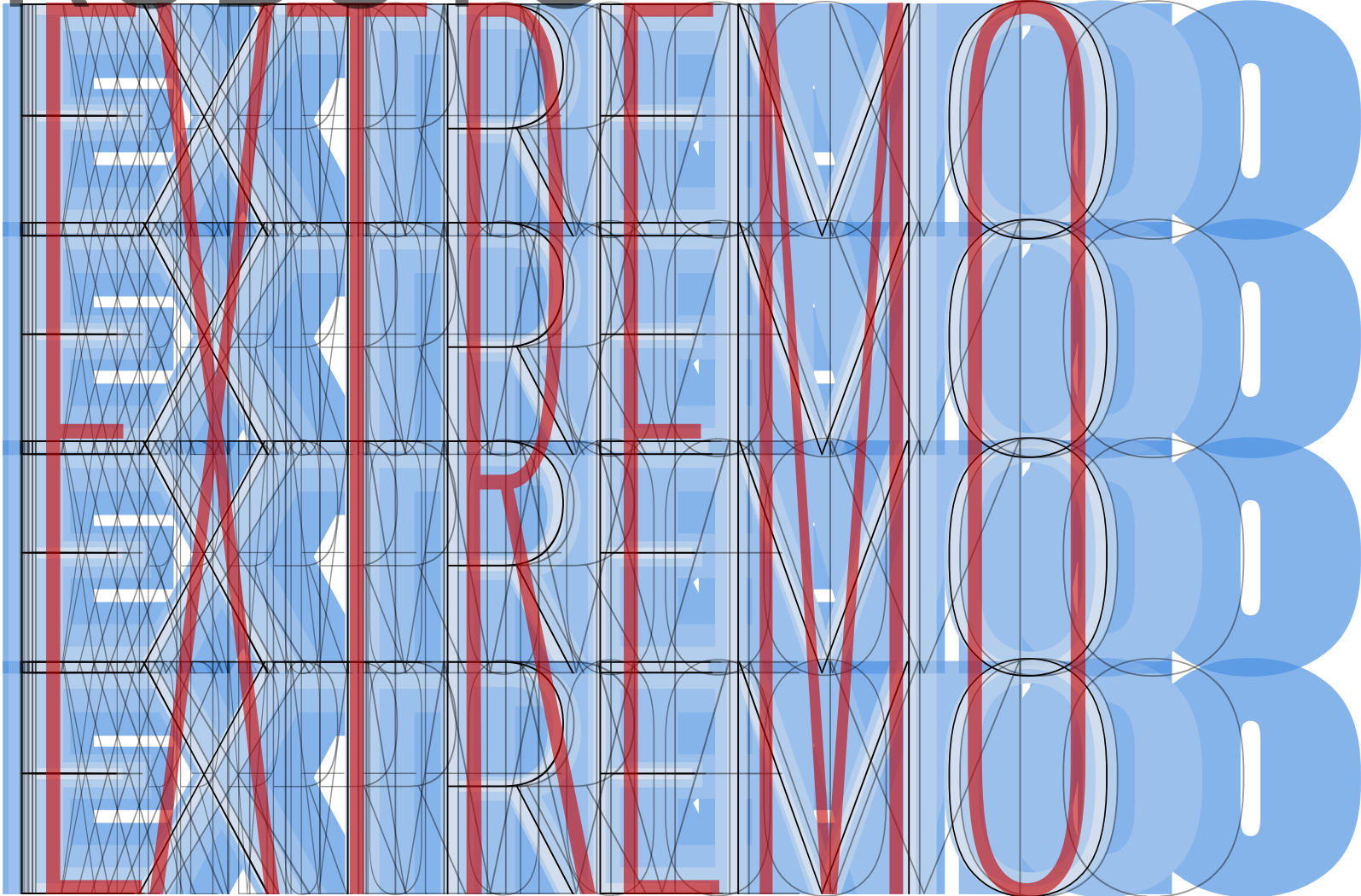


ROBOTO



GLYPHS IN PROTOTYPE

The specification began with the requirement of no apparent change to the regular weight (CSS 400), which is to be assigned an optical size axis value of 14 pts. and 100% width, (CSS 100).

The contour point structure had to be designed to enable large amounts of weight and width to be possible as well be suitable outlines for all possible parametric axes.

The lone composite in the ASCII set, “%”, is redesigned to match that of the figure zero, and is composed from a superior figure zero and fraction bar.

The alignments of the font match the original on a different size em, changing from 1000 to 2000 to ensure future accuracy of the broad design space.

The contours are native drawn quadratic beziers.

The figures are Tabular and the width of the default figures is 1/2 em.

