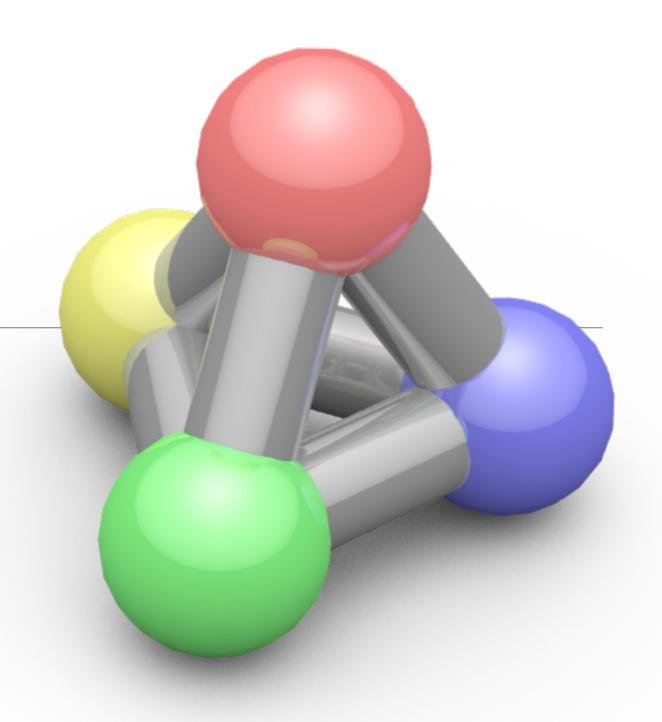
# Digital Type

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# Outline for Today

- Terms and nomenclature (remaining from Wednesday)
- Digital representations of typefaces
- Rendering fonts

#### Terms and

# nomenclature

# Kerning: a well-groomed font?

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# Type Await Wreck

Kerning

Type Await Wreck

ff fi fl ff

first floor

staff

Ligatures

ff fi fl#iffi

suffix



# NSERC On-line Presentation and Attachment Standards

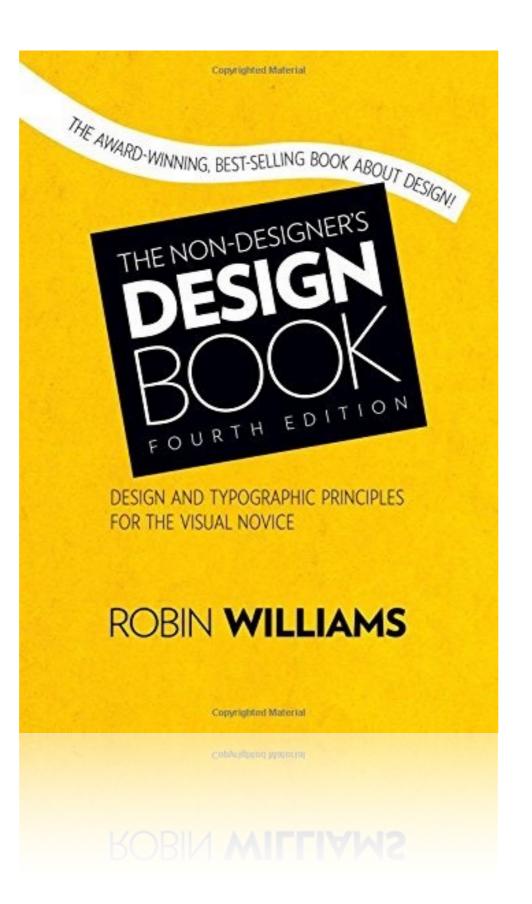
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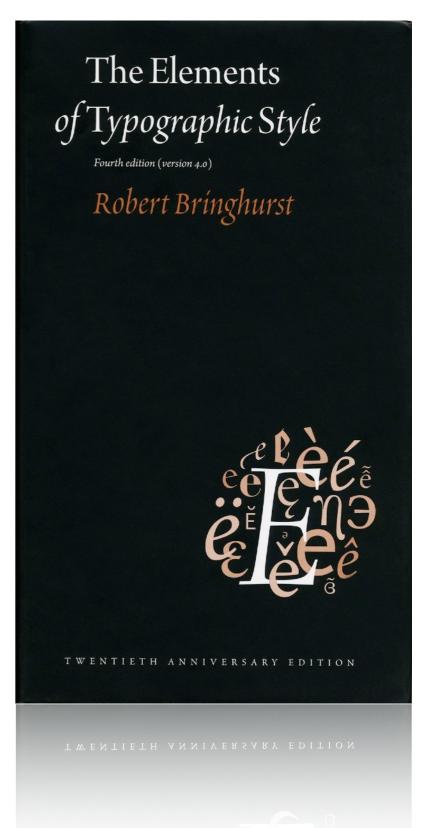
Prepare your attachments in any word processing program, following the requirements below:

