# Graphite Table Format Extending TrueType for Graphite Version 5

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## Introduction

The Graphite font table format is structured in order that a Graphite binary description may be incorporated into a TrueType font. Thus the binary format uses the TrueType table structure, identically to how it is used in a TrueType font. The only difference between using an external file containing Graphite binary information in tables, and inserting the binary information into tables in the font is that tables are considered local to their file and are considered to override those found in the font file. This allows there to be multiple, independent descriptions held in separate files. Those independent descriptions would have to be merged, in a way described in this document, if they were to be held together in the same font file or binary file.

The description consists of a set of table descriptions. The format of a file follows that of a TrueType font containing only those tables pertinent to the description (i.e. for a separate binary description, those tables listed here).

As is standard for all TrueType tables, the data is in big-endian format (most significant byte first).

# Version

This file describes version 5.0 of the Graphite font table specification. Modifications from previous versions are indicated in the "Version notes" column of the various tables.

#### **Tables**

This document describes several additional TrueType table types. The "Silf" and "Sile" tables are unique to the needs of Graphite, whilst "Gloc" and "Glat" provide an extended glyph attribute mechanism. The "Feat" table is based very closely on the GX "feat" table. (If necessary the tables could be restructured to be stored inside the single "Silf" table.) In addition, use is made of the "name" table type.

#### Glat

The Glat table type is used for storing glyph attributes. Each glyph may be considered to have a sparse array of, at the most, 65536 16-bit signed attributes. The Glat table is the mechanism by which they are stored.

The Glat table consists of a table header and an array of Glat\_entry items:

| Туре          | Name    | Description             | Version notes  |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|----------------|
| FIXED         | version | Table version: 00030000 | 5.0 - 00030000 |
| Glyph_entry[] | entries | Glyph attribute entries |                |
| T 11 4 01 1   |         |                         |                |

Table 1: Glat

| Name      | Description  | Version notes  |
|-----------|--|--|
| octaboxes | Glyph approximation metrics to support collision avoidance | 5.0 – added  |
| entries   | Glyph attribute entries                                    |  |
|           | octaboxes  | octaboxes Glyph approximation metrics to support collision avoidance |

Table 1a: Glyph\_entry

The first block of data includes metrics that approximate the glyph's curves. The approximation uses "octaboxes"—rectangles with corners that may be cut out at an angle of 45 degrees. Each octabox requires 8 values to define. There are metrics for the entire glyph and for a 4x4 approximation grid, resulting in up to 16 sub-boxes. For some glyphs, no sub-box data will be present, in which case the bitmap will be zero. Note that the rectangle for the full glyph is not included here, as the bounding box rectangle is stored elsewhere in the font.

| Туре           | Name          | Description  | Version notes |
|----------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| SHORT          | subbox_bitmap | Which subboxes exist on 4x4 grid;<br>bit-index = (y-index * 4) + x-index |               |
| BYTE           | diag_pos_min  | Defines minimum positively-sloped diagonal                               |               |
| BYTE           | diag_pos_max  | Defines maximum positively-sloped diagonal                               |               |
| BYTE           | diag_neg_min  | Defines minimum negatively-sloped diagonal                               |               |
| BYTE           | diag_neg_max  | Defines maximum negatively -sloped diagonal                              |               |
| Subbox_entry[] | subboxes      | One entry per bit in subbox_bitmap                                       |               |

Table 1b: Octabox\_metrics

Note that in the subbox bitmap, bit 3 indicates the presence of the lower right cell, and bit 12 the upper left cell.

| Туре | Name         | Description                                | Version notes |
|------|--------------|--|---------------|
| BYTE | left         | Left of subbox                             |               |
| BYTE | right        | Right of subbox                            |               |
| BYTE | bottom       | Bottom of subbox                           |               |
| BYTE | top          | Top of subbox                              |               |
| BYTE | diag_pos_min | Defines minimum positively-sloped diagonal |               |
| BYTE | diag_pos_max | Defines maximum positively-sloped diagonal |               |
| BYTE | diag_neg_min | Defines minimum negatively-sloped diagonal |               |

| BYTE | diag_neg_max | Defines maximum negatively -sloped diagonal |  |
|------|--------------|---|--|
|      |              |   |  |