The Regular style is a nearly identical match when swapped with the existing Roboto.

opsz 14 @14pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t
u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? () []
{ } / | \ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 @42pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? ()
[] { } / | \ # \$ % @ ' "
* ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

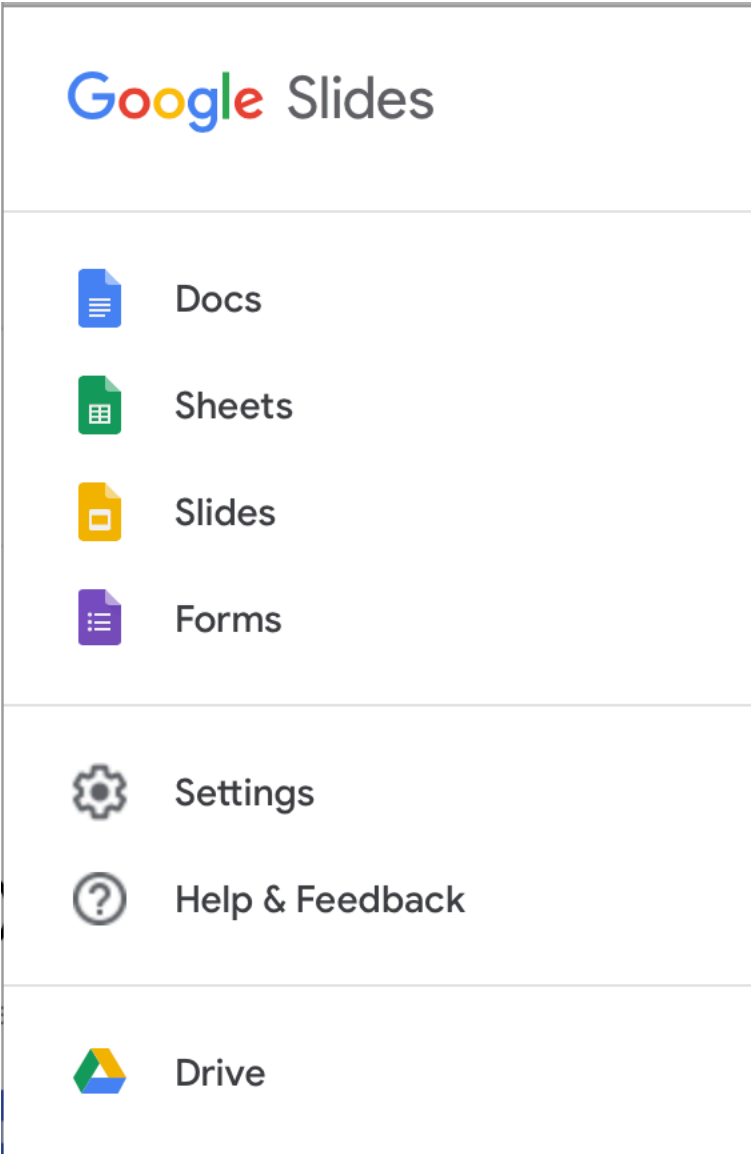
opsz 14 @14pt

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HHAAH HHBHH HHCHH HDDHH HHEHH HHFHH HHGHH HHHHH
HHIHH HHJHH HHKHH HHLHH HHMHH HHNHH HHOHH HHPHH
HHQHH HHRHH HHS HH THH HHUHH HHVHH HHW HH HHXHH
HHYHH HHZHH nnann nnbnn nncnn nndnn nnenn nnfn nnngnn nnhnn
nninn nnjnn nnknn nnl nn nmmnn nnnnn nnonn nnpnn nnqnn nnrrnn
nnsnn nntnn nnunn nnvnn nnwnn nnxn nnynn nnzn 00000 00100
00200 00300 00400 00500 00600 00700 00800 00900 HH<HH HH(HH
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HH'HH HH:HH HH;HH HH.HH HH,HH HH)HH HH]HH HH}HH HH>HH

