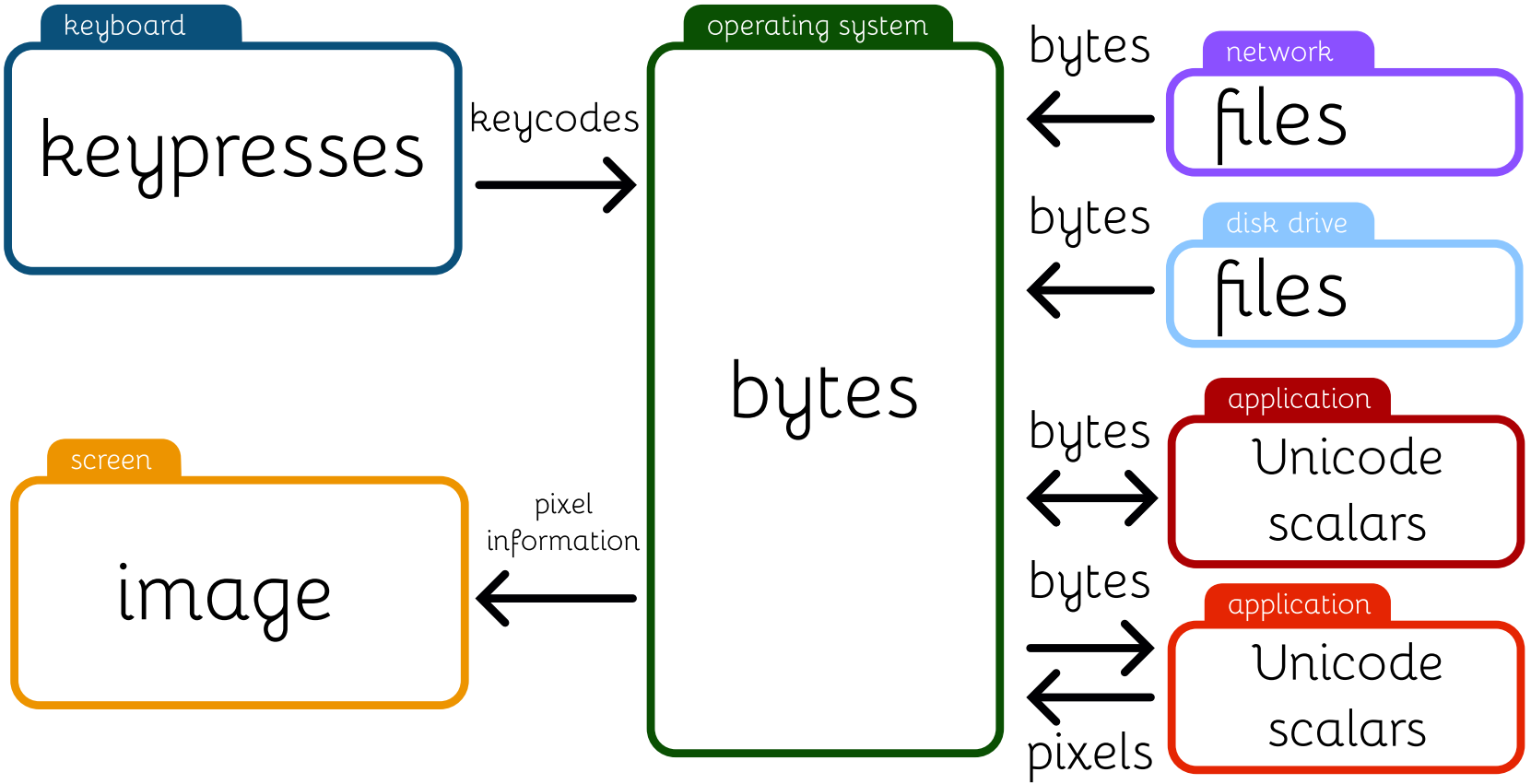

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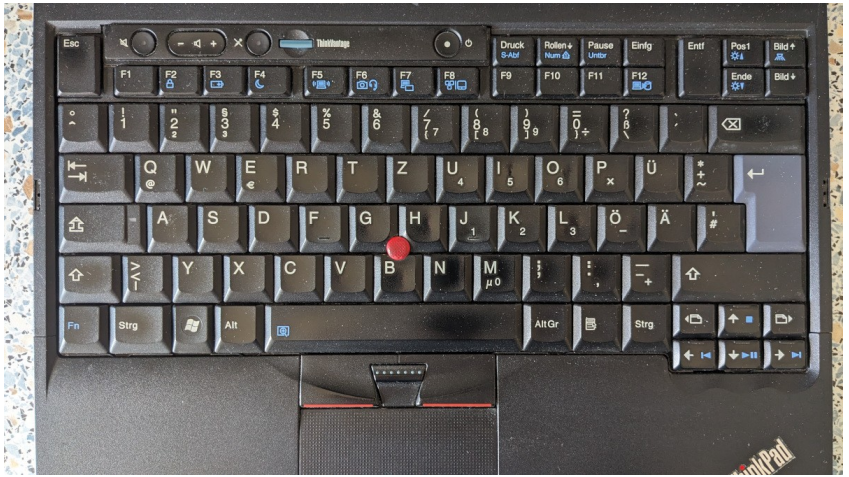

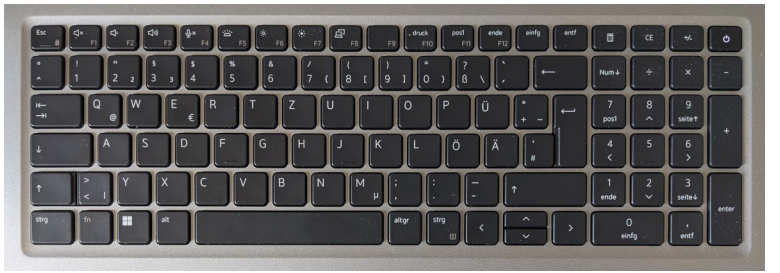

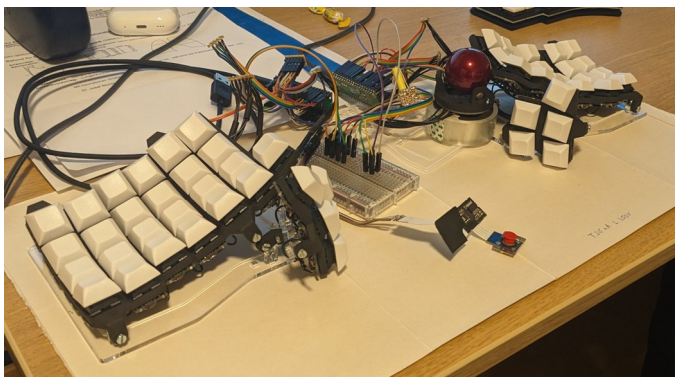

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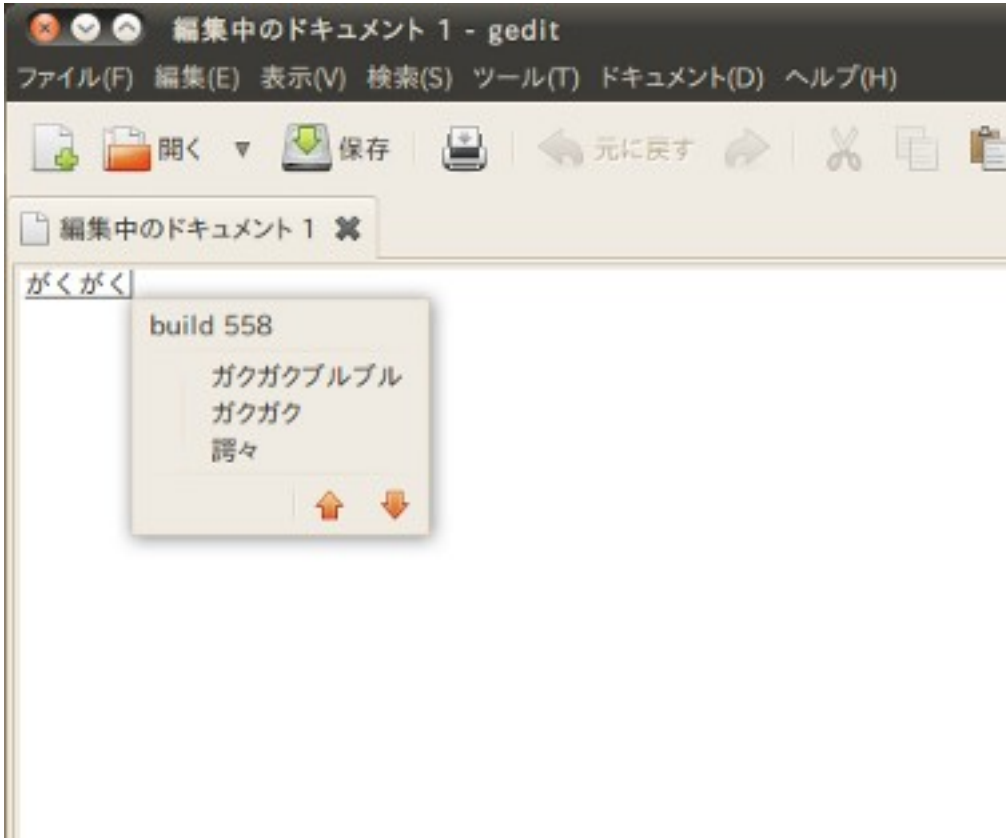

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1) read input files (JPEG/PNG/SVG/ML/OpenType/...)
2) understand the sequence of characters (Unicode)
3) select appropriate fonts
4) select appropriate glyphs from the fonts (HarfBuzz)
5) arrange on page (CSS/line-breaking/hyphenation/...)
6) write output files (HTML5/CSS/PDF/EPUB/...)

