The calligra package* for use with LATEX2e

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1 Introduction

The font calligra provides a calligraphic font. Calligra can be found on the CTAN in the directory tex-archive/fonts/calligra. This package provides means to use this font in \LaTeX 2ε .

This package has been created for an article in "Die TEXnische Komödie" [1]. This article contains some more details on the package and its use.

2 Usage

This file can be used as a package by placing its name in the argument of \usepackage. Afterwards the font family calligra is defined. This could also have been done by providing a font definition file.

The font definitions in this file scale down the original fonts to allow \LaTeX to choose the right baselineskip.

\calligra

The command \calligra changes the current font family to calligra and the encoding to T1. Usually this should be used in a TEX group only since the macros \ss is redefined as well.

The following example on the left produces the result on the right.

^{*}This file has version number v1.9, dated 2012/04/10.

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\textcalligra

The command \textcalligra typesets its argument with the calligra font. The following example on the left produces the result on the right.

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References

[1] Gerd Neugebauer. Von "krakelig" bis "wie gemalt". Die TEXnische Komödie, 1/96:25–42, June 1996.

3 Implementation

First we declare a new font family for the calligra font.

\DeclareFontFamily{T1}{calligra}{}

This font is only available in the normal shape. Here we can get the desired font by (silently) scaling the only present calligra 15. The appropriate factor seems to be magstep 2 = 1.44.

 $\label{ligra} $$ \DeclareFontShape{T1}{calligra}_{m}_{n}<->s*[1.44]callig15}_{} $$$

Now we define the font changing command.

\calligra

The macro \calligra selects the calligra family. Since the kerning of the ß is terribly wrong we correct it within the macro \ss.

\DeclareRobustCommand\calligra{%
 \renewcommand\ss{\symbol{255}\kern-.22em}%
 \fontfamily{calligra}%
 \fontencoding{T1}%
 \selectfont}

\textcalligra The macro \textcalligra typesets its argument with the calligra font.

\newcommand\textcalligra[1]{\begingroup
\renewcommand\ss{\symbol{255}\kern-.22em}%
\fontfamily{calligra}%
\fontencoding{T1}%
\selectfont #1\endgroup}

Change History

v1.0		bust	1
General: First release	1	v1.9	
v1.1		General: License clarified and ad-	
General: Macro textcalligra added.	1	dress updated	1
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