PROTOTYPE In UI

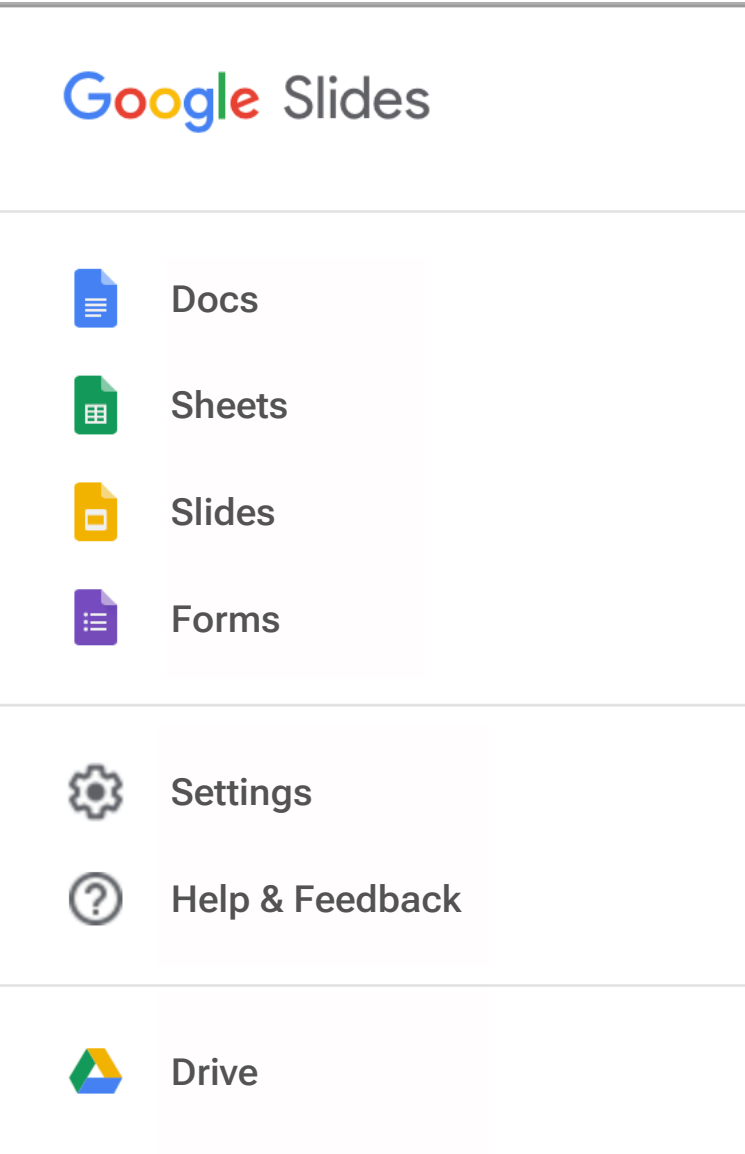
Google Sans



@ 14pt wght 400 wdth 100

Extremo

Matching size and weight



opsz 14 @ 14pt wght 530 wdth 105

AXES IN ALPHA VF opsz

The design space began with envisioning and then drawing an unbalanced range of size masters upon which to base the weight and width axes. the optical size’s “floor” at 8 point, and “ceiling” at 72 in the first design space is to provide more weight change at larger sizes, where it’s possible to use very bold and very light instances, and less range as the optical size of use gets smaller.

opsz 72 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y Z & a b c d e f g
h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ? () []
{ } / | \ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` =
+ < > -

opsz 14 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ?
() [] { } / | \ # \$ % @ ' " *
~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 8 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j
k l m n o p q r s t u v w x
y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 . , ; : ! ? () [] { } / | \ # \$
% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < >
-

opsz 72 @72pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T
W X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s

opsz 14 @14pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z &
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ? () [] { } / | \
\$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 8 @8pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z &
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ? () [] { } / | \
\$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

AXES IN ALPHA VF: MASTERS Default
wght & width

The maximim and minimum weights and widths for 14 point were then drawn and tested at actual size.

opsz 14, wght and width masters @14pt

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opsz 14 wght 900 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j
k l m n o p q r s t u v w
x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } / \ # \$
% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 width 50 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z & a
b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q
r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } / \
\$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + <
> -

opsz 14 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ?
() [] { } / \ # \$ % @ ' " *
~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 width 125 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i
j k l m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 . , : ; ! ? 0 □ { } / \ # \$
% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 100 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z &
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p
q r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } /
\ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = +
< > -

AXES IN ALPHA VF: MASTERS
Paramteric Axes

Parametric axes, i.e. variations to the underlying single parameters that combine to make the changes from one style to another, and from one size master to another, were drawn. These include the six axes shown here.

- XTRA modifies the counter width of glyphs.
- YTUC changes uppercase height.
- YTLC changes lowercase height.
- XOPQ changes stem weight.
- YTAS changes lowercase ascender height and
- YOPQ changes hairline weight.

opsz 14 XTRA minimum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z & a b c
d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u

opsz 14 XTRA maximum

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z & a b c d e f

opsz 14 YOPQ minimum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 YOPQ maximum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 YTUC minimum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 YTUC maximum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ?
() [] { } / | \ # \$ % @ ' " *
~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 YTAS minimum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 YTAS maximum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 YTLC minimum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 YTLC maximum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m

opsz 14 XOPQ minimum

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z & a
b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s

opsz 14 XOPQ maximum

A B C D E F G H I J K
L M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z & a b c d e f g

AXES IN ALPHA VF: Corners

Together with the wght and wdth masters, (grey), and the default in the middle, the combination of five masters define their combinations, (black). The parametric axes were used to make minor adjustments to the completed style of the 14 point master.

opsz 14, wght and wdth masters @14pt

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opsz 14 wght 900 wdth 50 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
& a b c d e f g h i j k l m n
o p q r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? () []
{ } / \ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wdth 50 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z & a
b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q
r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } / \
\$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + <
> -

opsz 14 wght 100 wdth 50 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z & a b c
d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u
v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } / \ # \$ %
@ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 900 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j
k l m n o p q r s t u v w
x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } / \ # \$
% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ?
() [] { } / \ # \$ % @ ' " *
~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 100 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z &
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p
q r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } /
\ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = +
< > -

opsz 14 wght 900 wdth 125 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K
L M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z & a b c d e f
g h i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3
4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ? ()
{ } / \ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^
_ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wdth 125 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i
j k l m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 . , : ; ! ? () [] { } / \ # \$
% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 100 wdth 125 @24pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , : ; ! ?
() [] { } / \ # \$ % @ ' " *
~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

AXES IN ALPHA VF

These weights and widths were then extrapolated to the optical size maximum for approval of the larger appearances. Projection of the lightest weight at 72 point was determined to be too light for some rendering, so the maximum optical size was doubled to 144 pt, in effect doubling the minimum weight at the maximum size.