Chapter 2.
Fun~~damentals~~

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Again you can see that choice of fonts DOES make a Difference! (For Germans in this case.)
@Fontblog

Arial

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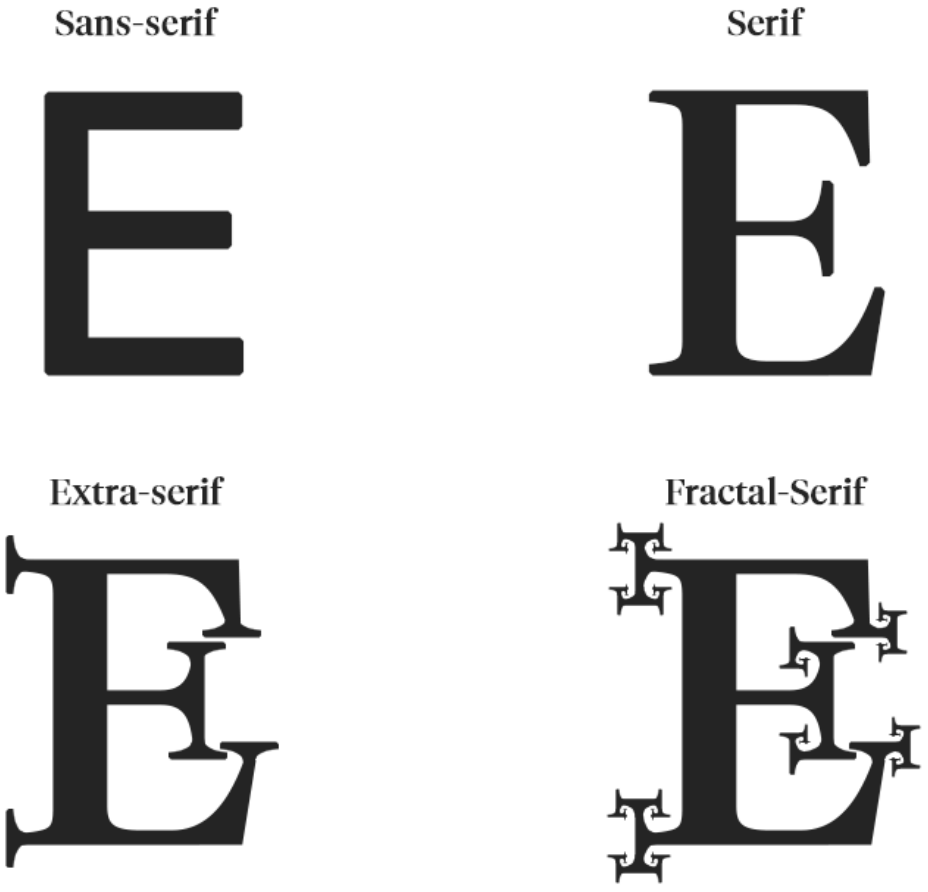

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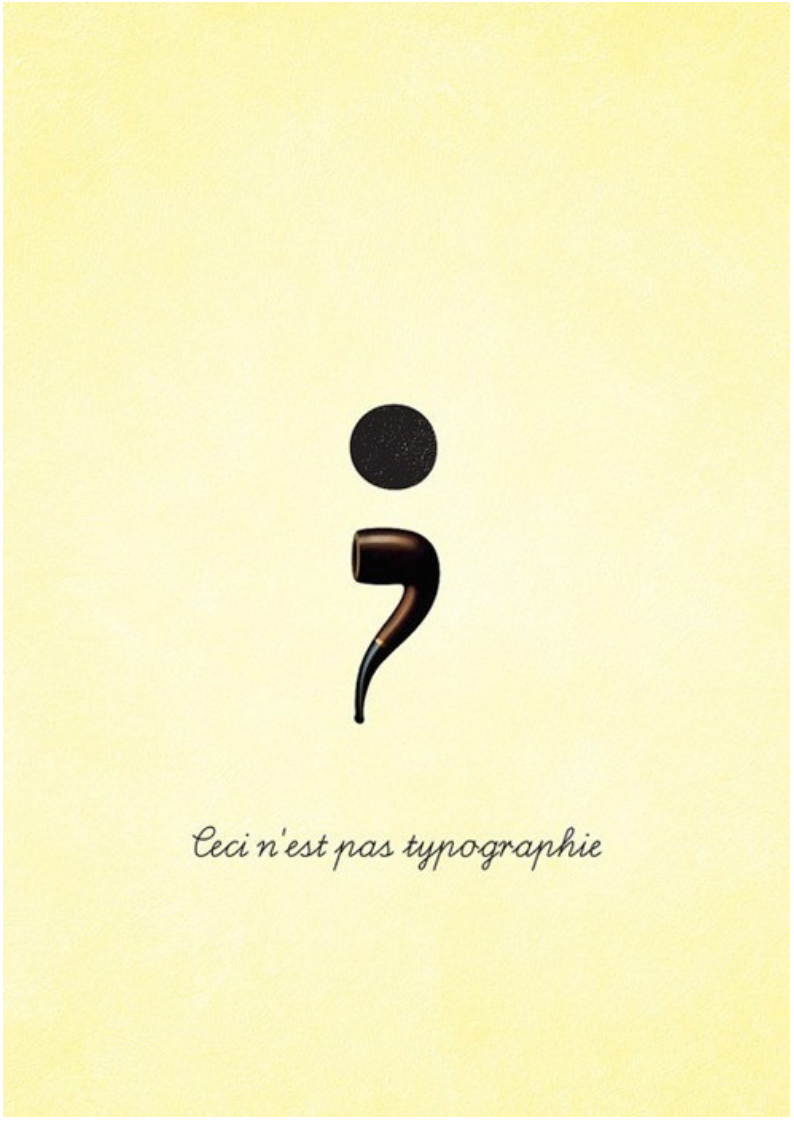

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Chapter 3.
Fundamentals

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Unicode

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Article Talk

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Unicode, formally ***The Unicode Standard***,[note 1] is a text encoding standard maintained by the Unicode Consortium designed to support the use of text in all of the world's writing systems that can be digitized. Version 16.0 of the standard[A] defines 154 998 characters and 168 scripts[3] used in various ordinary, literary, academic, and technical contexts.

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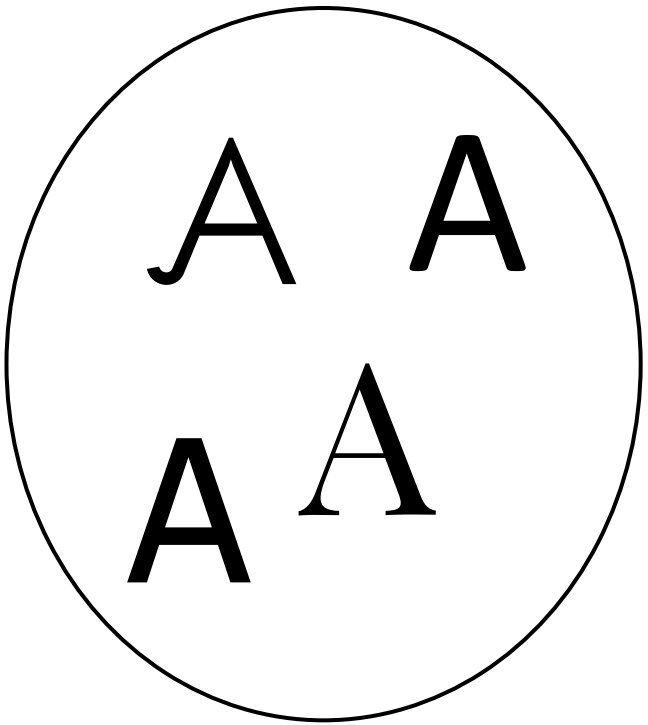