Table 1c: Subbox\_entry

Following the glyph curve approximation data, the glyph attributes appear. The glyph attributes associated with a particular glyph are identified by number and value. To conserve space, this storage is run-length encoded. Thus a glyph will have a series of Glat\_entrys corresponding to each non-contiguous set of attributes. The structure of a Glat\_entry is:

| Туре  | Name         | Description                         | Version notes                    |
|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SHORT | attNum       | Attribute number of first attribute | 4.0 - changed from BYTE to SHORT |
| SHORT | num          | Number of attributes in this run    | 4.0 - changed from BYTE to SHORT |
| SHORT | attributes[] | Array of num attributes             |                                  |

Table 1d: Glat\_entry

Notice that all glyph attributes are 16-bit signed values. If a 32-bit value is required, then two attributes should be assigned and joined together by the application.

Attribute numbers are application specific.

If the font does not require collision boxes, version 1 or 2 of the Glat table will be generated. If the font requires more than 256 attributes, version 2 will result, which is defined as follows:

| Туре         | Name    | Description             | Version notes |  |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| FIXED        | version | Table version: 00020000 |               |  |
| Glat_entry[] | entries | Glyph attribute entries |               |  |

Table 2: Glat version 1

| Туре  | Name         | Description                         | Version notes |
|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| SHORT | attNum       | Attribute number of first attribute |               |
| SHORT | num          | Number of attributes in this run    |               |
| SHORT | attributes[] | Array of num attributes             |               |

Table 2a: Glat\_entry, version 1

If the font does not require more than 256 glyph attributes, version 1 of the Glat table will be generated:

| Туре         | Name    | Description             | Version notes |  |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| FIXED        | version | Table version: 00010000 |               |  |
| Glat_entry[] | entries | Glyph attribute entries |               |  |

Table 3: Glat version 1

| Туре  | Name         | Description                         | Version notes |
|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| BYTE  | attNum       | Attribute number of first attribute |               |
| BYTE  | num          | Number of attributes in this run    |               |
| SHORT | attributes[] | Array of num attributes             |               |

Table 3a: Glat\_entry, version 1

#### Gloc

The Gloc table is used to index the Glat table. It is structured identically to the loca table type, except that it has a header.

TODO: add a field indicating the number of glyphs in the table (the current dependence on the Silf table is not architecturally clean).

| Туре         | Name        | Description  | Version notes                                    |
|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| FIXED        | version     | 00010000 or 00010001   | 5.0 – 00010001<br>implies Glat table<br>00030000 |
| USHORT       | flags       | bit 0 = 1 for Long format, = 0 for short format<br>bit 1 = 1 for attribute names, = 0 for stripped |  |
| USHORT       | numAttribs  | Number of attributes   |  |
| USHORT/ULONG | locations[] | Offsets into Glat table for each glyph; (number of glyph IDs + 1) of these                         |  |
| USHORT       | attriblds[] | Debug id for each attribute  |  |

Table 4: Gloc

The flags entry contains a bit to indicate whether the locations array is of type USHORT or ULONG. The locations array is identically structured to that of the loca table. There is one entry per glyph and an extra entry to identify the length of the final glyph's attribute entries. Offsets are given to a Glat\_entry in the Glat table. The second bit indicates whether there is an attriblds array at the end of this table. If there is, then it contains name IDs for each attribute. If this bit is not set, then there is no array and the table ends after the locations array.