- Explain any acronyms and abbreviations fully;
- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" (216mm x 279mm);
- Pages must be single-spaced, with no more than six lines of type per inch;
- 4. All text must be in 12 pt Times New Roman font;
- Condensed fonts will not be accepted;
- All text should be black, and no colour images should be used;\*
- 7. Margins must be set at a minimum of ¾" (1.87 cm);
- Your name must appear outside the set margins of the page, at the top right corner of every page;
- 9. For multi-page attachments, pages must be numbered sequentially; and
- 10. If you have supporting documents written in a language other than English or French, you are required to provide NSERC with a certified translation of the document.

All text, including references (where applicable), must conform to these standards.

#### Sources





## Representations in

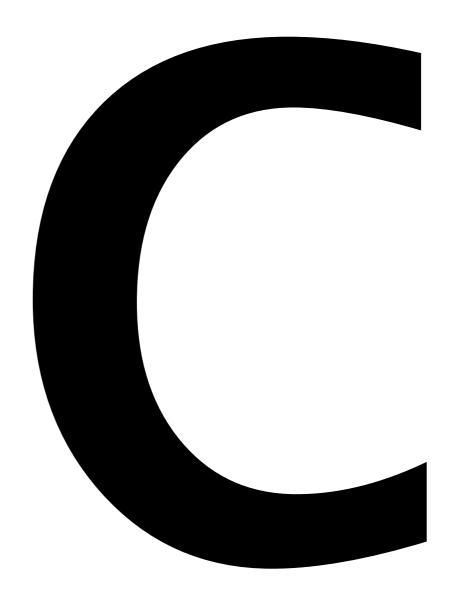
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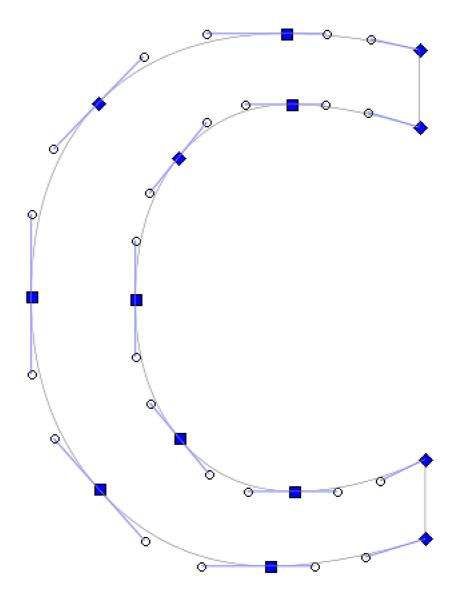
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of the letter 'c'



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#### What is the difference between

# a character and a glyph?

# **a** 2

In a font, is the mapping

# one-to-one?

# aa eé il oo uu

ff fi fl ff ff

# Kerning Tables

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                -6
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               -62
               -100
                -80
                -20
KPX AT
                -70
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# "Tell me how."

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$$\frac{\text{``Tell me how.''}}{\text{''}}$$

"
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## Stick all these things into a file...