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element of a writing system

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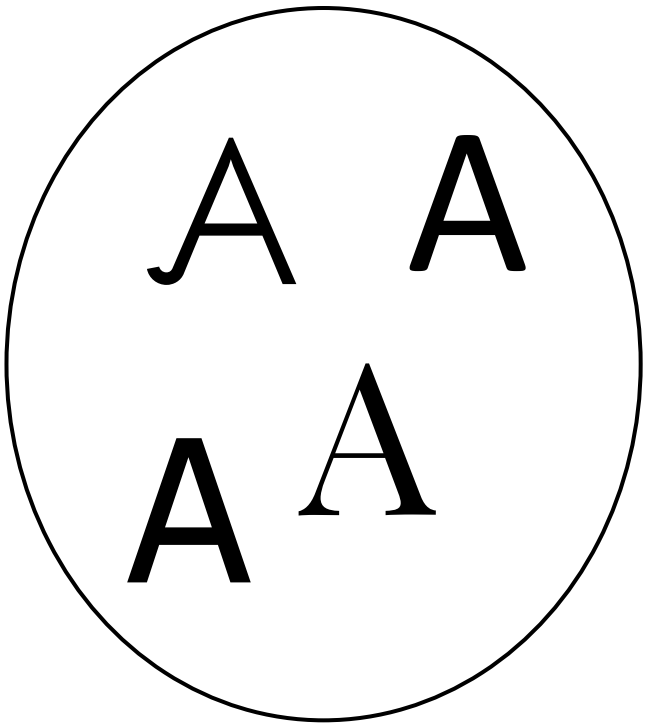

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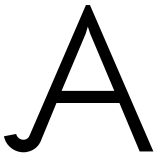

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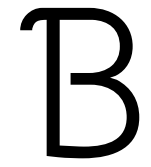

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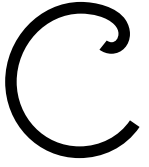

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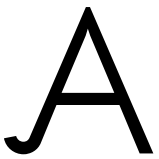

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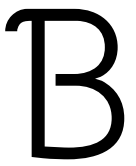

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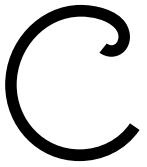

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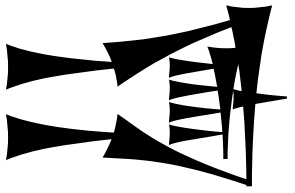
U+6728 CJK UNIFIED IDEOGRAPH-6728



U+1200D CUNEIFORM SIGN AB TIMES GAL

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U+0639 ARABIC LETTER AIN

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U+9B31 CJK UNIFIED IDEOGRAPH-9B31

U+1F4A9 PILE OF POO

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

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(basmala)

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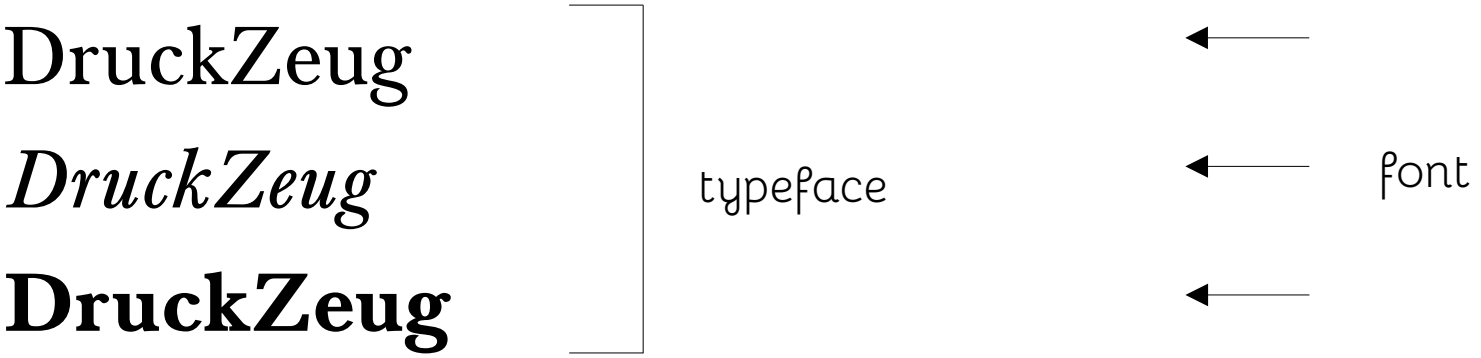

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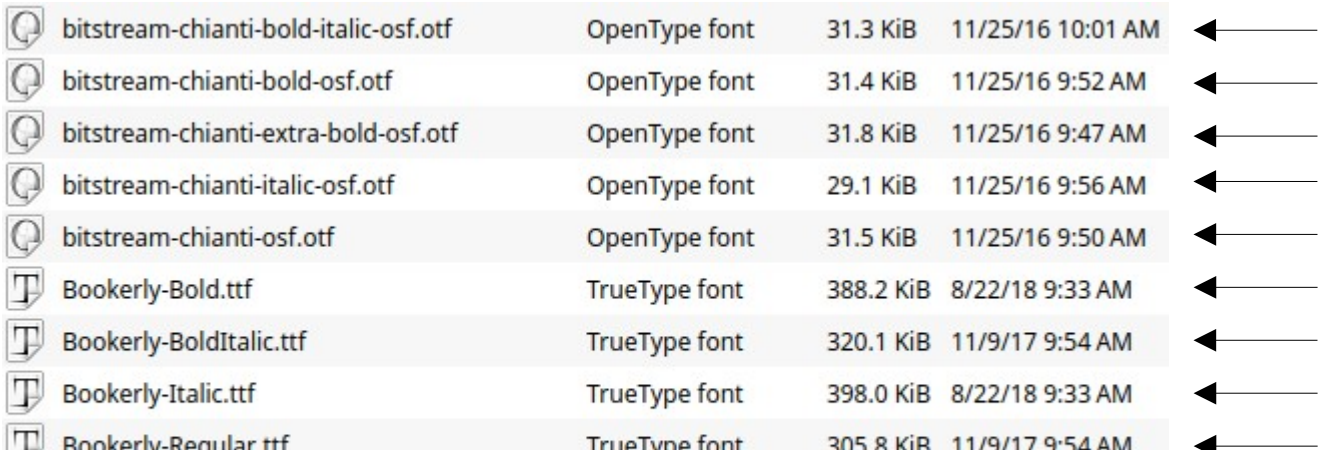

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OpenType file

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  - head table
  - hhea table
  - maxp table
  - OS/2 table
  - name table
  - cmap table
  - post table
  - CFF table
  - GPOS table
  - hmtx table
  - ...

python software “fonttools”:

$ fonttools ttx ~/.fonts/Fontin-Regular.otf
Dumping "Fontin-Regular.otf" to "Fontin-Regular.ttx"...
Dumping 'GlyphOrder' table...
Dumping 'head' table...

Web application by Roel Nieskens/PixelAmbacht:
Wakamafondue

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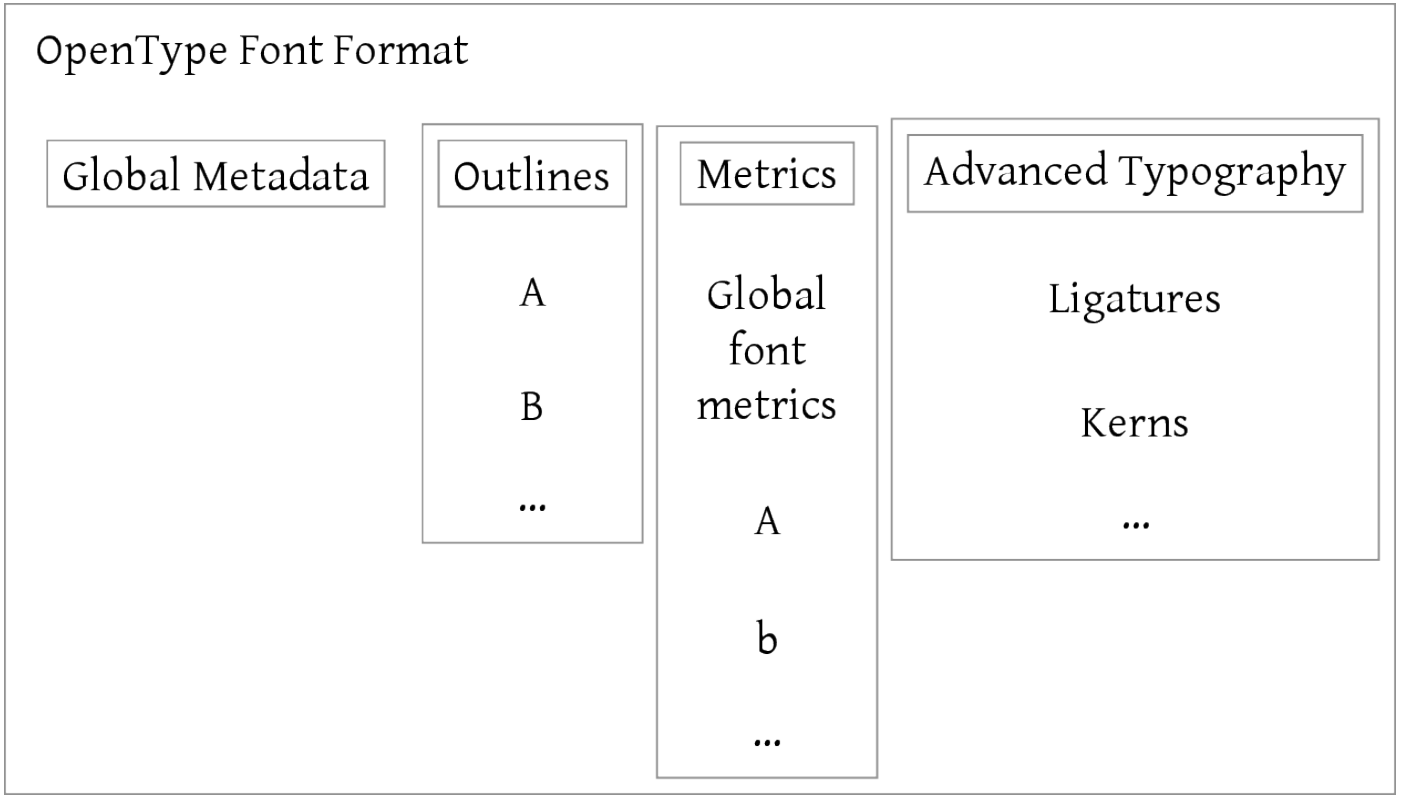

