

1 Typography

1.1 Introduction

Throughout the millennia humans have developed and adapted methods for storing facts and thoughts on a variety of different media. A very efficient way of doing this is using logograms, as the Chinese have done for ages. Another method is to represent each syllable in a word by a symbol, as the Japanese do when writing telegrams. However, the most common way of storing characters is by using a limited set of shapes representing basic sounds (a.k.a. phonemes). Such a collection is called an *alphabet*, and the shapes are called *letters*.

T_EX is primarily meant for typesetting languages that use this third method. The other two methods can also be dealt with, but some extra effort is needed. In this chapter we will focus on languages that use alphabets, the other methods will be explained in later chapters.

The shapes representing the characters that make up an alphabet are more or less standardized, and thereby can be recognized by readers even if their details differ. A collection of pictures representing character shapes is called a *font*, and the pictures in a font are called *glyphs*.

The example below shows (from left to right) a Computer Modern font, a Helvetica lookalike, a Times Roman lookalike and the Antiqua Torunska font, all scaled to 48pt.



As you can see, quite some design variation is possible. It follows that when fonts from different sources (designers) are intermixed, the result is not always pleasing to look at. The term *font collection* refers to a set of fonts combined together in such a way that the overall appearance on a page looks good and reading is as comfortable as possible.

The next example shows an attempt at such a font collection: the fonts were picked such that the glyph sizes and the line thicknesses are roughly the same.



Fonts from a single source often already come in a few variations that are intended to be used together. Such a set of fonts with the same basic design is known as a *font family*. For example, Computer Modern is a font family, as is Lucida.

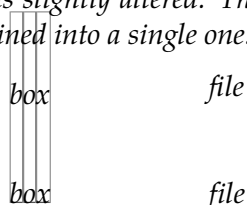
Within a font family there can be multiple *styles*. In the example below you see five font styles of the Latin Modern family: the Roman, Sans, Typewriter, Smallcaps and Variable Typewriter. (However, this manual will often continue to use the word *style* in a more generic sense. Hopefully the context will make clear which sense is intended.)



Within a given style, there can be multiple alternatives of a font. The example below shows a normal, a bold, an italic, and a bold italic alternative.



The distance between the individual glyphs in a word and the actual glyphs that are used depends on the combinations of these glyphs. In the top line of the next sample, the gap between the b and the o as well as the distance between the o and the x is slightly altered. This is called kerning. Further, the separate glyphs for the f and the i have been combined into a single one. This is called ligaturing.



The font shown here is Computer Modern, the default T_EX font. This font is designed by Donald Knuth. The Computer Modern has many kerning pairs, while the Palatino-like font that is used for most of the text in this manual has only a few, while both have essentially the same list of ligatures.

Micro-typography like kerning pairs and ligatures are not to be altered by the user, but are part of the font design and the required data is stored inside the font file, together with the drawing routines for the actual pictures. It is possible for the user to alter fonts and interline spacing and some more aspects on the level of macro-typography. The choice of font is the main topic of this chapter.

There are many different methods that can be used to classify fonts. There are classification systems based on the period in which the style was first developed; on the characteristics of the font; or the font application, like a newspaper or a book. Often, classification systems mix these characteristics to a certain point.

For example, the Computer Modern family can be classified as a ‘modern’ font. This is a classification that primarily indicates a period (late 18th century), but it also implies a particular shape: ‘modern’ fonts have a high contrast between thick and thin strokes, and their stress axis is perfectly vertical.

At the same time, specific fonts in the Computer Modern family can be classified as to their style: ‘serif’ (glyphs strokes have embellishments at the end), ‘sans serif’ (shapes end abruptly), or ‘monospaced’ (all glyphs have the same width).

The Computer Modern family is in fact inspired by one font in particular: ‘Modern 8a’ by the Monotype corporation. Knuth implemented Computer Modern in MetaFont using parameters so that he could generate a whole collection of fonts all closely matching each other in overall style (not necessarily in style). In ConT_EXt you will normally use a reimplementations of Computer Modern using a more modern file format (Type 1 or OpenType). This new version is called ‘Latin Modern’, and also features an extended glyph set making it usable for languages that could not be typeset with Knuth’s original fonts.

Computer Modern is one of the few font families that comes with dedicated design sizes. The example below shows the differences of a 5, 7, 9, 12 and 17 point design scaled up to 48 points. Such nuances in font size are seldom seen these days.