opsz 144 @24pt
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789.,:;!()?[]
{}/|\# \$% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` =
+ < > -

opsz 14 @24pt
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Z&abcdefghijklmnop
nopqrstuvwxyz0
123456789.,:;!?
()[]{}|\# \$% @ ' " *
~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 8 @24pt
ABCDEFGHIJKLM
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ
XYZ&abcdefghijklmnop
vwxyz012345678
9.,:;!()?[]{}|\# \$
% @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < >
-

opsz 72 wght 100 wdth 125, 100 & 25 @72pt
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

opsz 144 wght 100 wdth 125, 100 & 25 @144pt
ABCDEFGHIJK
PQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnop

AXES IN ALPHA VF

The same stage included designing the width axes to narrow more than the default 14 pt width axes narrows. So the 144 pt masters produce dense fonts with counters as small as most rendering allows.

The comparative line lengths show that the 14 pt has narrowed around 2 characters from A to T, while the 144 pt has narrowed around 10 characters over the same text, (yellow arrows).

The boldest most condensed 144 pt (far right), shows the impactful density of black allowed in the design and spacing at large sizes, compared to the boldest most condensed 14 pt (left and enlarged below), where more generous interior and inter-character spaces present the user with better readability.

opsz 14 wght 400 width 25 @144pt

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 . , ; ! ? () [] { } / | \
\$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 400 width 100 @14pt

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 . , ; ! ? () [] { } / | \br/># \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 900 width 25 @14pt

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
**0123456789 . , ; ! ? () [] { } / | **
\$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 wght 900 width 25 @144

PQ

opsz 144 wght 400 width 25 @144pt

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&

opsz 144 wght 400 width 100 @144pt

ABCDEFGHIJK

opsz 144 wght 900 width 25 @144pt

ABCDEFGHIJK
PQRSTUWVWXY
abcedefghijkl

AXES IN ALPHA VF

The same stage included designing the width axes to widen more than the default 14 pt width axes. So the 144 pt masters produce fonts with counters as large as the design allows.

The comparative line lengths show that the 14 pt has widened around 1/2 character from A to F, while the 144 pt has widened more than 3 characters in the same short string, (yellow arrows).

opsz 14 wght 400 wdth 151 @144pt

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 . , : ; ! ? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
#\$%&'()*~^_`=+<>-

opsz 14 wght 400 wdth 100 @14pt

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 . , : ; ! ? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
#\$%&'()*~^_`=+<>-

opsz 14 wght 900 wdth 151 @14pt

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Z& abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 . , : ; ! ? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
#\$%&'()*~^_`=+<>-**

PQ

opsz 144 wght 400 wdth 151 @144pt

A B C D E F G

opsz 144 wght 400 wdth 100 @144pt

A B C D E F G H I J K

opsz 144 wght 900 wdth 151 @144pt

**A B C D E
H I J K L M**

AXES IN Beta VF opsz minimum

Variable fonts with Parametric axes allow a font developer, and potentially the user, to make adjustments to every instance in a variable font. These axes were developed and added to Extremo with this in mind, with axes name abbreviations for x/y direction, opaque/transparent, the glyph group, uc/lc/figures, and more in some cases.

An example shown here, is the detailed variation of the 14 pt regular, top line at left, to the 8 pt regular, bottom line at left, (i.e. changes from the default opsz to the opsz minimum to become a new extreme instance in the variable font).

This starts from 14 pt with a slight increase in the main stem weight, (xopq), to compensate for a smaller size needing to be a little bolder to look like the 14 pt weight. Then the 8 pt needs to be a little wider, increasing the width, (XTRA), so the spaces of the 8 pt will be shrinking less as well. The secondary stem weight controlling the lighter stem is increased (YOPQ),to maintain proper balance with the main stem weight. Finally the lowercase height is slightly raised, (YTLC), to compensate for the smaller type size, and the other changes. The result, from a carefully chosen set of slightly more robust parameters, the smallest regular optical size is more readable as are the other sizes ranging down form 14 pt to 8.

Each 8 pt master for width and weight can be defined similarly.

The formula for each instance in the font can be found in the ParametricRoundup file at [link to final file, current at: github.com/TypeNetwork/Parama-roundup/tree/master/export].



opsz 144 @144pt

opsz 14 @14pt

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z & a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t
u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ? () []
{ } / | \ # \$ % @ ' " * ~ ^ _ ` = + < > -

opsz 14 @72pt

Alpine
XOPQ 94, XTRA 359, YOPQ 78, YTLC 514

Alpine
XOPQ 100, XTRA 359, YOPQ 78, YTLC 514

Alpine
XOPQ 100, XTRA 381, YOPQ 78, YTLC 514

Alpine
XOPQ 100, XTRA 381, YOPQ 84, YTLC 514

Alpine
XOPQ 100, XTRA 381, YOPQ 84, YTLC 532

opsz 8 @72pt

Alpine
XOPQ 100, XTRA 381, YOPQ 84, YTLC 532

opsz 8 @8pt

A B C D E F G H I J
K L M N O P Q R S
T U V W X Y Z & a
b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z 0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ?