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OpenType file

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  <minor value="0"/>
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    <version value="001.000"/>
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    <map code="0x34" name="four"/><!-- DIGIT FOUR -->
    <map code="0x35" name="five"/><!-- DIGIT FIVE -->
    <map code="0x36" name="six"/><!-- DIGIT SIX -->
```

U+0036 DIGIT SIX ⟶ six

OpenType file

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<cmap>
  <tableVersion version="0"/>
  <cmap_format_4 platformID="0" platEncID="3" language="0">
    <map code="0x1e" name="uni001E"/><!-- ???? -->
    <map code="0x20" name="space"/><!-- SPACE -->
    <map code="0x21" name="exclam"/><!-- EXCLAMATION MARK -->
    <map code="0x22" name="quotedbl"/><!-- QUOTATION MARK -->
    <map code="0x23" name="numbersign"/><!-- NUMBER SIGN -->
    <map code="0x24" name="dollar"/><!-- DOLLAR SIGN -->
    <map code="0x25" name="percent"/><!-- PERCENT SIGN -->
    <map code="0x26" name="ampersand"/><!-- AMPERSAND -->
    <map code="0x27" name="quotesingle"/><!-- APOSTROPHE -->
    <map code="0x28" name="parenleft"/><!-- LEFT PARENTHESIS -->
    <map code="0x29" name="parenright"/><!-- RIGHT PARENTHESIS -->
    <map code="0x2a" name="asterisk"/><!-- ASTERISK -->
    <map code="0x2b" name="plus"/><!-- PLUS SIGN -->
    <map code="0x2c" name="comma"/><!-- COMMA -->
    <map code="0x2d" name="hyphen"/><!-- HYPHEN-MINUS -->
    <map code="0x2e" name="period"/><!-- FULL STOP -->
    <map code="0x2f" name="slash"/><!-- SOLIDUS -->
    <map code="0x30" name="zero"/><!-- DIGIT ZERO -->
    <map code="0x31" name="one"/><!-- DIGIT ONE -->
    <map code="0x32" name="two"/><!-- DIGIT TWO -->
    <map code="0x33" name="three"/><!-- DIGIT THREE -->
    <map code="0x34" name="four"/><!-- DIGIT FOUR -->
    <map code="0x35" name="five"/><!-- DIGIT FIVE -->
    <map code="0x36" name="six"/><!-- DIGIT SIX -->
```

U+0036 DIGIT SIX ⟶ six

OpenType file

```
<GlyphOrder>
  <!-- The 'id' attribute is only for humans; it is ignored when parsed. -->
  <GlyphID id="0" name=".notdef"/>
  <GlyphID id="1" name="space"/>
  <GlyphID id="2" name="exclam"/>
  <GlyphID id="3" name="quotedbl"/>
  <GlyphID id="4" name="numbersign"/>
  <GlyphID id="5" name="dollar"/>
  <GlyphID id="6" name="percent"/>
  <GlyphID id="7" name="ampersand"/>
  <GlyphID id="8" name="quoteright"/>
  <GlyphID id="9" name="parenleft"/>
  <GlyphID id="10" name="parenright"/>
  <GlyphID id="11" name="asterisk"/>
  <GlyphID id="12" name="plus"/>
  <GlyphID id="13" name="comma"/>
  <GlyphID id="14" name="hyphen"/>
  <GlyphID id="15" name="period"/>
  <GlyphID id="16" name="slash"/>
  <GlyphID id="17" name="zero"/>
  <GlyphID id="18" name="one"/>
  <GlyphID id="19" name="two"/>
  <GlyphID id="20" name="three"/>
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  <GlyphID id="22" name="five"/>
  <GlyphID id="23" name="six"/>
  <GlyphID id="24" name="seven"/>
  <GlyphID id="25" name="eight"/>
  <GlyphID id="26" name="nine"/>
  <GlyphID id="27" name="colon"/>
  <GlyphID id="28" name="semicolon"/>
  <GlyphID id="29" name="less"/>
  <GlyphID id="30" name="equal"/>
```
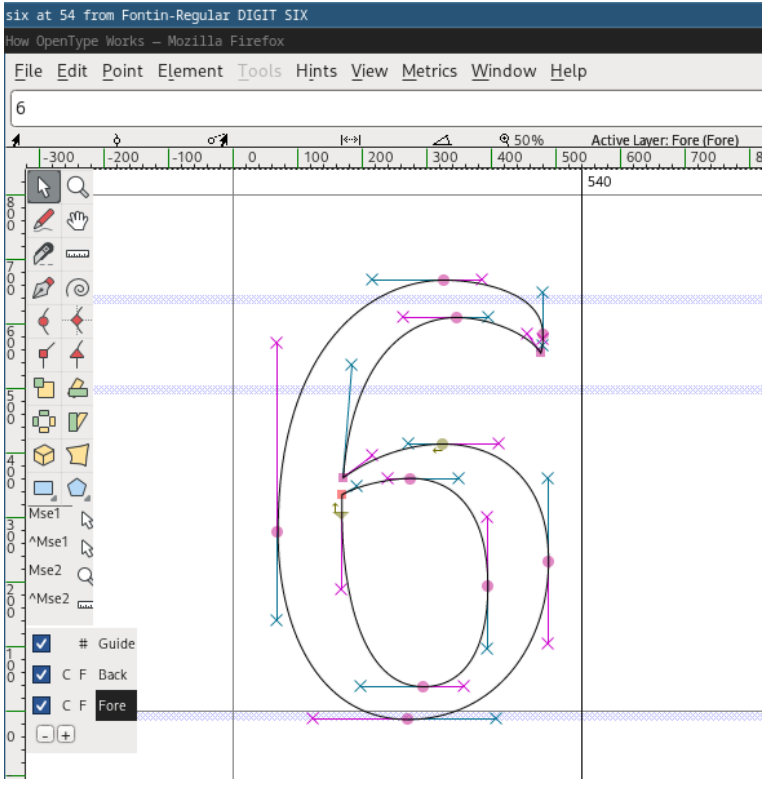

six ⟶ glyph #23

OpenType file

```
<CharString name="six">
  42 324 414 rmoveto
  87 77 -53 -128 hvcurveto
  -129 -81 -117 -137 vhcurveto
  -145 -56 152 139 hvcurveto
  292 147 98 110 vhcurveto
  60 93 -21 -63 hvcurveto
  0 -9 0 -9 -3 -11 rrcurveto
  -19 29 -62 26 -49 0 rrcurveto
  -83 0 -80 -73 -13 -175 rrcurveto
  46 33 56 19 52 0 rrcurveto
  -156 -105 rmoveto
  -122 30 -149 96 vhcurveto
  64 36 58 98 hvcurveto
  106 -44 61 -76 vhcurveto
  -34 0 -49 -12 -23 -14 rrcurveto
  endchar
</CharString>
```