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Apple/Microsoft
late 1980s

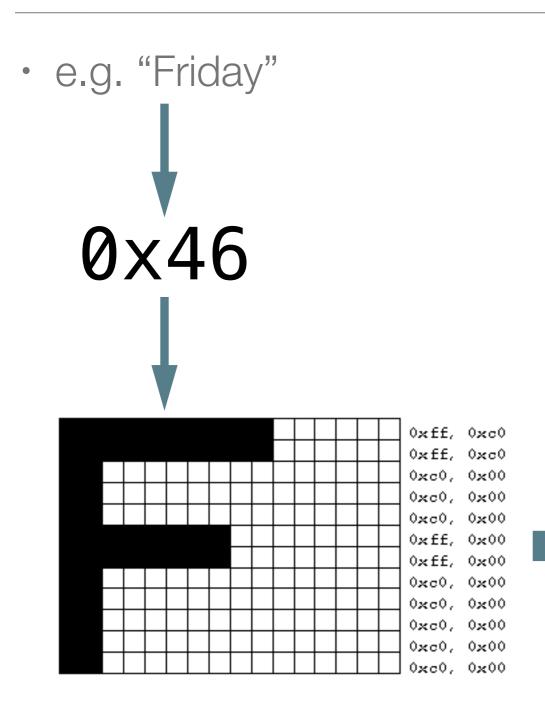
Adobe Type 1
Adobe Systems
1984

OpenType
Microsoft/Adobe
1996

# Rendering text with

# digital type

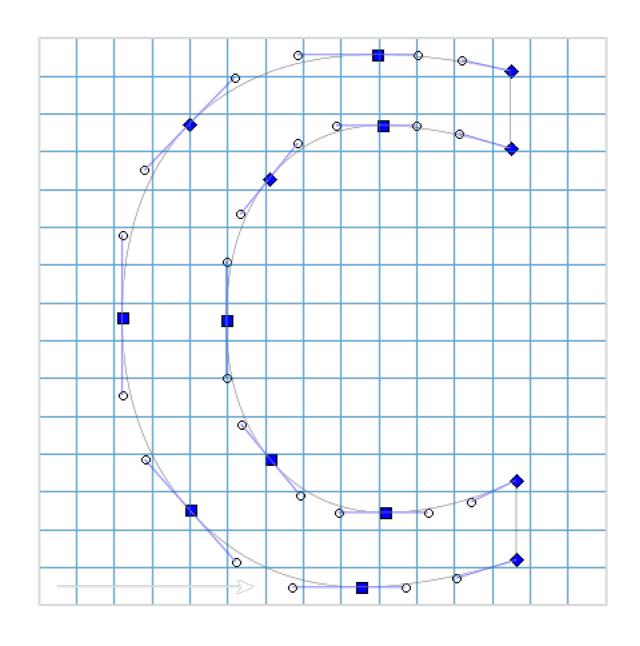
# In the old days...