NOTE: as of version 2 of the Silf table, the values of the breakweight attribute are interpreted as follows:

- BREAK WHITESPACE = 10
- BREAK\_WORD = 15
- BREAK INTRA = 20
- BREAK\_LETTER = 30
- BREAK\_CLIP = 40

#### **Feat**

Graphite stores features in a table whose format is very similar to the GX feat table. This makes reference to the name table which is use for storing feature names and feature value names.

| Туре               | Name           | Description                              | Version notes                           |
|--------------------|----------------|--|---|
| FIXED              | version        | Table version: 00020000                  | 3.0 – changed from 00010000 to 00020000 |
| USHORT             | numFeat        | Number of features                       |   |
| USHORT             | reserved       |  |   |
| ULONG              | reserved       |  |   |
| FeatureDefn        | features[]     | Array of numFeat features                |   |
| FeatureSettingDefn | featSettings[] | Array of feature setting values, indexed |   |

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|----|------|-------|
|    |      |       |

Table 5: Feat

| Туре   | Name        | Description                        | Version notes  |
|--------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| ULONG  | id          | Feature ID number                  | 3.0 - added    |
| USHORT | numSettings | Number of settings                 |                |
| USHORT | reserved    |                                    | 3.0 – inserted |
| ULONG  | offset      | Offset into featSettings list      |                |
| USHORT | flags       |                                    |                |
| USHORT | label       | Index into name table for UI label |                |

Table 6: FeatureDefn

| Туре   | Name  | Description                        | Version notes |
|--------|-------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| SHORT  | value | Feature setting value              |               |
| USHORT | label | Index into name table for UI label |               |

Table 6a: FeatureSettingDefn

## Silf

The "Silf" table will be used for storing rules and actions for the various types of tables in a rendering description. The structure of the Silf table is:

| Туре    | Name            | Description  | Version notes   |
|---------|-----------------|--|---|
| FIXED   | version         | Table version: 00050000  | 2.0 – changed to 00020000;<br>3.0 – changed to 00030000<br>4.0 – changed to 00040000<br>5.0 – changed to 00050000 |
| FIXED   | compilerVersion | Actual version of the compiler that generated this font                      | 3.0 - added   |
| USHORT  | numSub          | Number of SIL subtables  |   |
| USHORT  | reserved        |  |   |
| ULONG   | offset[]        | Array of numSub offsets to the subtables relative to the start of this table |   |
| SIL_Sub | tables[]        | Array of independent rendering description subtables                         |   |

Table 7: Silf

Since one TrueType file may hold multiple independent rendering descriptions, each rendering description is described in a subtable. The subtable contains all that is necessary to describe the rendering of one set of writing systems.

| Туре   | Name           | Description   | Version notes                          |
|--------|----------------|---|--|
| FIXED  | ruleVersion    | Version of stack-machine language used in rules   | 3.0 – added                            |
| USHORT | passOffset     | offset of oPasses[0] relative to start of sub-table   | 3.0 - added                            |
| USHORT | pseudosOffset  | offset of pMaps[0] relative to start of sub-table   | 3.0 - added                            |
| USHORT | maxGlyphID     | Maximum valid glyph ID (including line-break & pseudo-glyphs)   |  |
| SHORT  | extraAscent    | Em-units to be added to the font's ascent   |  |
| SHORT  | extraDescent   | Em-units to be added to the font's descent  |  |
| BYTE   | numPasses      | Number of rendering description passes  |  |
| BYTE   | iSubst         | Index of first substitution pass  |  |
| BYTE   | iPos           | Index of first Positioning pass   |  |
| BYTE   | iJust          | Index of first Justification pass   |  |
| BYTE   | iBidi          | Index of first pass after the bidi pass(must be <= iPos); 0xFF implies no bidi pass   |  |
| BYTE   | flags          | Bit 0: True (1) if there is any start-, end-, or cross-line contextualization Bit 1: True (1) if cross-line contextualization can be ignored for optimization | 4.0 – added bit 1<br>5.0 – added bit 5 |
|        |                | Bits 2-4: space contextual flags  |  |
|        |                | Bit 5: automatic collision fixing   |  |
| BYTE   | maxPreContext  | Max range for preceding cross-line-boundary contextualization   |  |
| BYTE   | maxPostContext | Max range for following cross-line-boundary contextualization   |  |