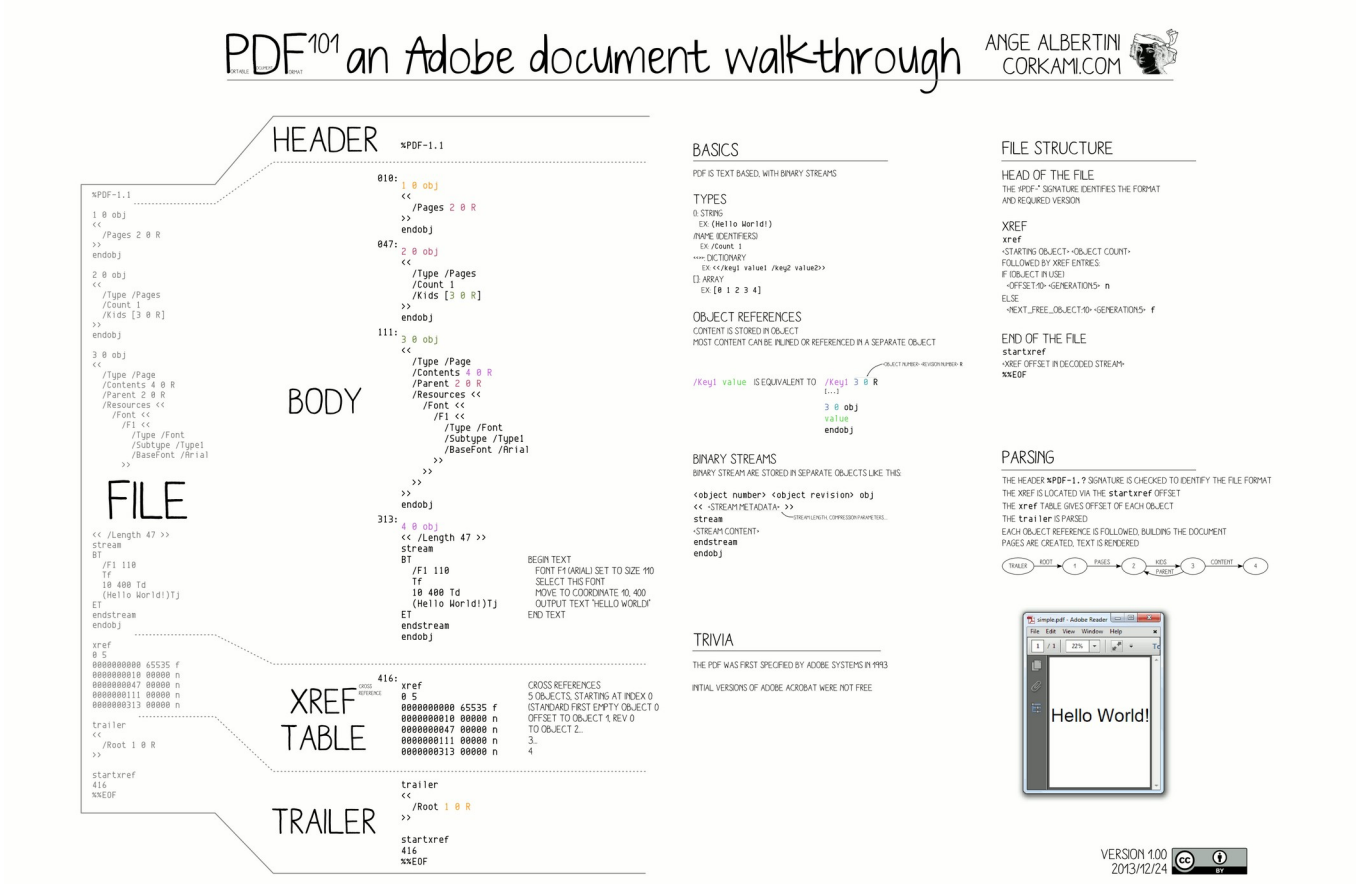
in CFF table



opened with FontForge

Section (3/3).
PDF

PDF file



source: Ange Albertini

Creating a PDF

```
%PDF-2.0
% ✍ generated by a script developed as part of typho
1 0 obj
<<
    /Type /Catalog
    /Pages 2 0 R
>>
endobj

2 0 obj
<<
    /Type /Pages
    /Kids [ 3 0 R ]
    /Count 1
>>
endobj

3 0 obj
<<
    /Type /Page
    /MediaBox [ 0 0 841 595 ]
    /Contents 4 0 R
    /Parent 2 0 R
    /Resources <<
        /Font << /F1 5 0 R  >>
    >>
>>
endobj
```

```
5 0 obj
<<
    /Type     /Font
    /Subtype  /Type1
    /BaseFont /Helvetica
>>
endobj

xref
0 6
0000000000 65535 f
0000000070 00000 n
0000000127 00000 n
0000000199 00000 n
0000000361 00000 n
0000000464 00000 n

trailer
<<
  /Root 1 0 R
>>

startxref
553
%%EOF
```

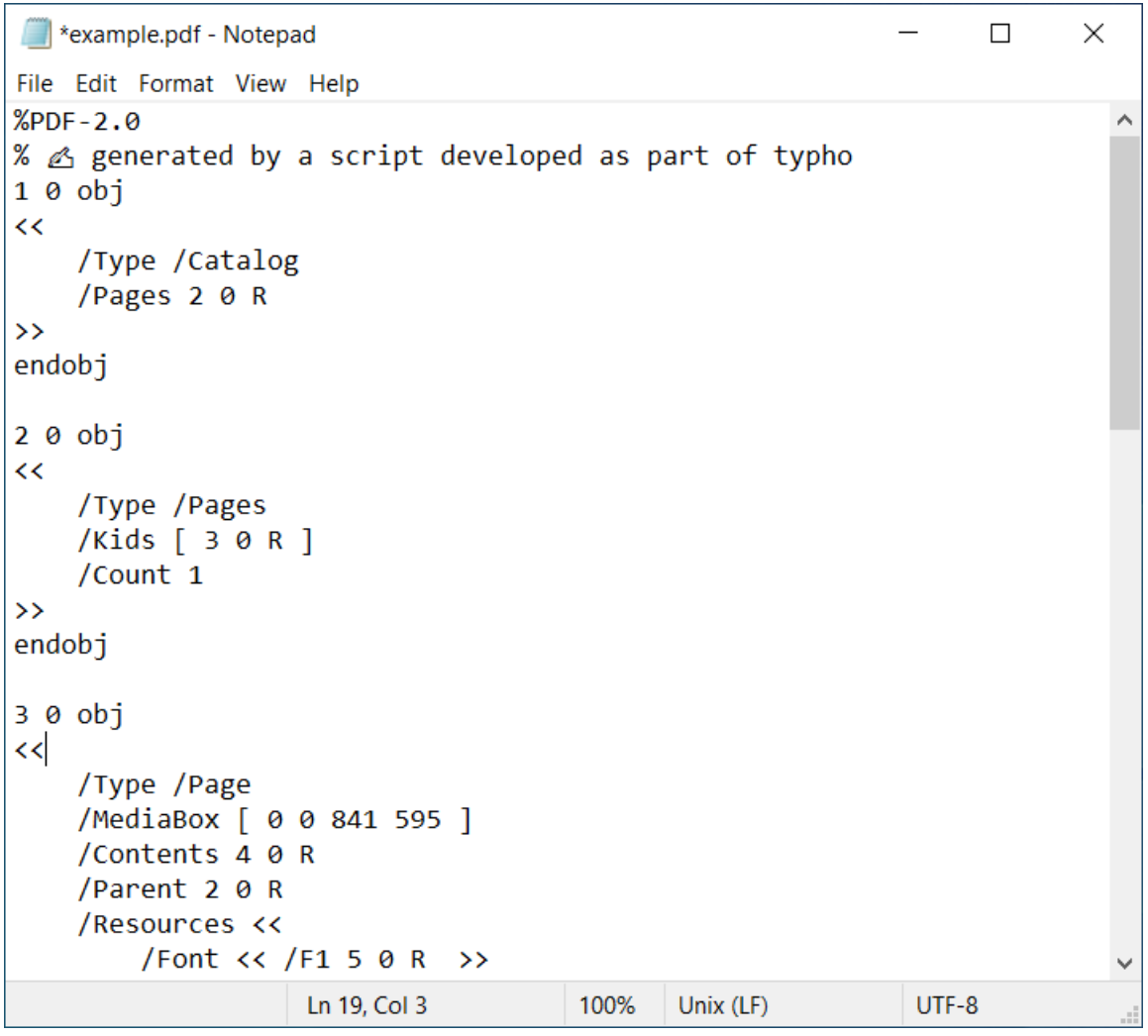
https://gendignoux.com/blog/2016/10/04/pdf-basics.html
https://news.speedata.de/2024/03/19/insidepdf-01/

