

SPEC INTRO

The latest Material Design ramp is a broad spectrum of 15 sizes, from which a series of sizes are to be selected for three, (or more?) viewport sizes.

Link to specification here: <https://m3.material.io/styles/typography/overview>

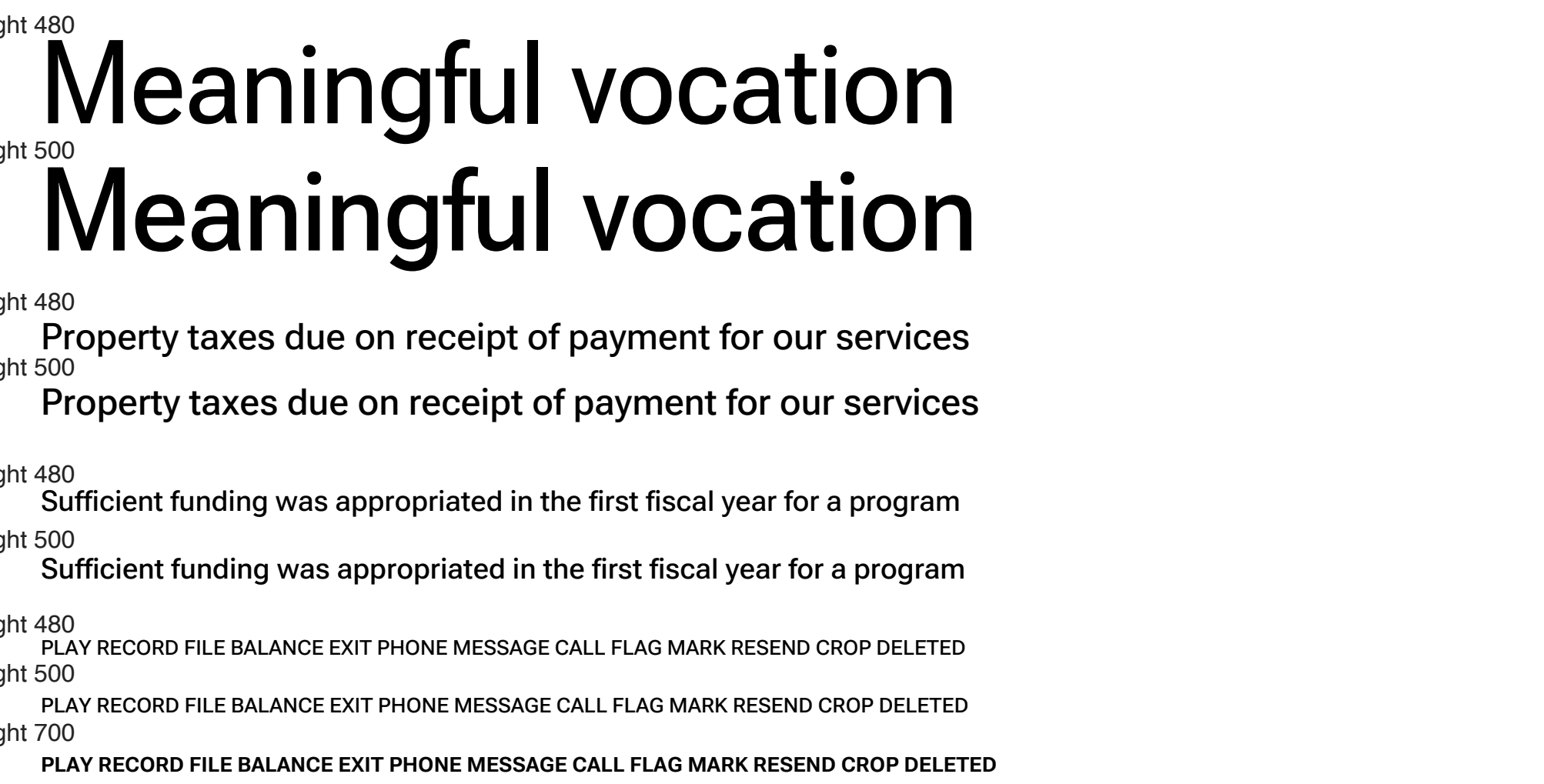
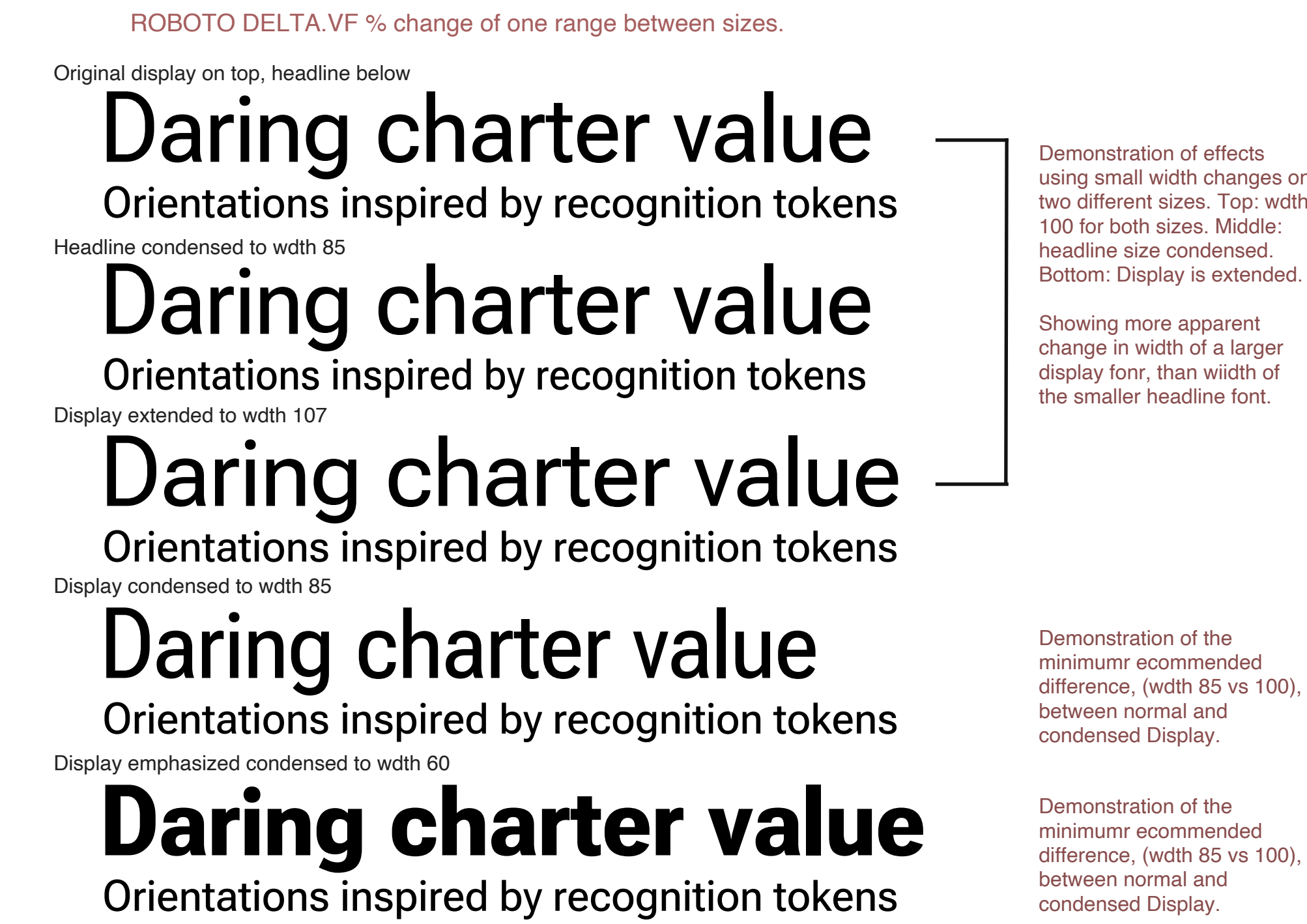