| BYTE                    | attrPsuedo         | Glyph attribute number that is used for actual glyph ID for a pseudo glyph       |                            |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
| BYTE                    | attrBreakWeight    | Glyph attribute number of breakweight attribute                                  |                            |
| BYTE                    | attrDirectionality | Glyph attribute number for directionality attribute                              |                            |
| BYTE                    | attrMirroring      | Glyph attribute number for mirror.glyph (mirror.isEncoded comes directly after)  | 2.0 – added;<br>4.0 – used |
| BYTE                    | attrCollisions     | Glyph attribute number for collsion.flags attribute (several more come after it) | 5.0 - added                |
| BYTE                    | attrSkipPasses     | Glyph attribute of bitmap indicating key glyphs for pass optimization            | 2.0 – added;<br>4.0 – used |
| BYTE                    | numJLevels         | Number of justification levels; 0 if no justification                            | 2.0 - added                |
| Justification<br>-Level | jLevels[]          | Justification information for each level.  | 2.0 – added                |
| USHORT                  | numLigComp         | Number of initial glyph attributes that represent ligature components            |                            |
| BYTE                    | numUserDefn        | Number of user-defined slot attributes   |                            |
| BYTE                    | maxCompPerLig      | Maximum number of components per ligature  |                            |
| BYTE                    | direction          | Supported direction(s)   |                            |
| BYTE                    | reserved           |  | 2.0 - added                |
| BYTE                    | numCritFeatures    | Number of critical features  | 2.0 - added                |
| USHORT                  | critFeatures[]     | Array of critical features   | 2.0 - added                |
| BYTE                    | reserved           |  | 2.0 - added                |
| BYTE                    | numScriptTag       | Number of scripts this subtable supports   |                            |
| ULONG                   | scriptTag[]        | Array of numScriptTag script tags  |                            |
| USHORT                  | lbGID              | Glyph ID for line-break psuedo-glyph   |                            |
| ULONG                   | oPasses[]          | Offets to passes relative to the start of this subtable; numPasses + 1 of these  |                            |
| USHORT                  | numPseudo          | Number of Unicode -> pseudo-glyph mappings                                       |                            |
| USHORT                  | searchPseudo       | (max power of 2 <= numPseudo) * sizeof(PseudoMap)                                |                            |
| USHORT                  | pseudoSelector     | log <sub>2</sub> (max power of 2<= numPseudo)                                    |                            |
| USHORT                  | pseudoShift        | numPseudo - searchPseudo   |                            |
| PseudoMap               | pMaps[]            | Mappings between Unicode and pseudo-glyphs in order of Unicode                   |                            |
| ClassMap                | classes            | Classes object storing replacement classes used in actions                       |                            |
| SIL_Pass                | passes[]           | Array of passes  |                            |
|                         |                    |  |                            |

Table 8: SIL\_Sub

Each justification level has several glyph attributes associated with it.

This structure was new as of version 2.0.

| BYTE         | attrStretch | Glyph attribute number for justify.X.stretch |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| BYTE         | attrShrink  | Glyph attribute number for justify.X.shrink  |
| BYTE         | attrStep    | Glyph attribute number for justify.X.step    |
| BYTE         | attrWeight  | Glyph attribute number for justify.X.weight  |
| BYTE         | runto       | Which level starts the next stage            |
|              | Tarito      | William Toval Starto the Host Stage          |
| BYTE         | reserved    | Which level state the host stage             |
| BYTE<br>BYTE |             | Timor love date the next stage               |

Table 9: JustificationLevel

A pseudo-glyph is a glyph which contains no font metrics (it has a GID greater than the numGlyphs entry in the maxp table) but is used in the rendering process. Each pseudo-glyph has an attribute which is the glyph ID of a real glyph which will be used to actually render the glyph. The pseudo-glyph map contains a mapping between Unicode and pseudo-glyph number:

| Туре   | Name    | Description              | Version notes                      |
|--------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ULONG  | unicode | Unicode codepoint        | 2.0 - changed from USHORT to ULONG |
| USHORT | nPseudo | Glyph ID of pseudo-glyph |                                    |