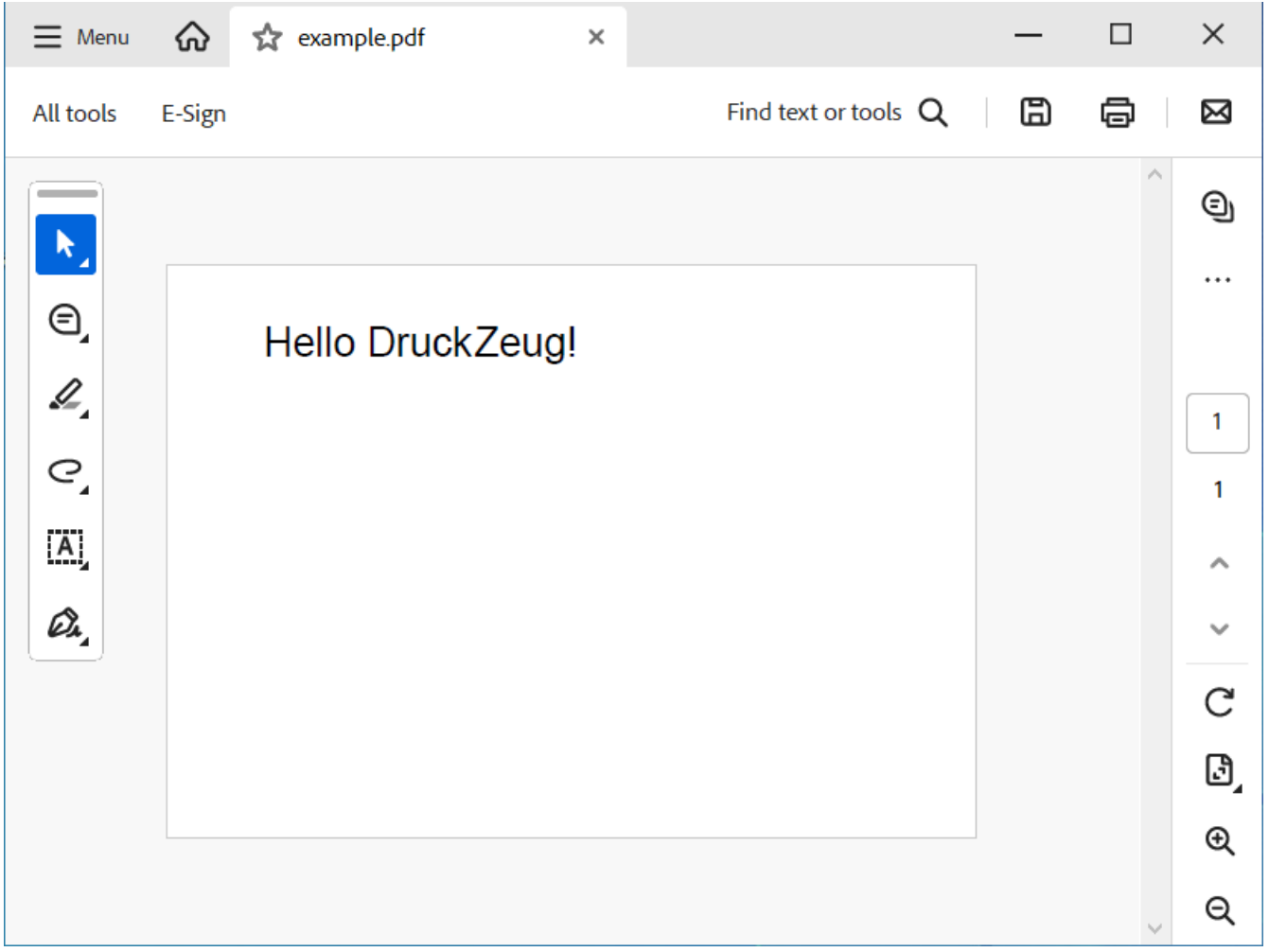
Creating a PDF

```
4 0 obj
<<
    /Length 49
>>
stream
BT
/F1 42 Tf
100 500 Td
(Hello DruckZeug!) Tj
ET
endstream
endobj

5 0 obj
<<
    /Type      /Font
    /Subtype   /Type1
    /BaseFont /Helvetica
>>
endobj
```

Creating a PDF

```
4 0 obj
<<
    /Length 63
>>
stream
BT
/F1 42 Tf
100 500 Td
T*
[ (Hello Druck) -50 (Zeug!) ] TJ
ET
endstream
endobj

5 0 obj
<<
    /Type      /Font
    /Subtype   /Type1
    /BaseFont /Helvetica
>>
endobj
```


*example.pdf - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
%PDF-2.0
% ✍ generated by a script developed as part of typho
1 0 obj
<<
/Type /Catalog
/Pages 2 0 R
>>
endobj
2 0 obj
<<
/Type /Pages
/Kids [3 0 R]
/Count 1
>>
endobj
3 0 obj
<<
/Type /Page
/MediaBox [0 0 841 595]
/Contents 4 0 R
/Parent 2 0 R
/Resources <<
/Font << /F1 5 0 R >>
Ln 19, Col 3
100%
Unix (LF)
UTF-8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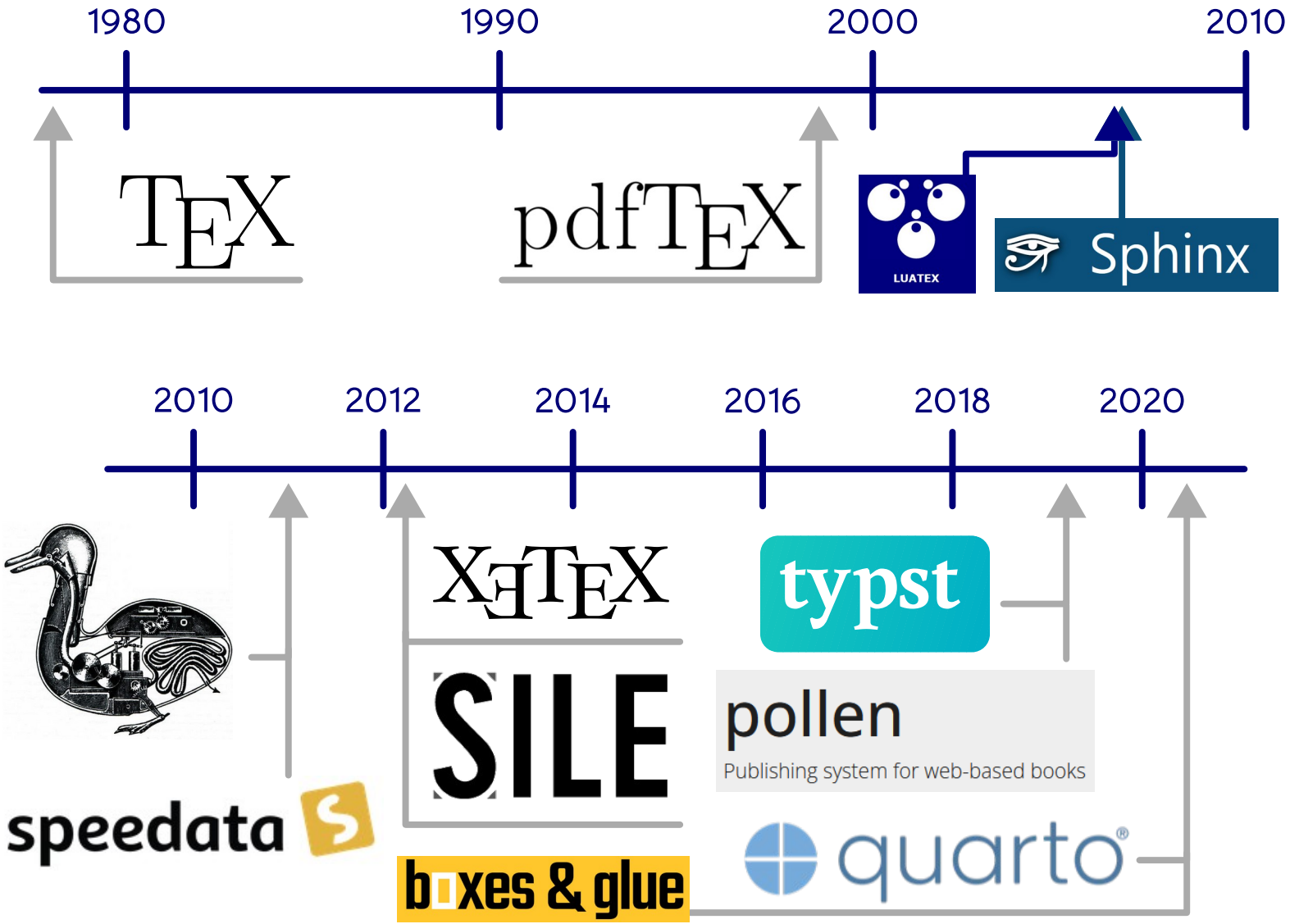
example.pdf
All tools
E-Sign
Find text or tools
Hello DruckZeug!
1
1

Fundamentals – Summary

- Unicode defines what “text” is
  (for all writing systems in use)
- OpenType define what a “font” is
- Given a font and text, you can determine which glyphs you want to place where (“text shaping”)
- You need to put the arrangement into a digital document (e.g. PDF)