# Nowadays...

we just have a bunch of points

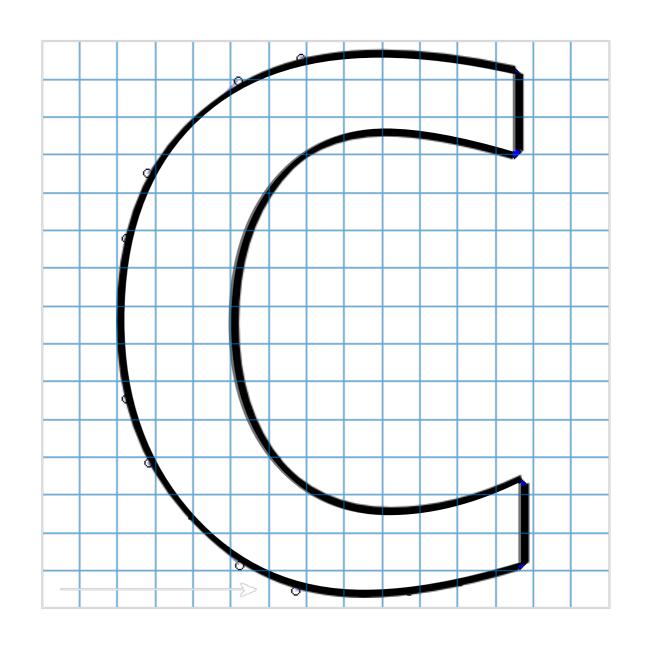


# Good thing we learned all about

# Bézier curves!

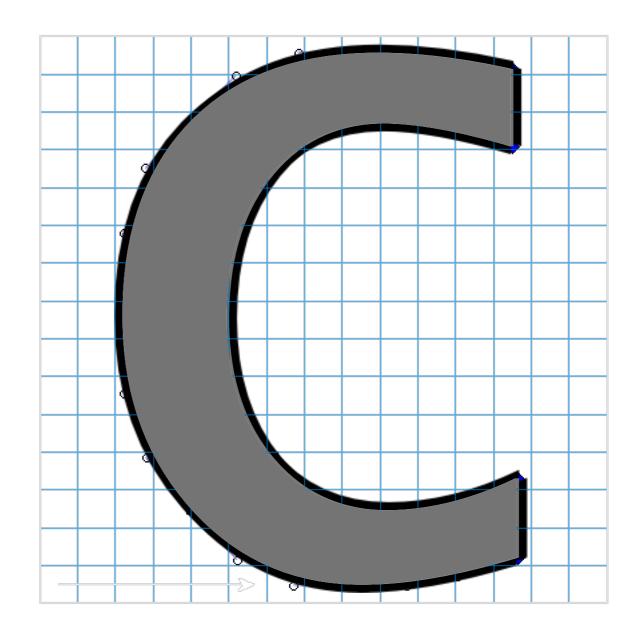
#### Rendered Outlines

Hardly what Gutenberg wanted...

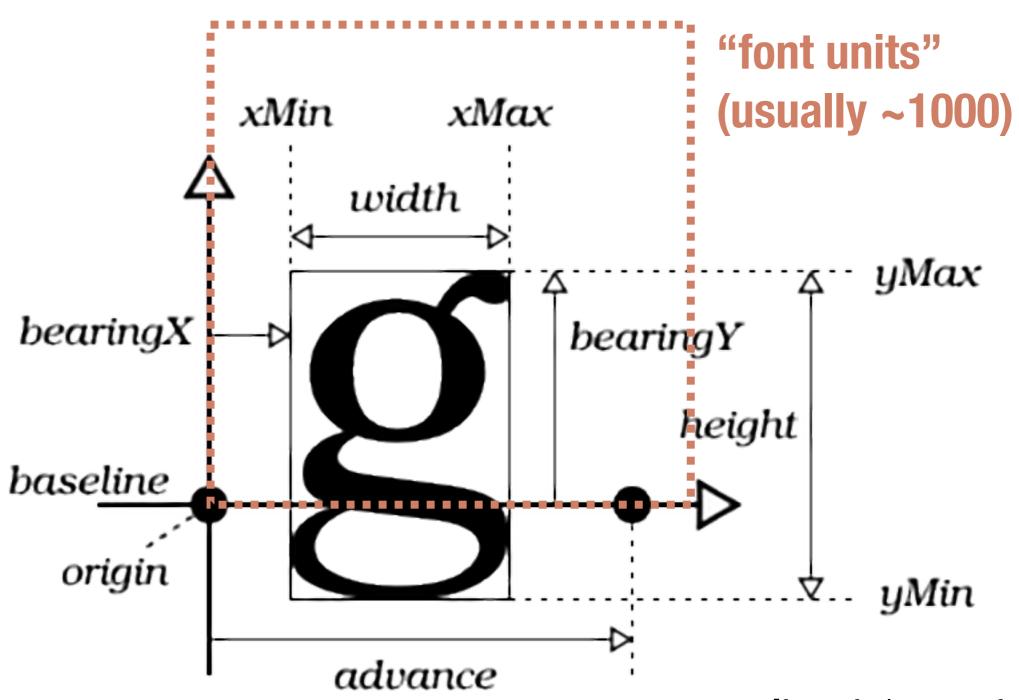


# How do we draw a solid glyph?

Just like the professionals do!



# Font Units and Glyph Metrics



[from ftgl.sourceforge.net]

**Composite Glyphs** 

Other considerations?