Captions can add a lot to reading as they can tie text matter to one or more of the many other forms of media. Many practical uses of this can be found.

opsz 8 @8pt

A B C D E F G H
I J K L M N O P
Q R S T U V W
X Y Z & a b c d
e f g h i j k l m n
o p q r s t u v w
x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5

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opsz 8 @8pt

A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y
Z & a b c d e f g h
i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z 0 1
2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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opsz 8 @8pt

A B C D E F G H I J
K L M N O P Q R S
T U V W X Y Z & a
b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 . , ; : ! ? ()

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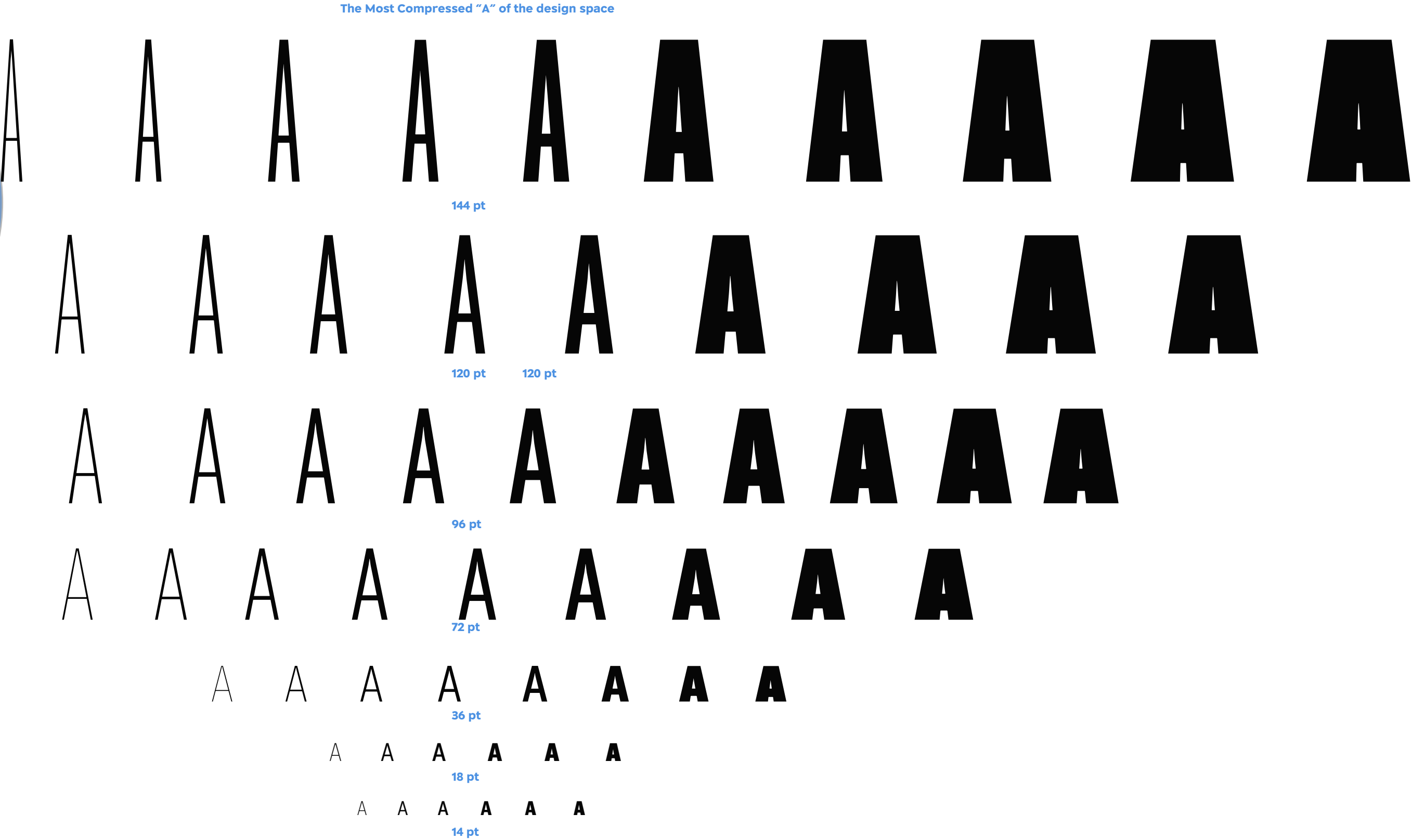
opsz 8 @8pt

A B C D E F G H
I J K L M N O P
Q R S T U V W X
Y Z & a b c d e f
g h i j k l m n o
p q r s t u v w x
y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

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AXES IN Beta VF
Transparently available
size-safe styles

The specification began with envisioning a design space where the quality of every instance was as good as the default, and that the user would be able to use all the styles in the space safely, with the knowledge that regardless of their choice of width weight or other instances along other axes, the style would work at the chosen size, if the same optical size was also used. While the type designer cannot help if the user overlaps styles or uses black type on a dark blue background, the casual user having the ability to safely select weights and widths befitting their topic matter, template, and scale and to customize compositions with such selections, can produce a much imprived typographic result.



