

FONTFONT OPENTYPE®



FONTFONT INFO GUIDE

FF Meta OT Normal Italic

FF Meta Pro Normal Italic

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SECTION A
INTRODUCTION
TO OPENTYPE®

**WHAT IS
OPENTYPE?**

OpenType® is a cross-platform font file format developed jointly by Adobe and Microsoft. The two main benefits of the OpenType format are its cross-platform compatibility (the same font file works on Macintosh and Windows computers), and its ability to support widely expanded character sets and layout features, which provide rich linguistic support and advanced typographic control.

OpenType fonts can be installed and used alongside PostScript® Type 1 and TrueType fonts.

The range of supported layout features may differ in the various FontFont OpenType packages, therefore each OpenType package will be accompanied by this FF Info Guide listing the layout features supported by this specific font package.

You'll find a glossary of all available OpenType layout features in Section B of the general FF OpenType User Guide.

Please see the FontFont OpenType® User Guide
at <http://www.fontfont.com/opentype>

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SECTION B
FONT & DESIGNER
INFORMATION

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ABOUT FF META OT NORMAL ITALIC

FF Meta™ was originally (1985) conceived as a typeface for use in small point sizes. Against its intended purpose, FF Meta very quickly became one of the most popular typefaces of the computer era, and has been referred to as the Helvetica of the 90s – not necessarily a compliment. It is used a lot in magazines, from the Normal weight in small point sizes for captions up to the Black version for large headlines.

ABOUT ERIK SPIEKERMANN

Erik Spiekermann is information architect, type designer (FF Meta, ITC Officina, FF Info, FF Unit, LoType, Berliner Grotesk, Nokia Sans et al) and author of books and articles on type and typography. He was founder (1979) of MetaDesign, Germany's largest design firm with offices in Berlin, London and San Francisco. Projects included corporate design programmes for Audi, Skoda, Volkswagen, Lexus, Heidelberg Printing, Berlin Transit, Duesseldorf Airport and many others. In 1988 he started with FontShop, a company for production and distribution of electronic fonts. He holds a professorship at the Academy of Arts in Bremen, is vice president of the German Design council, president of the International Society of Typographic Designers in London and a board member of ATypI. In July 2000, Erik withdrew from the management of MetaDesign Berlin. Erik now lives and works in Berlin, London and San Francisco, designing publications, complex design systems and more typefaces. His new project is The United Designers Network and brings together a lot of the people he has worked with over the past 25 years. In 2001 he redesigned The Economist magazine in London. His book for Adobe Press, "Stop Stealing Sheep", which first came out in 1993 and has been sold over 150000 times, has just appeared in a second edition and in a German version. He is currently designing corporate design programmes and exclusive typefaces for Deutsche Bahn, the German railway system, and Bosch. In 2003, Erik was awarded the Gerrit Noordzij Award for Typography by the Royal Academy in The Hague, and in 2004 he received the IID Award for Leadership and Distinctive Achievement in Information Design.

SECTION C
SUPPORTED
LAYOUT FEATURES

FONTFONT OPENTYPE®

EXAMPLES



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STANDARD LIGATURES

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DISCRETIONARY LIGATURES

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HISTORICAL FORMS

$s \rightarrow f$



SMALL CAPITALS

$small \rightarrow SMALL$



SMALL CAPITALS FROM CAPITALS

$CAPS \rightarrow CAPS$



CASE-SENSITIVE FORMS

$(A[I]) \rightarrow (A[I])$



CAPITAL SPACING

$HOH \rightarrow HOH$

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ORDINALS

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EXAMPLES

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SECTION D
LANGUAGE
SUPPORT

**SUPPORTED
CODE PAGES**
OPENTYPE STANDARD

STD

MACOS
MACOS ROMAN
IBM
IBM-37 UNITED STATES - EBCDIC (IBM-28709)
IBM-273 GERMANY - EBCDIC
IBM-277 DENMARK, NORWAY - EBCDIC
IBM-278 FINLAND, SWEDEN - EBCDIC
IBM-280 ITALY - EBCDIC
IBM-282
IBM-284 SPAIN, LATIN AMERICA - EBCDIC

IBM-285 UNITED KINGDOM - EBCDIC
IBM-297 FRANCE - EBCDIC
IBM-500 INTERNATIONAL - EBCDIC
IBM-871 ICELAND - EBCDIC
IBM-1047 OPEN SYSTEMS - EBCDIC
WINDOWS
MS WINDOWS 1252 LATIN 1
ISO
ISO 8859- 1 W EU LATIN 1