Table 10: PseudoMap

The ClassMap stores the replacement class information for the passes in this description. Replacement classes are used during substitution where a glyph id is looked up in one class and the glyph ID at the corresponding index in another class is substituted. The difficulty with the storage of such classes is in looking up a glyph ID in an arbitrarily ordered list. One approach is to use a linear search; this is very slow, but is stored very simply. Another approach is to order the glyphs in the class and to store the index against the glyph. Both approaches are supported in the ClassMap table structure:

| Туре        | Name      | Description   | Version notes                         |
|-------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| USHORT      | numClass  | Number of replacement classes   |                                       |
| USHORT      | numLinear | Number of linearly stored replacement classes                                     |                                       |
| ULONG       | oClass[]  | Array of numClass + 1 offsets to class arrays from the beginning of the class map | 4.0 – Silf v 4.0<br>expanded to ULONG |
| USHORT      | glyphs[]  | Glyphs for linear classes   |                                       |
| LookupClass | lookups[] | An array of numClass – numLinear lookups  |                                       |

Table 11: ClassMap

The LookupClass stores a fast lookup association between glyph ID and index. Each lookup consists of an ordered list of glyph IDs with the corresponding index for that glyph. The number of elements in the lookup is specified by numIds along with a search Range and shift to initialize a fast binary search engine:

| Туре   | Name          | Description                                | Version notes |
|--------|---------------|--|---------------|
| USHORT | numIDs        | Number of elements in the lookup           |               |
| USHORT | searchRange   | (max power of 2<= numIDs) * 4              |               |
| USHORT | entrySelector | log <sub>2</sub> (max power of 2<= numIDs) |               |
| USHORT | rangeShift    | numlds*4 – searchRange                     |               |

|  | LookupPair | lookups[] | lookups; there are numIDs of these |  |
|--|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--|
|--|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--|

Table 12: LookupClass

Each element in the lookup consists of a glyphId and the corresponding index in the original ordered list.

| Туре   | Name    | Description  | Version notes |
|--------|---------|--|---------------|
| USHORT | glyphld | glyph id to be compared                              |               |
| USHORT | index   | index corresponding to this glyph id in ordered list |               |

Table 13:LookupPair

#### **Pass**

Each processing pass consists of a finite state machine description for rule finding, and the actions that are executed when a rule is matched.

| Туре   | Name            | Description  | Version notes                                  |
|--------|-----------------|--|--|
| BYTE   | flags           | Bits 0-2: collision fixing max loop<br>Bits 3-4: auto kerning<br>Bit 5: flip direction                                 | 5.0 – added                                    |
| BYTE   | maxRuleLoop     | MaxRuleLoop for this pass  |  |
| BYTE   | maxRuleContext  | Number of slots of input needed to run this pass   |  |
| BYTE   | maxBackup       | Number of slots by which the following pass needs to trail this pass (ie, the maximum this pass is allowed to back up) |  |
| BYTE   | collThreshold   |  | 5.0 - added                                    |
| BYTE   | reserved        |  |  |
| USHORT | reserved        |  |  |
| USHORT | numRules        | Number of action code blocks   |  |
| USHORT | fsmOffset       | offset to numRows relative to the beginning of the SIL_Pass block  | 2.0 – inserted ;<br>3.0 – use for<br>fsmOffset |
| ULONG  | pcCode          | Offset to start of pass constraint code from start of subtable (*passConstraints[0]*)                                  | 2.0 - added                                    |
| ULONG  | rcCode          | Offset to start of rule constraint code from start of subtable (*ruleConstraints[0]*)                                  |  |
| ULONG  | aCode           | Offset to start of action code relative to start of subtable (*actions[0]*)  |  |
| ULONG  | oDebug          | Offset to debug arrays (*dActions[0]*); equals 0 if debug stripped   |  |
| USHORT | numRows         | Number of FSM states   |  |
| USHORT | numTransitional | Number of transitional states in the FSM (length of *states* matrix)   |  |
| USHORT | numSuccess      | Number of success states in the FSM (size of *oRuleMap* array)   |  |
| USHORT | numColumns      | Number of FSM columns; 0 means no FSM  |  |