The combination of optical size and fluid weight and widths (left), allow the composition to “collapse” editorially from a full hierarchy of fonts helping the reader navigate from complete textual content, down to a single line of information, for a link or ad e.g. without completely losing a typographic identity in the process.

The right side shows the need to make adjustments, if possible, including changes to style, size and tracking, when using a non-variable version of the same font. Below shows the editorial content collapsing in stages.

EXTREMO

144pt 200 wght 70 wdth

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36pt 250 wght 90 wdth

18pt 400 wght 100 wdth

13pt 400 wght 100 wdth

9 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

36 pt 200 wght 70 wdth

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16 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

13 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

24 pt 200 wght 70 wdth

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13 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

13 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

13 pt 200 wght 70 wdth

Two ideas make talking software with REFRESHER, well you know...

ROBOTO “Classic”

144 pt Roboto Thin

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36 pt Roboto Light
Tracked a lot

18 pt Roboto Regular
Tracked quite a bit

13 pt Roboto Regular

9 pt Roboto Regular

36 pt Roboto Thin

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16 pt Roboto Regular

13 pt Roboto Regular

24 pt Roboto Light

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Two ideas make talking software with REFRESHER, well you

The combination of optical size and fluid weight and widths allows the composer of responsive typography to safely scale type from a series of sizes for one portal or page, to a series of larger or smaller sizes for another portal or page, without any style, spacing or other refinements. Larger sizes used at left scale more than smaller sizes with the optical size axis providing a smooth transition for the type from one portal size to another, the smaller shown at right.

144pt 200 wght 70 wdth

36 pt 250 wght 90 wdth

18pt 400 wght 100 wdth

13pt 400 wght 100 wdth

9.5 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

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57 pt 200 wght 70 wdth

21 pt 250 wght 90 wdth

14pt 400 wght 100 wdth

11pt 400 wght 100 wdth

8 pt 400 wght 100 wdth

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AXES IN Beta VF Tabular
Figures Introduction

Tabular figures, (the numerals of a font style and sometimes other glyphs on the same width), are common in fonts today and are the default in Roboto Extremo. This feature allows composition of figures in columns, making it easier for the reader to locate and read values more easily.

Font families with multiple weights, usually have tabular figures that share the same width, giving the composer the ability to remove and add emphasis to individual values, or whole columns or rows of values. Most tabular composition is done in smaller size use, rather than in headlines, as the spacing of zero and 1 on the same width leaves the visual impression at large sizes, that there is too much space between some figures, and not enough between others.

Variable fonts can bring the issue of tabular figures into new opportunities, but also can present challenges in variable fonts with broad ranges of optical size, weight and width. What tabular width should be defined for the weight axis of each optical size? Can that same width be shared over an entire range of sizes and all their weights? What tabular width should be defined for the all the weights of each width in the width axis of each optical size?

In Roboto Extremo the user can find matching widths of figures where they are needed most.

opsz 14 @42

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

opsz 24 @24 200, 400, 600 overlay

2048	192	94	192
2048	192	94	192
2048	192	94	192
2048	54	27	545
2048	350	77	350
2049	192	94	192
2048	192	94	192
2048	192	94	192