**ADDITIONAL
SUPPORTED
CODE PAGES**
OPENTYPE PRO

PRO

MACOS
MACOS CENTRAL EUROPE
MACOS CYRILLIC
MACOS GREEK
MACOS UKRAINIAN
IBM
IBM-875 GREECE - EBCDIC
IBM-921 BALTIC
IBM-1025 CYRILLIC - EBCDIC
IBM-1112 BALTIC - EBCDIC
IBM-1123
IBM-1124
OTHER
HARWELL GREEK NO 2
WINDOWS
MS WINDOWS 1250 EASTERN EUROPEAN

MS WINDOWS 1251 CYRILLIC
MS WINDOWS 1253 GREEK
MS WINDOWS 1254 TURKISH
MS WINDOWS 1257 BALTIC
WINDOWS PARAGRAPH
MS WINDOWS PARAGRAPH FRENCH-CYRILLIC
MS WINDOWS PARAGRAPH FINNISH-CYRILLIC
MS WINDOWS PARAGRAPH GERMAN-CYRILLIC
ISO
ISO 8859- 2 C EU LATIN 2
ISO 8859- 3 TU, MALT, GAL, ESP LATIN 3
ISO 8859- 5 CYRILLIC
ISO 8859- 9 W EU+TURKISH LATIN 5
ISO 8859-10 SCANDINAVIAN LATIN 6

**SUPPORTED
LANGUAGES**
OPENTYPE STANDARD

STD

BRETON	IRISH
CATALAN	ITALIAN
DANISH	NORWEGIAN
DUTCH	PORTUGUESE
ENGLISH	RHAETO-ROMANCE
FINNISH	SERBIAN
FRENCH	SPANISH
GERMAN	SWEDISH
ICELANDIC	

**ADDITIONAL
SUPPORTED
LANGUAGES**
OPENTYPE PRO

PRO

ABASINIAN	LATVIAN (LETTISH)
ADYGEISH	LESGINIAN
AVARISH	LITHUANIAN
BALKARIAN	MACEDONIAN
BULGARIAN	MALTESE
BYELORUSSIAN (BELARUSIAN)	MOLDAVIAN
CHECHENISH	MORDOVSKO-ERSATIAN
CROATIAN	MORDOVSKO-MOKSHANIAN
CZECH	NANAISH
DARGINISH	NENISH
ESPERANTO	NIVKH
ESTONIAN	POLISH
GALICIAN	ROMANIAN
GREEK	SLOVAK
HUNGARIAN	SLOVENIAN
INGUSHIAN	SORBIAN LOWER
KABARDINO-CHERKESIAN	SORBIAN UPPER
KUMYKISH	TURKISH
KURDISH	
LAKISH	

SUPPORTED UNICODE RANGES

TITLE	NUMBER OF CHARACTERS		EXAMPLES
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BASIC LATIN	97	97	! " # ... ¡ } ~
LATIN-1 SUPPLEMENT	96	96	í ¢ £ ... ý þ ÿ
LATIN EXTENDED-A	13	106	Ā ā Ă ... Ž Ž ſ
LATIN EXTENDED-B	1	6	ƒ Š ſ Ŧ ū ſ
SPACING MODIFIER LETTERS	8	8	^ ~ ˇ ˇ „ „ „ „
GREEK AND COPTIC	5	75	; ‘ “ ó β φ
CYRILLIC		94	Ѐ Ѓ І й І І
GENERAL PUNCTUATION	16	17	— — — ... < > /
SUPERSCRIPTS AND SUBSCRIPTS	17	17	⁰ ⁴ ⁵ ... ⁷ ⁸ ⁹
CURRENCY SYMBOLS	1	1	€
LETTERLIKE SYMBOLS	3	4	ℳ ℗ ™ ℬ
ARROWS	8	8	← ↑ → ... ↗ ↘ ↙ ↖
MATHEMATICAL OPERATORS	16	16	∂ Δ ∏ ... ≤ ≥ ·
GEOMETRIC SHAPES	5	5	▲ ▶ ▷ ▲ △
ALPHABETIC PRESENTATION FORMS	6	6	ff fi fl ffi ffl st

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SEMPRE DOMENICA PRENDERÀ VITA una giornata Gut getarnt im Neptungras steht ein Kuckuckslipp. Serán, a juicio de los cientí.cos, tres épocas Onks tää vika kysymys. Hän on työskennellyt Il y

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