| USHORT     | numRange              | Number of contiguous glyph ID ranges which map to columns  |                               |
|------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| USHORT     | searchRange           | (maximum power of 2 <= numRange)*sizeof(Pass_Range)  |                               |
| USHORT     | entrySelector         | log <sub>2</sub> (maximum power of 2 <= numRange)  |                               |
| USHORT     | rangeShift            | numRange*sizeof(Pass_Range)-searchRange  |                               |
| Pass_Range | ranges[]              | Ranges of glyph IDs for this FSM; *numRange* of these  |                               |
| USHORT     | oRuleMap[]            | Maps from success state to offset into ruleMap array from start of array. First item corresponds to state # (numRows – numSuccess); ie, non-success states are omitted. [0xFFFF implies rule number is equal to state number (i.e. no entry in ruleMap) – NOT IMPLEMENTED] |                               |
| USHORT     | ruleMap[]             | Array of rule numbers corresponding to an success state number   |                               |
| BYTE       | minRulePreContex<br>t | Minimum number of items in any rule's context before the first modified rule item  |                               |
| BYTE       | maxRulePreConte<br>xt | Maximum number of items in any rule's context before the first modified rule item  |                               |
| SHORT      | startStates[]         | Array of size (maxRulePreContext – minRulePreContext + 1), indicating the start state in the state machine based on how many pre-context items a rule has  |                               |
| USHORT     | ruleSortKeys[]        | Array of *numRules* sort keys, indicating precedence of rules  |                               |
| BYTE       | rulePreContext[]      | Array of *numRules* items indicating the number of items in the context before the first modified item, one for each rule  |                               |
| BYTE       | collisionThreshold    | Minimum significant delta for collision-fixing algorithm   | 2.0 – inserted<br>5.0 – added |
| USHORT     | pConstraint           | Length of passConstraint block   | 2.0 - added                   |
| USHORT     | oConstraints[]        | numRules + 1 offsets to constraint code blocks relative to *rcCode* and start of subtable  |                               |
| USHORT     | oActions[]            | numRules + 1 offsets to action code blocks relative to *aCode* and start of subtable   |                               |
| USHORT     | stateTrans[][]        | Array of *numTransitional* rows of *numColumns* state transitions.   |                               |
| BYTE       | reserved              |  | 2.0 – inserted                |
| BYTE       | passConstraints[]     | Sequences of constraint code for pass-level constraints  | 2.0 – added                   |
| BYTE       | ruleConstraints[]     | Sequences of constraint code for rules   |                               |
| BYTE       | actions[]             | Sequences of action code   |                               |
| USHORT     | dActions[]            | Name index for each action for documentation purposes. 0 = stripped¹. numRules of these  |                               |
| USHORT     | dStates[]             | Name index for each intermediateFSM row/state for debugging. 0 = stripped. Corresponds to the last   |                               |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Should debug tables go at the end, and be marked via a flag as per Gloc?

| numRows – numRules |         | numRows – numRules                           |  |
|--------------------|---------|--|--|
| USHORT             | dCols[] | Name index for each state (numRows of these) |  |

Table 14: SIL Pass

Notice that the ranges array has fast lookup information on the front to allow for the quick identification of which range a particular glyph id is in. Each range consists of the first and last glyph id in the range.

| Туре   | Name    | Description                 |
|--------|---------|-----------------------------|
| USHORT | firstld | First Glyph id in the range |
| USHORT | lastId  | Last Glyph id in the range  |
| USHORT | colld   | Column index for this range |

Table 15: Pass\_Range

#### **Pass Contents**

A pass contains a Finite State Machine (FSM) which is used to match input strings to rules. It also contains constraints for further testing whether a matched string should fire, and it contains the action code to execute against the matched string.

