

Almost Roman Almost Gothic

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Almost Uncialesque

Almost Bizarre

ALMOST INITIALS

Almost Roman and Almost Gothic are two separate fonts. Three supplementary styles, Uncialesque, Bizarre and Initials can be accessed through stylistic features – as well as any possible combination between them.

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SUBIACO - Sacro Speco - *Roseto di S. Benedetto*
Abside della Chiesa Inferiore

Postcard from Subiaco, photographer unknown, 2018.

Almost Roman Regular

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

0123456789

Almost Gothic Regular

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Almost Roman Medium

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Standard glyphs of Almost Roman Medium | Almost Gothic Medium | 25 pt

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Standard glyphs of Almost Roman Black | Almost Gothic Black | 25 pt

Almost Roman Heavy

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Regular | Almost Roman | Almost Gothic | Almost Uncialesque | Almost Bizarre | Almost Initials | 20 pt

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Individual activation and mixtures of styles. From top to bottom:
Roman | Roman + Gothic Capitals | Roman + Gothic Minuscules | Gothic | Roman + Uncialesque Capitals
Unicalesque | Roman + Bizarre Capitals | Bizarre | Roman + Initials

The Mainz Psalter



Manual activation of individual alternates

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General activation with predefined OpenType Stylistic Sets

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Incunabula Short Title Catalogue

Almost Roman Medium + Gothic Capitals

 Oentelin

Almost Gothic Regular + Initials

RUDOLF + KOCH

Almost Gothic Regular + Initials

Sweynheim & Pannartz

Almost Roman Heavy

Subiaco  1465-67

Almost Gothic Regular + Bizarre Capitals

¶ The Ashendene Press

Almost Roman Black + Uncialesque Capitals + Bizarre Paragraph Sign

FUST & SCHOFFER

Almost Roman + Bizarre Capitals

Gotico-Antiqua

Almost Gothic Black

Almost | Designed by Jérôme Knebusch

	OFF	ON	Activated by default (recommended)
KERNING	LYON	LYON	
LIGATURES	Au Soufflet Vert	Au Soufflet Vert	
CONTEXTUAL ALTERNATES	1459-1482	1459–1482	
DISCRETIONARY LIGATURES	Lactance	Lactance	Optional
ALL CAPS	Cicero [1465]	CICERO [1465]	
SMALL CAPS	Cicero [1465]	CICERO [1465]	
ALL SMALL CAPS	Cicero [1465]	CICERO [1465]	
SUPERScript /SUPERIORS & ORDINALS	id (00403000)	id (00403000)	
SUBSCRIPT /INFERIORS	id (00403000)	id (00403000)	
NUMERATOR	id (00403000)	id (00403000)	
DENOMINATOR	id (00403000)	id (00403000)	
FRACTIONS	12/100	12⁄100	
LINING FIGURES	1470+	1470+	
TABULAR FIGURES	1470+	1470+	
TABULAR LINING FIGURES	1470+	1470+	
SLASHED ZERO	1470	1470	
LOCALIZED FORMS	ISTANBUL Schöfferr	İSTANBUL Schöfferr	Localised forms are available for Catalan, German, Romanian, Moldavian, Kazakh, Tatar, Turkish, Crimean Tatar, Azeri, Dutch.
TITLING ALTERNATES	([{ / \ }]) + 2 2 QU Ä Ü Ö ä ü ö	([{ / \ }]) + 2 2 Q U A E U E a u o	

STYLISTIC SET 1

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STYLISTIC SET 2

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STYLISTIC SET 3

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h g

STYLISTIC SET 4

i j k l

i j k l

STYLISTIC SET 5

p


p

STYLISTIC SET 6

v w x y

v w x y

STYLISTIC SET 7

z ß 2 2 -  z ß 2 2 -  

STYLISTIC SET 8

A G J

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STYLISTIC SET 9

E T

E T

STYLISTIC SET 10

F P Y

F P Y

STYLISTIC SET 11

M N

m n

STYLISTIC SET 12
(CAPS)




A E F G J M N P T Y 2

A E F G J m n p T Y 2

STYLISTIC SET 13
(MIN)

d e g h i j k l m n p

ð e g h i j k l m n p

v w x y z z ß 2 2 -  v w x y z z ß 2 2 -  STYLISTIC ALTERNATES
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A E F G J M N P T Y 2

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HISTORICAL FORMS

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HISTORICAL LIGATURES

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STYLISTIC SET 15

ALMOST BIZARRE

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 R S Y Z U A^E U E 2
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 a g h k p s v w x y z 3
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STYLISTIC SET 17

ALMOST INITIALS

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 ◀

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 ¶

The figure consists of a 3x12 grid of small diagrams. Each diagram shows a set of points (represented by dots) and crosses (represented by 'x' marks) arranged in a specific pattern. The patterns vary across the grid, showing different combinations and arrangements of these symbols. For example, some diagrams have a single cross, while others have multiple crosses and dots in various configurations.

DESIGN	Jérôme Knebusch
CREATION	2012–2019
DEVELOPMENT	Jérôme Knebusch
VERSION	1.0
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NUMBER OF STYLES	10
GLYPHS PER STYLE	1821
CODEPAGE RANGES	Latin 1, Latin 2 (Eastern Europe), Turkish, Baltic
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