As explained earlier, the general appearance of a font style can be classified according to many schemes, and the exact terminology used depends on the background of the user. In table 1.1 you can see some examples of the terms that are used by various people to identify the three font styles that are most often found together within a single book design (such as for a software manual).

<i>terms</i>	<i>intended usage</i>
<i>regular, serif, roman</i>	main text
<i>support, sans</i>	section headings
<i>teletype, mono, type</i>	code examples

Table 1.1 Some ways of identifying the font styles in a document design.

Within the lists of terms, the earlier names are normally used by typographers and book designers, the later ones are commonly used in T_EX. In ConT_EXt all of these terms can be used intermixed because they are all remapped to the same set of internal commands. As will be explained later, the command `\rm` is used to switch to the style used for the main text (this is usually a font style with serifs), `\ss` to switch to the support style (usually a style without serifs) and `\tt` to switch to the code example style (for which usually monospaced fonts are used).

Text can be typeset in different font sizes. The unit `pt`, short for ‘printer’s point’, is normally used to specify the size of a font. There are a little over 72 points per inch (or a little under 2.85 points per millimeter, if you prefer metric units). Traditionally, font designers used to design a glyph collection for each point size, but nowadays most fonts have only a single design size of 10 points, or at most a small set of sizes with names indicating their proposed use, like `caption`, `text`, and `display`.

The next sections will go into the details of switching of font styles and fonts in your documents. Be warned that the font switching mechanism is rather complex. This is due to the different modes like math mode and text mode in ConT_EXt. If you want to understand the mechanism fully, you will have to acquaint yourself with the concept of encoding vectors and obtain some knowledge on fonts and their peculiarities. See the next chapter for more information.

1.2 The mechanism

Font switching is one of the oldest features of ConT_EXt because font switching is indispensable in a macro package. During the years extensions to the font switching mechanism were inevitable. The following starting points have been chosen during the development of this mechanism:

- It must be easy to change font styles, e.g., switching between roman (serif, regular), sans serif (support), teletype (monospaced) etc. (`\rm`, `\ss`, `\tt` etc.)
- More than one alternative set of glyphs shapes must be available like italic and bold (`\it` and `\bf`).

- Different font families like Latin Modern Roman and Lucida Bright must be supported.
- It must be possible to combine different families into font collections.
- Different sub- and super-scripts must be available. These script sizes have to be consistent across the switching of family, style and alternative.
- It should be possible to combine all of these requirements into a single definition unit called a body font.
- Changing the global font collection as well as the size must also be easy, and so sizes between 8pt and 14.4pt must be available by default.

Before reading further, please stop for a moment to make sure you thoroughly comprehend the above paragraphs. ConTEXT's terminology probably differs from what you are accustomed to, especially if you were previously a LaTEX user.

1.3 Font switching

The mechanism to switch from one style to another is somewhat complex, not in the least because the terminology is a bit fuzzy. A quick recap: we call a set of fonts from the same source, with the same basic design, like Lucida or Computer Modern Roman, a family. Within such a family, the members can be grouped according to characteristics such as the presence of serifs, or the variability of width. Such a group is called a style. Examples of styles within a family are: 'roman', 'sans serif' and 'teletype'. We saw already that there can be other classifications. Within a style there can be alternatives, like 'boldface' and 'italic'.

There are different ways to change into a new a style or alternative. You can use `\ss` to switch to a sans serif font style and `\bf` to get a bold alternative. When a different style is chosen, the alternatives adapt themselves to this style.

Often a document will be mostly typeset using just one combination of family and style. This is called the bodyfont. Consistent use of alternative commands like `\bf` and `\it` in the text will automatically result in the desired bold and italic alternatives when you change the family or style in the setup area of your input file, since these commands adapt to the specified family and style.

1.3.1 Font style switching

Switching to another font style is done by one of five two-letter commands that are listed in table 1.2.

<i>command</i>	<i>keyword equivalents</i>
<code>\rm</code>	<i>serif, regular, roman, rm</i>
<code>\ss</code>	<i>sans, support, sansserif, ss</i>
<code>\tt</code>	<i>mono, type, teletype, tt</i>
<code>\hw</code>	<i>handwritten, hw</i>
<code>\cg</code>	<i>calligraphic, cg</i>
—	<i>mm</i>

Table 1.2 Font style switching commands and their keyword equivalents. For more on keywords, see subsection 1.3.3.