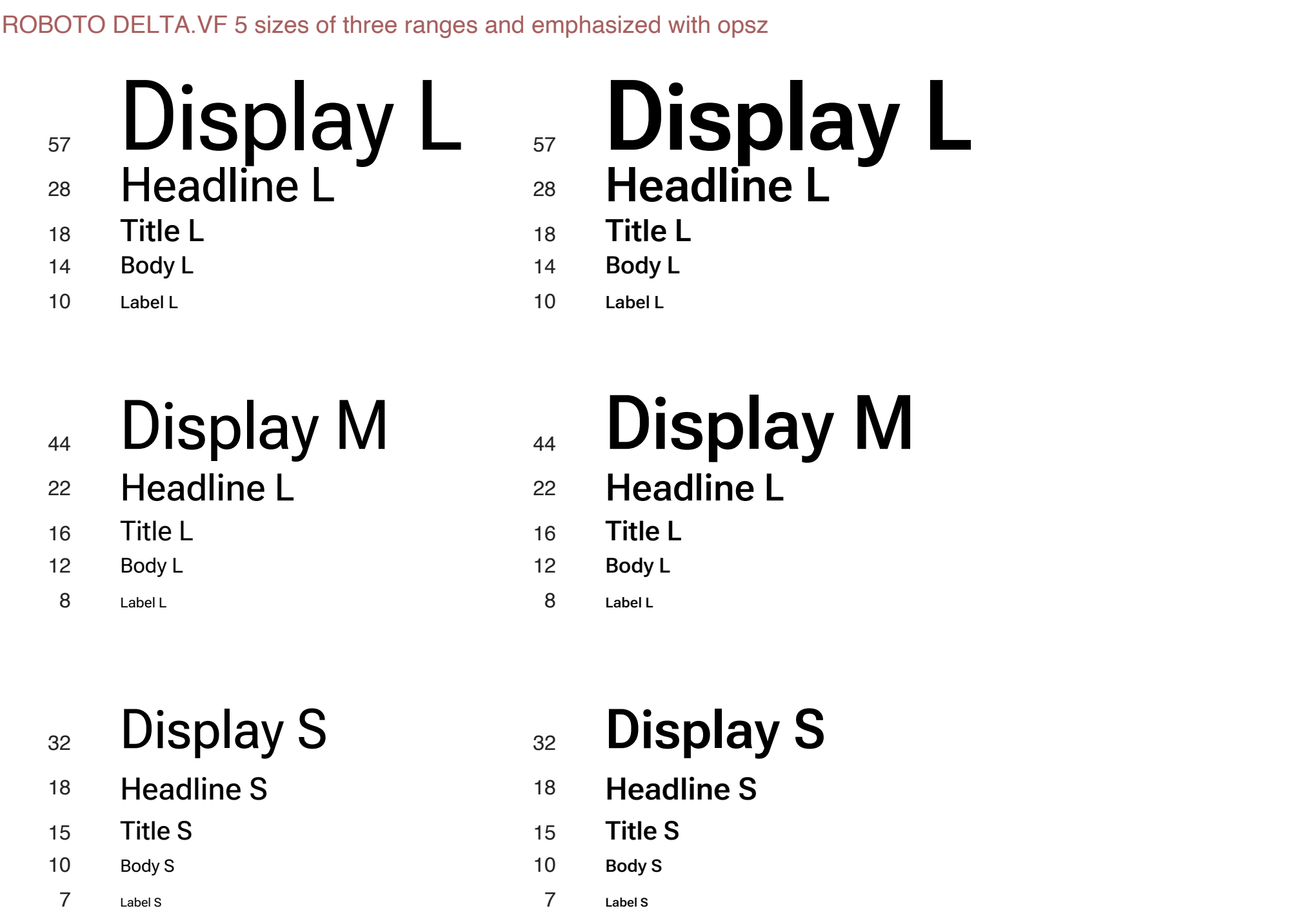
Paying particular attention to the excellent quote from the link above, and the section "Customizing the typeface":