opsz 14 @42

01 01

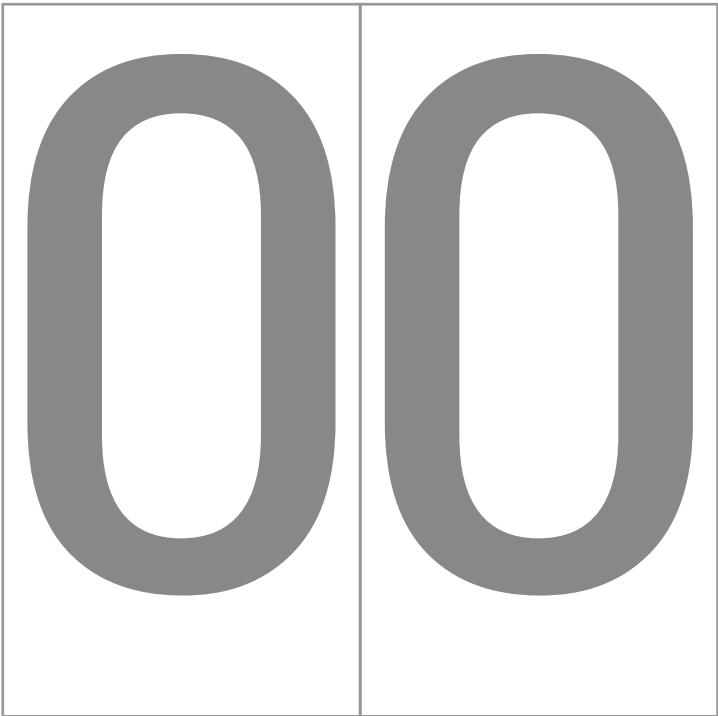
opsz 14 @42

01 01

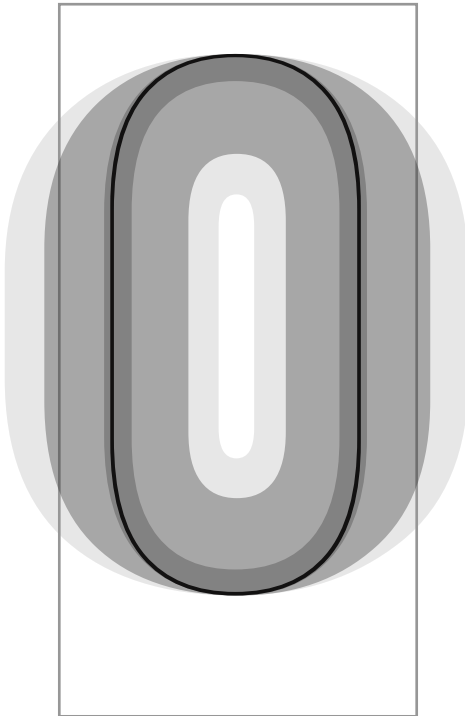
opsz 14 @42

01 01

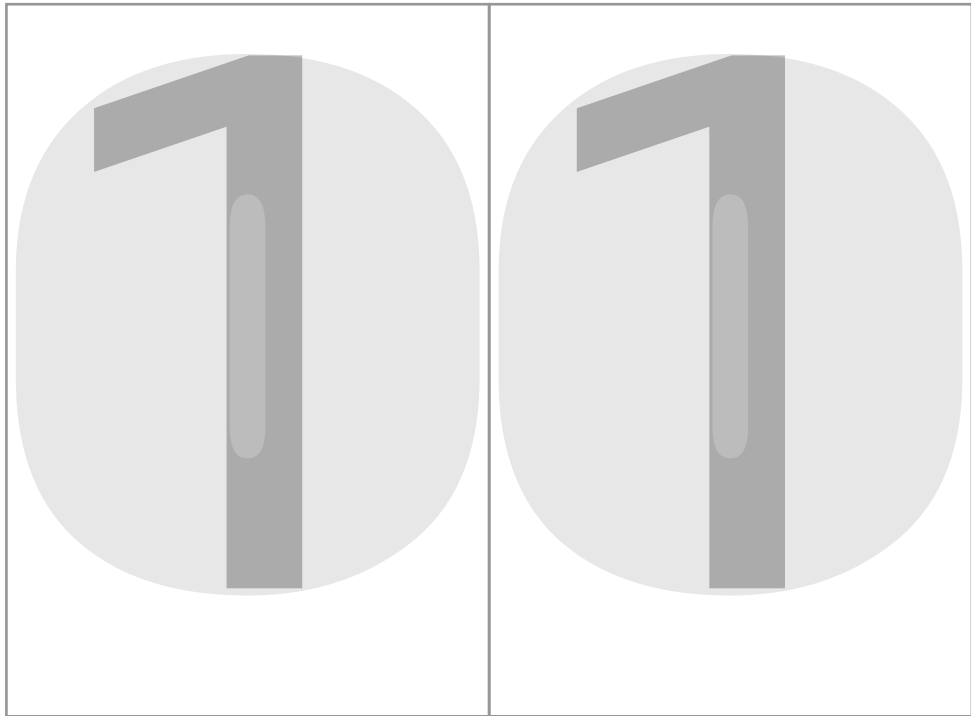
opsz 144 wght 500 width 100 @278 pt



opsz 144 wght 100 to 900



opsz 144 backgroun "0" wght 900 width 100, wght 500 "1" overlaid



In Roboto Extremo the user can find matching widths of figures In all the widths and weights of optical size 8. Each width has all matching tabular figures of all the weights.

opsz 8 @42

wdth 25

wght 900

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wdth 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wdth 150

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

In the 14 point the default optical size, all of the widths have matching tabular figures for all weights. This, along with the same situation in the minimum optical size, (opsz 8), make all the the tabular figures from 8-14 match across all the widths of each optical size.

wght 900 width 25

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

width 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

width 150

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

opsz 14 @42

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

At 24 point, figures above wght 700 are not tabular as the style range of both weight and width begin to serve the uses of display type. But from wght 100 to 700 and for all widths, the figures remain tabular.

opsz 24 @42

width 25

wght 700

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

width 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

width 150

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

AXES IN Beta VF
Tabular figures 36 pt

At 36 point the figures above wght 700 are, like the 24 point, not tabular. The tabular width is properly narrower, and with the style range of both weight and width bolder, lighter, wider and more condensed than 24 point the figures on the fringe of 36 point are stressed, but functional tabular figures.

