

A Calligraphy Grid in ConTeXt/LMTX

WARNING: WORK IN PROGRESS (ALPHA) USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

This project is a generator of grids for medieval calligraphy in ConTeXt/LMTX and MetaPost.

Files

- Main module: `t-pauta.mkxl`
- MetaPost library: `hatching.mp`
- Example file: `pauta-example.tex` (also in pdf)
- Environment file for the example: `env-example.tex`
- This `readme.md` file, and a pandoc generated tex version `readme.tex`
- The build script `build.lua`

Use

1. Ensure `pauta.mkxl`, `hatching.mp`, and the ConTeXt file to compile are in the same directory.
2. Include the grid in your ConTeXt file.
3. Compile with `context [FILE]`.
4. Invoke the `\Pauta` macro as many times as you want pages. Each invocation can have a different configuration.

Generating the example file

Review and run the lua script `build.lua`. If you don't have a standalone lua interpreter, you can run it with `luametateX` like so:

```
luametateX --luaonly build.lua
```

You can also adapt it and use to build your own project.

Configuration Parameters

All parameters are optional. Defaults are as follows:

```
\Pauta[  
  hand=, % Hand name  
  handInfo=, % Some extra info for the hand  
  infoPosition=header, % Where to show the extra info (header | footer)  
  displayNibs=true, % Show pen width marks (true | false)  
  displayAngleMarks=true, % Display dotted guides for the nib angle  
  nibWidth=3mm, % Pen nib width (with units)  
  ascenders=3, % Number of ascender lines (in nib widths)  
  xHeight=4, % Number of x-height lines (in nib widths)
```

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    descenders=3, % Number of descending lines (in nib widths)
    adjustment=0, % Sometimes it's necessary to adjust the line height if the last one
covers the page info
    mainColor={s=.4}, % Main color (lines that separate sections)
    secondaryColor={s=.6}, % Secondary color (lines separated by a nib width and dotted
angle lines)
    tertiaryColor={s=.8}, % Tertiary color (nib width marks on the left margin)
]

```

Code Examples

Example 1: Basic Usage

```

\usemodule[pauta]

\startdocument
\pauta[
  hand={Carolingian},
  handInfo={Tours school, VIII\high{th} century},
  infoPosition=header,
  displayNibs=true,
  displayAngleMarks=true,
  nibWidth=3mm,
  ascenders=2,
  xHeight=3,
  descenders=2,
  adjustment=0,
  mainColor={s=.6},
  secondaryColor={s=.8},
  tertiaryColor={s=.8},
]
\stopdocument

```

Example 2: Multiple Pauta Instances

```

\usemodule[pauta]

\startdocument
\pauta[
  hand={Carolingian},
  handInfo={Tours school, VIII\high{th} century},
  infoPosition=header,
  displayNibs=true,
  displayAngleMarks=true,
  nibWidth=3mm,
  ascenders=2,
  xHeight=3,
  descenders=2,
  adjustment=0,
  mainColor={s=.5},
  secondaryColor={s=.6},
  tertiaryColor={s=.7},
]

```

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]

% Overriding the hader / footer info:

\Pauta[
  infoLeft={An excercise in Visigothic script},
  infoRight={from an Spanish manuscript, VII\high{th} century},
  infoPosition=footer,
  displayNibs=true,
  displayAngleMarks=false,
  nibWidth=2mm,
  ascenders=4,
  xHeight=3,
  descenders=4,
  adjustment=1,
  mainColor={s=.3},
  secondaryColor={s=.4},
  tertiaryColor={s=.5},
]
\stopdocument

```

This project aims to provide a flexible and efficient tool for creating calligraphy practice templates, leveraging the power of ConT_EXt and MetaPost.

Changelog

- 20240307: Added build script, first alpha version
- 20240308: Improved build script, TDS compliant branch created