"Sizes on the rendered type scale should aim to provide impactful contrast between sizes by avoiding small differences."

This advice is the tale of much of user's choices of styles within the design space. This advice on size selection, though only 1/2 of that which can easily be given, can be seen in good typography.

There should be small size steps in the small range of font sizes, and larger steps in the large of size range. In weight, there should be larger steps in smaller sizes and there can be smaller steps in larger sizes. In width, small steps can be used in small sizes, and large steps are best in larger sizes

NEW MATERIAL DESIGN *Text Scale* WITH ROBOTO VF



STEP 1

The existing Material Design ramp is recreated above using Roboto.vf, the variable version of Roboto that contains all of the same styles in all the same locations as the original Roboto Truetype styles of the family.

OPTICAL SIZE COMPARE



SIMPLIFYING MATERIAL DESIGN RAMP WITH ROBOTO!

ROBOTO DELTA.VF

wght400

Far quick brown foxes
Sweep over the lazy sleeping dogs
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Subtitle 1

Subtitle 2

Body 1

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BUTTON

Caption

OVERLINE

ROBOTO.VF

Mixed Styles

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STEP 2

The existing Material Design ramp is recreated using RobotoExtremo.vf, the stylistically extended version of Roboto containing a smooth range styles covering the same locations as the original Roboto Truetype styles of the family. These original styles were determined to be good for size 14, and around that was added an optical size axis, (opsz), and a broader range of weights and widths.

This includes making the appearance of weights transition more smoothly over a range of sizes, without the need to change styles. So, all the sizes of this ramp are the regular weight, (400), and the regular width (100).

In addition, the use of the optical size axis reduces the need to negative track larger sizes, as tighter spacing is built in, and users will not notice a significant difference given the lengths of text at larger sizes. The only tracking done here is for the user's benefit, where plus tracking was transferred from the original ramp to the two "Body" sizes, where the untracked Extremo are best suited for print. Using the same tracking value on Extremo that Roboto had for online use 100%, makes the two identical in Body 1 and Body 2.

* The only other difference to note in the ramp comparison, is the use of all-caps in two styles of the ramp. The old ramp used letter spacing and weight change to improve the appearance. This is probably best accomplished with an OpenType feature, 'case' which allows glyph substitution of wider, bolder uppercase letters and realigns dashes and other punctuation best centered on Caps. Here, for demo purposes, I increased the GRAD axes, and letter-spaced the Regular.

EXPANGING WEIGHT SYSTEM OF MATERIAL DESIGN RAMP WITH ROBOTO EXTREMO VF

ROBOTOEXTREMO.VF
ALL LIGHT

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ROBOTOEXTREMO.VF

ALL REGULAR

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STEP 3

The new Regular weight ramp is repeated above using RobotoExtremo.vf, all at 400wght, 100 wdth, with the same exceptions to tracking. Then, three other weights are defined to give the designer an organized way to easily access compatible or contrasting styles. Each of the ramps for 200, 500 and 700 are change to only that parameter and no other changes are made to any other axes, tracking, column width or linespacing.

This includes some amount of subjectivity in making the appearance of each of three more weights transition smoothly over a range of sizes, without the need to change styles. But, all the sizes of these ramps are adjustable in every detail.

In each weight the use of the optical size axis reduces the need to negative track larger sizes, as tighter spacing is built in, and users will not notice a significant difference given the lengths of weights at larger sizes. In the ramp sizes using uppercase, the case feature has been simulated with grade and letter-spacing.

Building out the ramp to more weights, perhaps including 100, 800 and 900, using 300, 600 and any other weight from 100-900 is also possible as are ranges of the width and XTRA axes for fitting text in text blocks.

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Body 1

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Caption

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continued

ROBOTOEXTREMO.VF

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