The ‘handwritten’ and ‘calligraphic’ font styles are sometimes useful when dealing with very elaborate document layout definitions. In the ConTEXt distribution only the Lucida font family uses these styles; in any other font set they are simply ignored. You could use them in your own font setups if you so desire. See the next chapter for font setup definitions.

There is a sixth internal style that is only ever referred to as ‘mm’. This style handles math fonts. It does not make sense to use this style directly so there is no command attached to it, but it is quite important internally so it makes sense to introduce it right away.

1.3.2 Font alternative switching

The alternatives within a style are given in table 1.3. Not all fonts have both italic and slanted or the bold alternatives of each. Some other fonts do not have small caps or have only one set of digits. When an alternative is not known, ConTEXt will attempt to choose a suitable replacement automatically. For instance, the italic alternative may be used for if slanted is not available or vice versa.

<i>command</i>	<i>keyword equivalents</i>
<code>\bf</code>	<i>bold</i>
<code>\it</code>	<i>italic</i>
<code>\bi</code>	<i>bolditalic, italicbold</i>
<code>\sl</code>	<i>slanted</i>
<code>\bs</code>	<i>boldslanted, slantedbold</i>
<code>\sc</code>	<i>smallcaps</i>
<code>\os</code>	<i>mediaeval (from oldstyle)</i>
<code>\tf</code>	<i>normal (from typeface)</i>

Table 1.3 Font alternative switching commands and their keyword equivalents. With `\os` you tell ConTEXt that you prefer mediaeval or old-style numbers as in 139 over 139.

Note that, while these alternatives can sometimes seem to be ‘combined,’ as in *bolditalic*, it is important to recognize that only one alternative can actually be active at a time. In this regard alternatives are like ‘radio buttons.’ *bolditalic* is in fact one predefined alternative, not a combination of two. Alternatives cannot be arbitrarily combined, or turned on and off independently of each other.

Besides these two-letter commands, there is a series of font selector commands with a size suffix attached. Some examples of that are:

```
\tfx \bfx \slx \itx
\tfa \tfa \tfa \tfa \tfa
```

The *a* suffix selects a somewhat larger font size than the default. Each of the ordered alphabetic suffixes *a*, *b*, ... select a somewhat larger actual font than the previous suffix. The *x* and *xx* suffixes select smaller and yet smaller versions. Note that these commands select font sizes relative to the default, not relative to whatever font size is currently in effect.

```

\bf $x$   smallbold
\it $x$   smallitalic
\bf $i$  $x$   smallbolditalic, smallitalicbold
\sl $x$   smallslanted
\bs $x$   smallboldslanted, smallslantedbold
\tf $x$   small, smallnormal

```

Table 1.4 Small alternative switching commands and their keyword equivalents.

The ‘small’ (single x suffix) switches mentioned in table 1.4, such as `\tf x` , are always available. The availability of other commands like `\ita`, `\bf x x` , `\bfc`, etc. depends on the completeness of the font definition files. For the core ConT_EXt fonts, you can count on at least `\tfa`, `\tfb`, `\tfc`, `\tfd`, and `\tf x x` being defined. For the others, just try and see what happens.

When you have chosen a larger character size, for example `\tfb`, then `\tf` equals `\tfb`, `\bf` equals `\bfb`, etc. This behavior is almost always preferable over returning to the original character size, but it may catch you off-guard.

More generic font scaling commands are also available:

```

\t $x$  \t $x$  $x$ 
\setsmallbodyfont \setbigbodyfont

```

The command `\t x` adapts itself to both the style and the alternative. This command is rather handy when one wants to write macros that act like a chameleon. Going one more step smaller, is possible too: `\t x x` . Using `\t x` when `\t x` is already given, is equivalent to `\t x x` .

The commands `\setsmallbodyfont` and `\setbigbodyfont` switch to the ‘small’ and ‘big’ body font sizes. These relative sizes are defined via the ‘body font environment’, see section 1.9.

The various commands will adapt themselves to the actual setup of font and size. For example:

```

{\rm test {\sl test} {\bf test} \tfc test {\t $x$  test} {\bf test}}
{\ss test {\sl test \t $x$  test} {\bf test \t $x$  test}}

```

will result in:

```

test test test test test test
test test test test test

```

When the `\rm` style is active, ConT_EXt will interpret the command `\tfd` as if it was `\rmd`, when the style `\ss` is active, `\tfd` as is treated as `\ssd`. All default font setups use `tf`-setups so they will automatically adapt to the current font style.