Chapter 4.
Status Quo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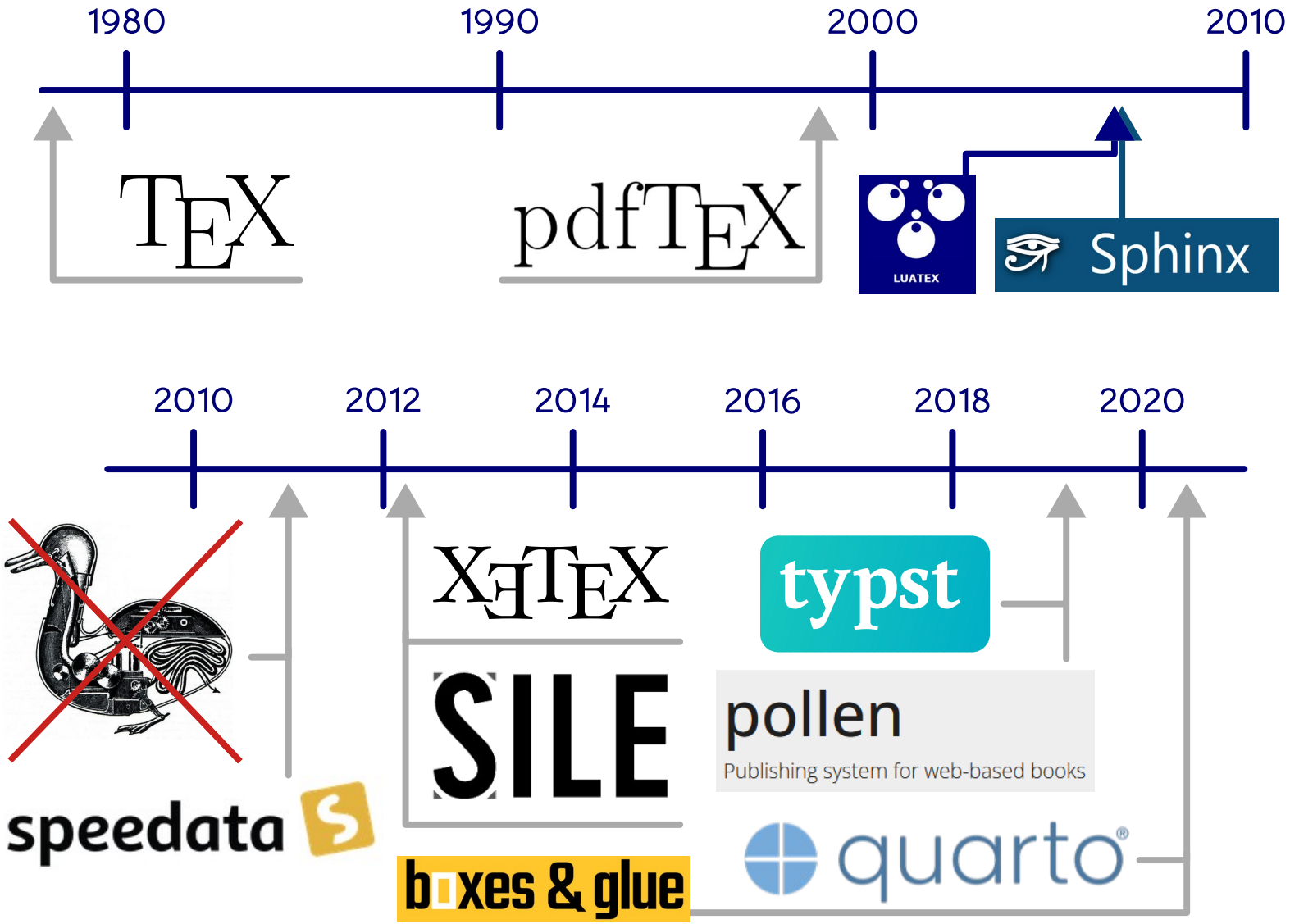
Publishing system for web-based books
speedata
boxes & glue
quarto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Chapter 5.
Quo vadis?

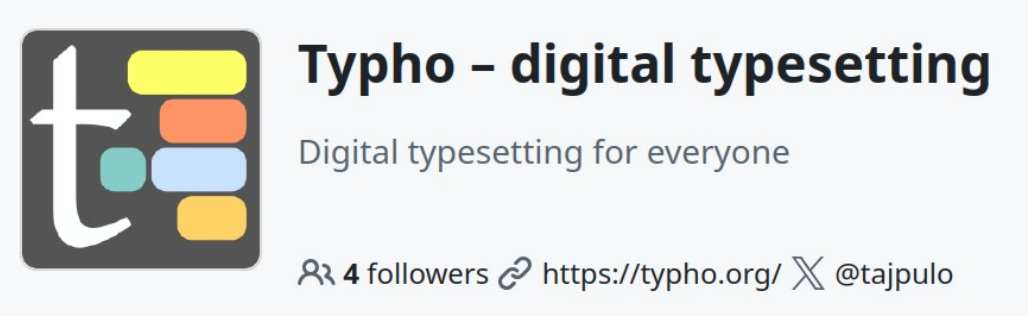
Goals

- encode information in an accessible/processable way
- develop the best typesetting engine with excellent Unicode and OpenType support
- provide user-friendly tools to work with text/fonts/documents
- community: find abstraction boundaries!
- community: unite and work together!

Done

- bibparser: parser for .bib files
- opstr: string operations on the CLI
- litua: process trees of markup documents
- arewedigitaltypesettingyet:
  website with an overview over existing projects

umbrella project: “typho”



Very soon…

Markup Languages — Quo vadis?

LUKAS PROKOP

CCS Concepts: • **Human-centered computing** → **Text input**; *Hypertext / hypermedia*; Collaborative interaction; • **Software and its engineering** → *Interpreters*; Input / output; Software usability; *Language types*; **Extensible languages**; **Formal language definitions**; **Syntax**; *Semantics*; **Markup languages**; *Extensible Markup Language (XML)*; *Hypertext languages*; *Domain specific languages*; *Requirements analysis*; Documentation; • **Theory of computation** → *Grammars and context-free languages*; • **Information systems** → XPath; **Markup languages**; • **Applied computing** → *Format and notation*; **Markup languages**.

Additional Key Words and Phrases: markup languages, markdown, domain specific languages, parsers, digital typesetting

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Addendum 1.
Justification

Thai script

วิวัฒนาการอักษรไทย

ราว พ.ศ. 400 ไทยได้อพยพจากถิ่นเดิมมาตั้งภูมิลำเนาอยู่ใกล้อาณาเขตมอญ ซึ่งกำลังเป็นชาติที่เจริญรุ่งเรืองในสมัยนั้น เริ่มแรกคงเริ่มเลียนแบบตัวอักษรมาจากมอญ ต่อมาราว พ.ศ. 1500 เมื่อขอมขยายอำนาจเข้ามาในดินแดนของคนไทยซึ่งตั้งอยู่บริเวณริมแม่น้ำยม และได้ปกครองเมืองเชลียงและเมืองสุโขทัย ไทยก็เริ่มดัดแปลงอักษรที่มีอยู่เดิมให้คล้ายกับอักษรขอมหวัด

อักษรมอญและอักษรขอมที่ไทยนำมาดัดแปลงใช้นั้นล้วนเป็นอักษรที่รับและแปลงรูปมาจากอักษรพราหมี ของพวกพราหมณ์ซึ่งแพร่หลายในอินเดียตอนเหนือ และอักษรสันสกฤตในสมัยราชวงศ์ปัลลวะ ซึ่งแพร่หลายบริเวณอินเดียตอนใต้ อักษรอินเดียทั้งคู่นี้ต่างก็รับแบบมาจากอักษรฟินิเชียนอีกชั้นหนึ่ง อักษรเฟนีเซียนับได้ว่าเป็นอักษรที่เก่าแก่ที่สุด และเป็นแม่แบบตัวอักษรของชาติต่างๆ ทั้งในเอเชียและยุโรป

ราว พ.ศ. 1826 พ่อขุนรามคำแหงทรงประดิษฐ์อักษรไทยที่เรียกกันว่า "ลายสือไทย" ขึ้น ซึ่งได้เค้ารูปมาจากอักษรมอญและอักษรขอมที่มีอยู่เดิม ทำให้อักษรไทยมีลักษณะคล้ายคลึงกับอักษรทั้งสอง แม้บางตัวจะไม่คล้ายกัน แต่ก็สามารถรู้ได้ว่าดัดแปลงมาจากอักษรตัวไหน

อักษรไทยมีการปรับปรุงอยู่เรื่อยๆ ในสมัยพญาฦๅไทราว พ.ศ. 1900 มีการแก้ไขตัวอักษรให้ผิดเพี้ยนไปบ้างเล็กน้อย โดยเฉพาะการเพิ่มเชิงที่ตัว ญ ซึ่งใช้ติดต่อเรื่อยมาจนทุกวันนี้ คาดว่าน่าจะเอาอย่างมาจากเขมร ในสมัยสมเด็จพระนารายณ์มหาราช ราว พ.ศ. 2223 ตัวอักษรเริ่มมีทรวดทรงดีขึ้น แต่ก็ไม่ทิ้งเค้าเดิม มีบางตัวเท่านั้นที่แก้ไขผิดไปจากเดิม คือตัว ฎ และ ธ ซึ่งเหมือนกับที่ใช้อยู่ในปัจจุบัน นักวิชาการจำนวนหนึ่งเชื่อว่าในสมัยสมเด็จพระนารายณ์มหาราช ตัวอักษรและการใช้งานมีความคล้ายคลึงกับในปัจจุบันมากที่สุด

by TH Wikipedia

Thai script

§ 2. Thai Script Overview

The Thai orthography is an abugida. Consonant letters have an inherent vowel sound. Vowel signs are attached to the consonant to produce a different vowel.

Thai text runs left to right in horizontal lines.

Spaces separate phrases, rather than words.