Ligatures

**Kerning** 

## Your basic text rendering algorithm

- Load a font (optionally choosing a variant)
- · Get a (composite) glyph for your character
  - optionally check for ligatures
- Draw a whole bunch of Bézier curves
- Advance by the glyph's specified amount
  - optionally check kerning table
- Repeat for next character

Manual Hinting

abcfgop AO *abcfgop* abcfgop AO *abcfgop* 

abcfgop abcfgop

# Manual Hinting

#### There are many different ways of arranging the sp

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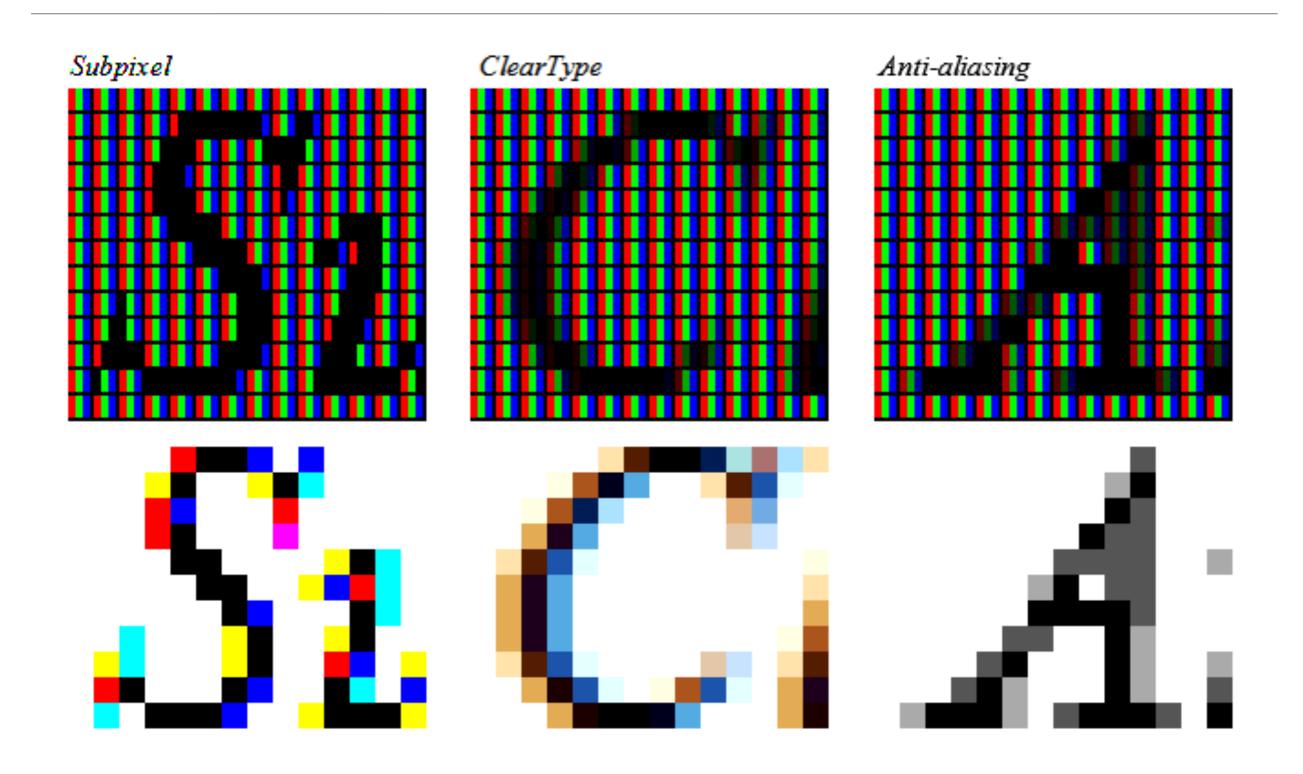
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# Microsoft ClearType



## Things to Remember

- Typography has a very rich history
  - Don't throw it all out the door when you digitize type!
- Once you learn the terminology, you will be able to identify the important features of typefaces
- Computer fonts are digital encodings of typefaces
  - They are not all made equal
- Have fun rendering text in your next assignment!