The remainder of this section is for the sake of completeness. Use of the following commands in new documents is discouraged.

Frequent font switching leads to longer processing times. When no sub- or superscripts are used and you are very certain what font you want to use, you can perform fast font switches with: `\rmsl`, `\ssbf`, `\tttf`, etc.

The plain T_EX compatible font switches `\vi`, `\vii`, `\viii`, `\ix`, `\x`, and `\xii` are also defined; these have local effects like `\tf x` and `\tfa`. (‘Local’ means that `\tf x` in running text will only change the font

in the running text, not in headers etc.; and will only change the font from that point, to the end of the enclosing group.)

1.3.3 Switching font styles in setup commands

A number of ConT_EXt commands use the parameter *style* to set the used font. The parameter mechanism is rather flexible so that within the parameter *style* you can use any of the font switching commands like `\bf` or `\b` for `\switchtobodyfont`, but also a number of keywords like

```
normal bold italic bolditalic slanted boldslanted type
small smallbold smallitalic ... smallslanted ... smalltype
capital
```

Most of these keywords have already been listed in the tables 1.3 and 1.4, but a few predefined ones have not been mentioned yet. These are displayed in table 1.5, together with the commands they execute. As is normal in ConT_EXt, you can extend the list of accepted keywords by defining your own. This will be explained in?? in the next chapter.

<code>\tt</code>	<i>type, mono</i>
<code>\ttæ</code>	<i>smalltype</i>
<code>\ss</code>	<i>sans, sansserif</i>
<code>\ss\bf</code>	<i>sansbold</i>
<code>\setsmallbodyfont</code>	<i>smallbodyfont</i>
<code>\setbigbodyfont</code>	<i>bigbodyfont</i>
<code>\smallcapped</code>	<i>cap, capital</i>
<code>\WORD</code>	<i>WORD</i>

Table 1.5 Remaining font alternative keywords.

1.4 Emphasize

Within most macro–packages the command `\em` is available. This command behaves like a chameleon which means that it will adapt to the actual typeface. In ConT_EXt `\em` has the following characteristics:

- a switch to italic or slanted is possible
- a switch within `\bf` results in **bold italic** or **bold slanted** (when available)
- a so called italic correction is performed automatically (`\/`)

The bold italic or bold slanted characters are supported only when `\bs` and `\bi` are available.

```
The mnemonic {\em em} means {\em emphasis}.
{\em The mnemonic {\em em} means {\em emphasis}.}
{\bf The mnemonic {\em em} means {\em emphasis}.}
{\em \bf The mnemonic {\em em} means {\em emphasis}.}
{\it The mnemonic em {\em means \bf emphasis}.}
{\sl The mnemonic em {\em means \bf emphasis}.}
```

This results in:

The mnemonic `em` means *emphasis*.

The mnemonic *em* means *emphasis*.

The mnemonic *em* means emphasis.

The mnemonic *em* means emphasis.

The mnemonic *em* means **emphasis**.

The mnemonic *em* means **emphasis**.

The advantage of the use of `\em` over `\it` and/or `\sl` is that consistent typesetting is enforced.

By default *emphasis* is set at slanted, but in this text it is set at italic. This setting is made via `\setupbodyfontenvironment`, see section 1.9 for more details:

```
\setupbodyfontenvironment
  [default]
  [em=italic]
```

1.5 Line spacing

In $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ linespacing is determined by a number of variable dimensions like `\topskip`, `\parskip` and `\baselineskip`. However, in $\text{ConT}_{\text{E}}\text{Xt}$ these variables are related to the `bodyfont` size.

A line has a height and a depth. The distance between two lines is normally equal to the sum of the maximum height and maximum depth:



This sum is in $\text{ConT}_{\text{E}}\text{Xt}$ equal to $2.8ex$, so almost three times the height of an x . This is about 1.2 times the `bodyfont` height. The proportion between maximum height and depth is $.72 : .28$ by default. Linespacing alters when a new `bodyfont` is used or when linespacing is defined explicitly by `\setupinterlinespace` (which is explained later):

Sometimes a line does not have the maximum height or depth. The next example illustrates this:



It says:

The height and depth of lines differs.