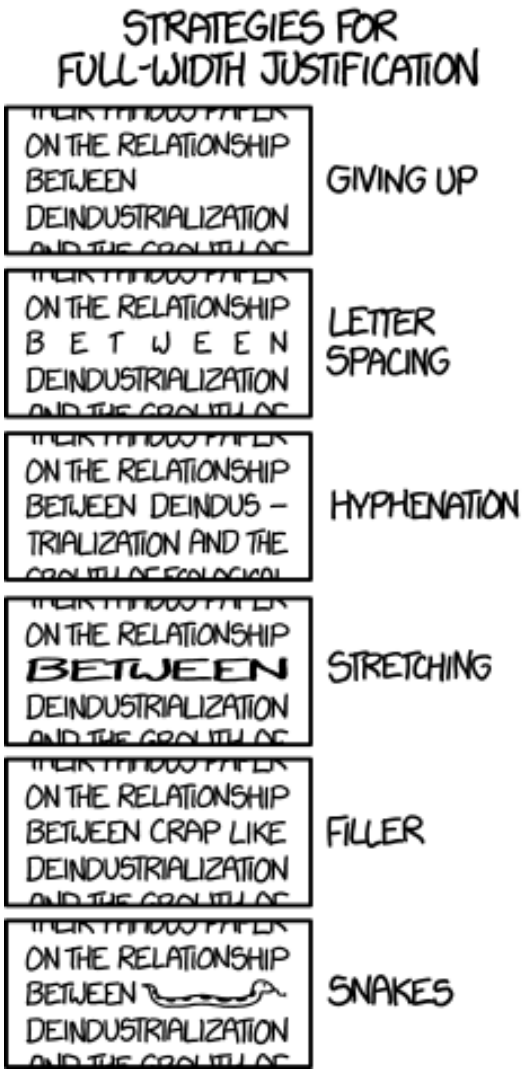
Each onset consonant is associated with a high, mid, or low class related to tone. Tone is indicated by a combination of the consonant class, the syllable type (live/dead), plus any tone mark.

No conjuncts are used for consonant clusters.

Syllable-initial clusters and syllable-final consonant sounds are all written with ordinary consonant letters. It can therefore be difficult to algorithmically detect syllable boundaries.

An inherent vowel is pronounced 「o」 inside a closed syllable, 「a」 in an open syllable, and 「ɔ:」 before a final 「-r」. Non-inherent vowels are represented using vowel signs. Characters used to represent vowels and dipthongs include combining marks, vowel letters, and consonants. There are pre-base vowel glyphs, but Thai uses visual placement: only the vowel sign components that appear above or below the consonant are combining marks; the others are ordinary, spacing letters that are *typed in the order seen*.

via W3C:
Thai requirements



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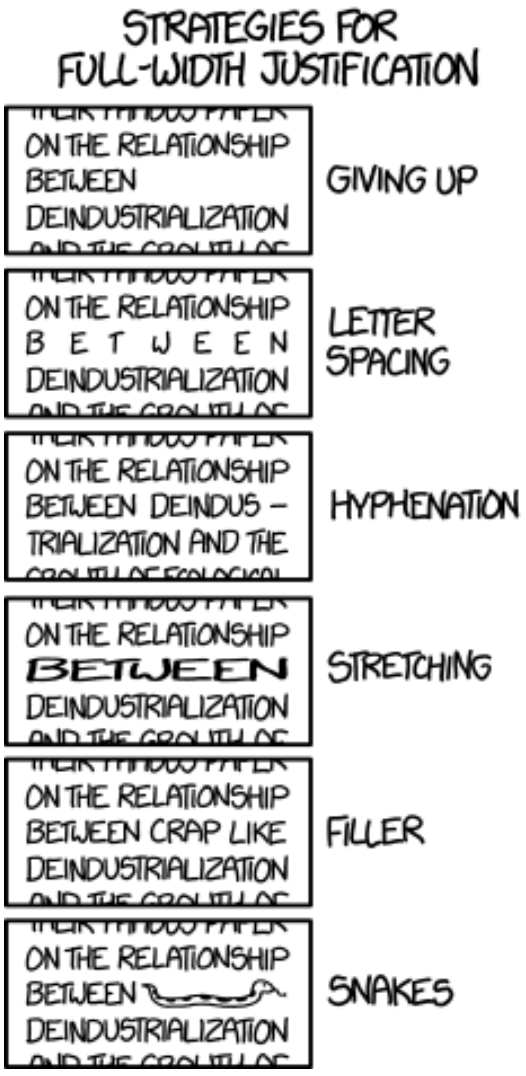


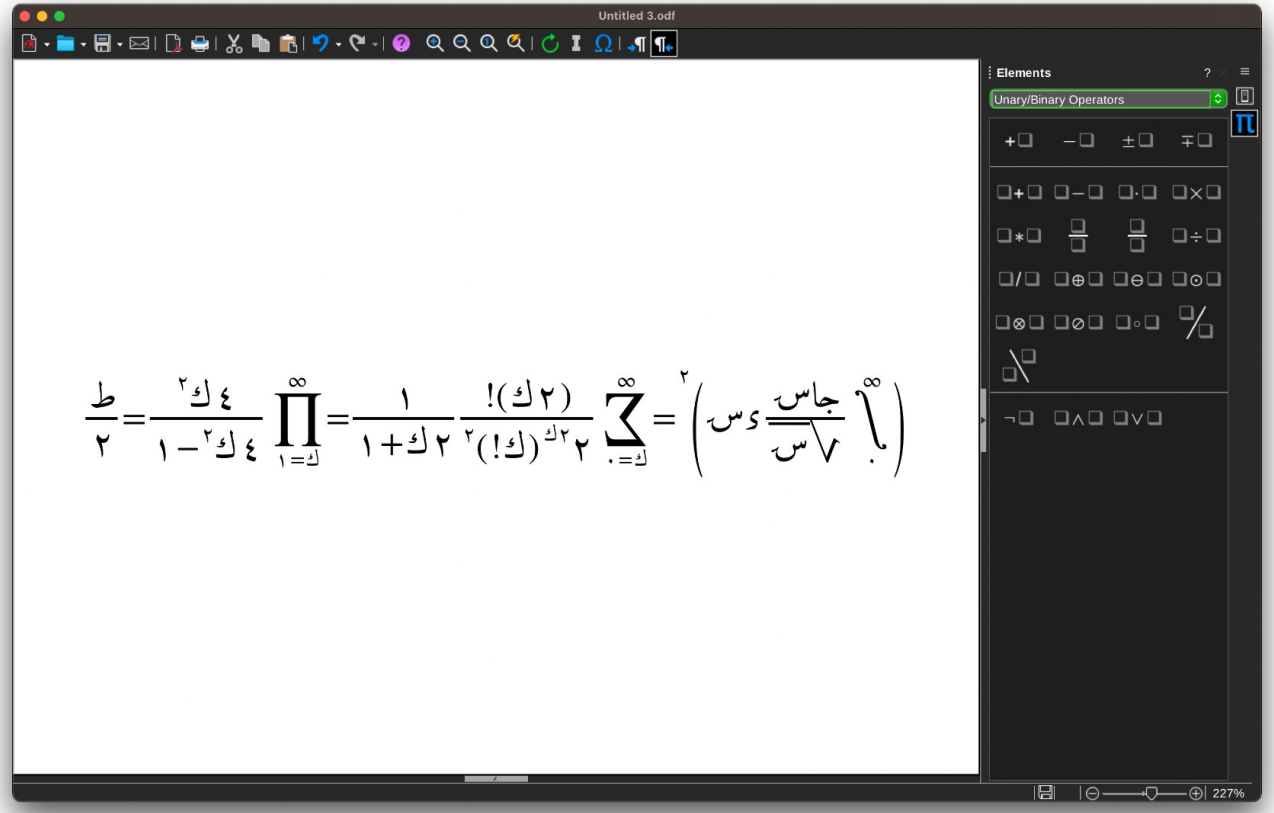
source: xkcd 1676

Word	Meaning	Normal	Kasheeda
al-ḥamdu	'the praise'	الحمد	الحمـــــد
Raħīm	'merciful'	رحيم	رحـــــيم

source: EN Wikipedia: Kashida

Addendum 2.
Math

Arabic math notation



Arabic math notation

Latin	Arabic	mirrored Latin
$\sum_{x=0}^{n} \sqrt[3]{x}$	$\sum_{\text{س}=٠}^{\text{ن}} \sqrt[٣]{\text{س}}$	$\sum_{0=\text{س}}^{\text{ن}} \sqrt[3]{\text{س}}$

source: Wikipedia: Modern Arabic mathematical notation

$$\begin{vmatrix} ٣ & ٢ & ١ \\ ٦ & ٥ & ٤ \\ ٩ & ٨ & ٧ \end{vmatrix} = \overleftarrow{\text{أب}} - \text{س}_{٢}^{\text{ا}} \underset{\text{س}+١٠}{\overset{\text{س}=\text{ا}}{\text{مجـ}}} \left(\sqrt[\frac{\text{ص}}{٤}]{\text{أب} + ٤} \right) \times \frac{\frac{١٢٠}{\text{ب}٤٣}}{-٣٤^{١٢}} + \text{س}$$

source: Khatt.Seen by devghasan