The FSM consists of a set of states. A state consists of a row of transitions between that state and another state dependent upon the next glyph in the input stream. Each state may be an acceptance state, in which case it corresponds to a rule match, or a transition state, in which case the state is on the way to matching a rule, or both. A null state transition is one in which the occurrence of this particular class of the following glyph, will result in no extension of a rule match anywhere, just fail on all further searching. A final state is one in which all its transitions are null transitions.

Note that the stateTrans array only needs to represent transitional states, not final states. Similarly, the oRuleMap array only needs entries for acceptance states (whether final or transitional). For this reason the FSM is set up (conceptually) in the following order: transitional non-accepting states first, followed by transitional accepting states, followed by final (accepting) states.

Note also that because there may be more than one matched rule for a given state, <code>oRuleMap</code> indicates a list of rule indices in the <code>ruleMap</code> array; <code>oRuleMap[i+1] - oRuleMap[i]</code> indicates how many there are for state i.

Normally the start state for an FSM is zero. But for each pass there is the idea of a "pre-context," that is, there are slots that need to be taken into consideration in the rule-matching process that are before the current position of the input stream. If we are very near the beginning of the input, we may need to adjust by skipping some states, which corresponds to skipping the "pre-context" slots that not present due to being prior to the beginning of the input. This is what the maxRulePreContext, minRulePreContext, and startStates items are used for. Specifically, we need to skip the number of transitions equal to the difference between the maxRulePreContext and the current stream position, if greater than zero. The startStates array indicates what the adjusted start state should be. If the current input position is less than minRulePreContext, no rule will match at all.

Rules are matched in order of length, so that longest rules are given precedence over shorter rules. However, the length of some rules may have been adjusted to allow for a consistent "pre-context" for all rules, so the number of matched states in the FSM may not correspond to the actual number of matched items in the rule. For this reason, it is not adequate to simply order rules

based on the number of traversed states in the FSM. Rather, rules are given sort keys indicating their precedence, which is based primarily on the length of the rule and secondarily on its original position within the source code.

The FSM engine keeps track of all the acceptance states it passes through on its path to a final state. This results in a list of rules matched by the string sorted by precedence. The engine takes the first rule index off the list and looks up the offset to some constraint code. This code is executed and if the constraint passes, then the action code associated with that offset is executed and the FSM restarts at the returned slot position. If the constraint fails, then the FSM considers the next-preferred rule, tests that constraint, and so forth. If no accepting state is found or all rules fail their constraints, then no rule applies, in which case a single glyph is put into the output stream and the current position advances by one slot.

The action strings are simply byte strings of actions, much like hinting code, but using a completely different language. (See "Stack Machine Commands.doc".)

#### Sile

This table is used in Graphite table files that rely on an external font for rendering of the glyphs. When this table is present, the Graphite file is in effect a minimal font that contains information about the actual font to use in rendering. This information is stored in the Sile table.

This table was added as of version 2. It is not currently being used.

| Туре   | Name           | Description   |
|--------|----------------|---|
| FIXED  | version        | Table version: 00010000   |
| ULONG  | checksum       | master checksum (checkSumAdjustment) from the head table of the base font |
| ULONG  | createTime[2]  | Create time of the base font (64-bits) from the head table                |
| ULONG  | modifyTime[2]  | Modify time of the base font (64-bits) from the head table                |
| USHORT | fontNameLength | Number of characters in fontName  |
| USHORT | fontName[]     | Family name of base font  |
| USHORT | fontFileLength | Number of characters in baseFile  |
| USHORT | baseFile[]     | Original path and name of base font file                                  |

Table 16: Sile

There are four possible situations with regard to the Sile table. The first two are considered normal and the second two pathological.