All the figures from 100 to 700 wght and from 36 pt to 144 pt are also tabular at each size in that range for all the weights and widths.

opsz 36 @42

width 25

wght 700

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

width 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

width 150

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

AXES IN Beta VF
Tabular figures 144 pt

The 144 point optical size is designed for users seeking large impactful numbers, and tabular versions of those are secondary. The extreme range of the weights and widths make for very small segments of tabular figures, in the bolder and condensed areas of the 144 pt design space. The light and wide range, i.e. 100 to 400 wght and 100 to 150 wdth, remain tabular.

opsz 144 @42

width 25

wght 700
wght 900

0123456789789
1234567890890
2345678901901
3456789012012
4567890123123

width 100

01234567899
12345678900
23456789011
34567890122
45678901233

width 150

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
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0123456789
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2345678901
3456789012
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0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
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AXES IN Beta VF
Tabular Figure Finding

While 144 point has no documented tabular figures, within the combination of weight and width at opsz 144, the user can find tabular figures for any weight or width the choose, from among the weights and widths of 144 point.

opsz 144 @42

wght 453 wdth 25

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 610 wdth 42

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 688 wdth 73

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 770 wdth 122

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 360 wdth 35

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 373 wdth 77

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400 wdth 100

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 400 wdth 151

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100 wdth 46

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100 wdth 80

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100 wdth 108

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
4567890123

wght 100 wdth 151

0123456789
1234567890
2345678901
3456789012
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AXES IN Beta VF single
parametric axes use

Parametric axes may be used individually to refine type manually or automatically. The top example shows a custom style of Roboto Extremo that is also very tightly linespaced, (top), and how a slight manual raising of the descenders (bottom), can help alleviate the tightness between the lines.

The bottom example illustrates the programmatic use of one parametric axis, XTRA, in conjunction with two composition parameters, (letterspacing and word spacing), to smooth out the text justification of a column. At different sizes, the program makes different decisions about the ranges of the parameters to favor lettershape preservation at large sizes, and letterspace preservation at smaller sizes.

YTDE -203

Hyperbolic amphibian

YTDE -150

Hyperbolic amphibian

Justificaiton via wordspacing alone

YOPQ 50; CW 40; LH 1.18

I remembered the case well, for it was one in which Holmes had taken an interest on account of the peculiar ferocity of the crime and the wanton brutality which had marked all the actions of the assassin. The commutation of his death sentence had been due to some doubts as to his complete sanity, so atrocious was his conduct. Our wagonette had topped a rise and in front of us rose the huge expanse of the moor, mottled with gnarled and craggy cairns and tors. A cold wind swept down from it and set us shivering. Somewhere there, on that desolate plain, was lurking this fiendish man, hiding in a burrow like a wild beast, his heart full of malignancy against the whole race which had cast him out. It needed but this to complete the grim suggestiveness of the barren waste, the chilling wind, and the darkling sky. Even Baskerville fell silent and pulled his overcoat more closely around him.

ws 91
ws 158
ws 36
ws 42
ws 693
ws 361
ws 594
ws 553
ws 122
ws 63
ws 77
ws 204
ws 274
ws 229
ws 85
ws 399
ws 82
ws 38
ws 361
ws 292
ws 789

Justificaiton via word space, letterspace and XTRA

YOPQ 50; CW 42; LH 1.18

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xtra 346 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 385 ls 39 ws -3
xtra 365 ws 0 ls 1
xtra 365 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 385 ls 50 ws 283
xtra 385 ls 28 ws -4
xtra 351 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 385 ls 9 ws 6
xtra 368 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 385 ls 46 ws -3
xtra 363 ws 0 ls 1
xtra 346 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 385 ls 36 ws -4
xtra 385 ls 31 ws -4
xtra 346 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 385 ls 5 ws -3
xtra 377 ws 0 ls 1
xtra 363 ws 0 ls 0
xtra 368 ws 0 ls 1
xtra 368 ws 0 ls 1

AXES IN Beta VF
parametric custom ID

Users can customize Roboto Extremo to a “regular” anywhere in the designspace, here to a wider “—Regular” with a taller lowercase height for a more modern look. Then by addition from the weight axis to “—Bold”. Weight and other axes can be used to form a small family of styles which can be defined in CSS with simple style names, e.g. “—SmallBold”, despite having complex numerical locations in Extremo’s variable design space.

(code to be added later)

--Regular

HanSeatic Furniture

--Bold

HanSeatic Furniture

--Large

HanSeatic Furniture

--Small

HanSeatic Furniture

--Small Bold

HanSeatic Furniture

--Elegant

HanSeatic Furniture

AXES IN Beta VF
Parametric step-by-step
to another of the world’s
scripts: Arabic

The Opentype font standard contains only alignment values for Latin and similar scripts, like the uppercase and lowercase heights. Other scripts in the same font are typically aligned, and assigned weights and widths as well as possible in the same font, to appear similar to the Latin. Given separate, interoperable alignment values, the scripts within a font can adjust to the reader’s preference of scripts within that font for a better composition and reading experience.

There is also the issue of matching fallback fonts when a script is not available in a font. Here the composer with a Latin font that has parametric flexibility, can adjust that font to another script’s paramters to produce harmonious typography.

This harmonization may start with deciding that for body type, the Arabic should be used at a larger size than Latin or other similar alphabets.

شكـلها	14
شكـلها	24
شكـلها	48

opsz 14 @72

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 48 @72

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 48 @72 XTRA 382

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 48 @72 XTRA 382 YTLC 430

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 48 @72 XTRA 382 YTLC 430 YTUC 644

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 48 @72 XTRA 382 YTLC 430 YTUC 644 YTAS 677

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 48 @72 XTRA 382 YTLC 430 YTUC 644 YTAS 677 YOPQ 58

شكـلها Hhpx

opsz 14 @24

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— James Maydon 1806

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