- 1. No Sile table is present. In this case, it is assumed that the Graphite table file is a normal font containing not only the Graphite tables but also the glyphs and metrics needed for rendering.
- 2. The base font named in the Sile table is present on the system, and its master checksum and dates match those in the Sile table. In this case, the Graphite tables are read from the Graphite table file, but the glyphs, metrics, and cmap from the base font are what are used for rendering (with the modification performed by the Graphite tables).
- 3. The base font named in the Sile table is present, but its master checksum and/or dates do not match those in the Sile table. In this case the base font is used to perform the rendering, but with no Graphite behaviors.

4. The base font named in the Sile table is not present on the system. In this case the Graphite table file is used for the rendering, with no Graphite behaviors, resulting in square boxes in place of the expected glyphs.

## Sill

This table maps ISO-639-3 language codes onto feature values. Each language code can be a maxmum of 4 ASCII characters (although 2 or 3 characters is what is used by the ISO standard).

This table was added as of version 3.

| Туре               | Name          | Description  | Version notes |
|--------------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| FIXED              | version       | Table version: 00010000  |               |
| USHORT             | numLangs      | Number of languages supported  |               |
| USHORT             | searchRange   | (maximum power of 2 <= numLangs)   |               |
| USHORT             | entrySelector | log <sub>2</sub> (maximum power of 2 <= numLangs)                          |               |
| USHORT             | rangeShift    | numLangs - searchRange   |               |
| LanguageEntry      | entries[]     | Languages and pointers to feature settings; there are numLang + 1 of these |               |
| LangFeatureSetting | settings[]    | Feature ID / value pairs   |               |

Table 17: Sill

Each language entry contains a 4-character language code and an offset to the list of features. There is one bogus entry at the end that facilitates finding the size of the last entry. The offsets are relative to the beginning of the Sill table.

The language code is left-aligned with any unused characters padded with NULLs. For instance, the code "en" is represented by the four bytes [101, 110, 0, 0].

| Туре   | Name        | Description                                       | Version notes |
|--------|-------------|---|---------------|
| BYTE   | langcode[4] | 4-char ISO-639-3 language code                    |               |
| USHORT | numSettings | Number of feature settings for this language      |               |
| USHORT | offset      | Offset to first feature setting for this language |               |

Table 18: LanguageEntry

| Туре   | Name      | Description   | Version notes |
|--------|-----------|---|---------------|
| ULONG  | featureld | Feature identifer number (matches ID in Feat table) |               |
| SHORT  | value     | Default feature value for this language             |               |
| USHORT | reserved  | Pad bytes   |               |

Table 19: LangFeatureSetting

#### Sild

This table holds the debug strings for debugging purposes. Since the strings are only used for debugging, they are held somewhat optimised for space over speed and are not considered to be multilingual. Thus strings are considered to be 7-bit ASCII, with a possible extension to UTF-8 at a later stage. The table consists of a sequence of strings each preceded by a length byte. The first string is id 0 and so on to the end of the table.

NOTE: this table has not been implemented.

# **Multiple Descriptions**

In the case where multiple descriptions are to be stored in the same set of tables, the following unifications need to occur:

- The feature sets must be unified, thus limiting two features with the same name to having the same settings and corresponding values.
- The glyph attributes must be unified. This can be done by using different attribute number ranges, or by examining for identical attribute mappings or for non-intersecting attribute mappings.
- The use of the name table must be unified to ensure that two features or feature settings do not refer to the same entry in the name table.

Notice that the requirement that any tables declared in an external binary description override the corresponding font table in the font, means that a name table in an external binary description must be complete, including all the strings from the original font.

# **Changes**

- 18 March 2003: Changed unicode field of PseudoMap class to ULONG.
- 22 July 2003: Added fields for critical features.
- Sometime: Added pass constraints.
- 20 August 2003: Added Sile table; changed title to Graphite Table Format.
- January 2004: Added justification levels.
- 10 February 2004: Added description of Feat table.
- 31 January 2006: Added Sill table
- 25 February 2011: Added version 2.0 of Glat table
- 31 May 2012: Added version annotations