When we put two of these lines above each other we will get:



You can see that the distance is somewhat bigger than the sum of the height and depth of each separate line. This distance is called the baseline distance (`\baselineskip`) and is in this document $13.8292pt$. If we add some extra height to the line we see this:



To prevent the lines from touching $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ adds a `\lineskip`, in our example $1.0pt$. In a similar way $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ is taking care of the first line of a page to have at least a height of `\topskip` (here $11.0pt$ plus $55.0pt$).

Linespacing is set up by:


```
\setupinterlinespace [...]  
                        OPTIONAL  
*   reset small medium auto big on off
```

```
\setupinterlinespace [...,.*,...]  
  
*   height = NUMBER  
    depth  = NUMBER  
    line   = DIMENSION  
    top    = NUMBER  
    bottom = NUMBER
```

Linespacing adapts to the size of the actual bodyfont automatically. This means that the user can leave this command untouched, unless a different linespacing is wanted. Instead of a factor one of the predetermined values `small` (1.0), `medium` (1.25) or `big` (1.5) can be given. Below an example is given of a text with a linespacing of 1.25: `\setupinterlinespace[medium]`.

Whenever it comes to my mind that “everything that comes in quantities, will somehow survive”, I also got the feeling that in a few hundred years people will draw the saddening conclusion that all those top–ten hits produced by computers represent the some of todays musical and instrumental abilities. Isn't it true that archaeologists can spend a lifetime on speculating about some old coins from the first century? On the other hand, the mere fact that one can have success with this type of non–music success of some top–hit musicians demonstrates both the listeners inability to rate the product and the lack of self criticism of the performers. In principle the future archaeologist will therefore draw the right conclusion.

When you make a font switch the linespacing is adapted when you give the command `\setupinterlinespace` without any setup parameters and also when you add the key `reset`, for example

```
\setupinterlinespace[reset,medium]
```

The text below is typeset in the fontsize `\tfa`, using the following input:

```
\start \tfa \setupinterlinespace  
In books meant for children we often find  
a somewhat ... when needed. \par \stop
```

In this example the `\par` is necessary because T_EX operates on whole paragraphs. Within a group one has to close the paragraph explicitly with an empty line or `\par` otherwise T_EX will have forgotten the linespacing before the paragraph is finished (as in that case, the paragraph is ended by the empty line after the `\stop`).

The word `height` is typeset inside a bare `\tfd` group, to illustrate why `\setupinterlinespace` is required.

In books meant for children we often find a somewhat bigger typeface, for instance because we are convinced that this enables them to read the book themselves. On the other hand, I can also imagine that it is a cheap

way to increase the number of pages. Unfortunately scaling up will also uncover the lack of quality of the typesetting used and/or the lack of typographic knowledge of the user of such a system. The interline space sometimes differs on a line by line basis, and depends on the **height** of the current line. Therefore, when changing the style, something that should only be done on purpose, also change the baseline distance when needed.

Instead of a keyword, one can pass a key–value pair to define the characteristics of a line.

The default settings are:

```
\setupinterlinespace
  [height=.72,
   depth=.28,
   top=1.0,
   bottom=0.4,
   line=2.8ex]
```

The `height` and `depth` determine the ratio between the height and depth of a line. The baseline distance is set to `2.8ex`. The parameters `top` and `bottom` specify the relation between the bodyfont size and the height of the first line and the depth of the last line on a page. They are related to T_EX's `\topskip` and `\maxdepth`.

We will see later that instead of setting the spacing at the document level, i.e. for each font, you can set the spacing per body font environment:

```
\setupbodyfontenvironment
  [modern] [12pt]
  [interlinespace=14pt]
```

1.6 Capitals

Some words and abbreviations are typeset in capitals (uppercase). ConT_EXt provides the following commands for changing both upper– and lowercase characters into capitals.

```
\cap {...}
```

```
* CONTENT
```

```
\Cap {...}
```

```
* CONTENT
```

```
\CAP {...}
```

```
* CONTENT
```

```
\Caps {... *. ...}
```

```
* WORD
```

The command `\cap` converts all letters to capitals at the size of `\tx`. If you switch to italic (`\it`), bold (`\bf`), etc. the capital letter will also change. Since `\cap` has a specific meaning in math mode, the formal implementation is called `\smallcapped`. However in text mode one can use `\cap`.

Capitals for `\cap {UK}` are `\cap {OK}` and capitals for `\cap {USA}` are okay. But what about capitals in `\cap {Y2K}`.

this results in:

Capitals for UK are OK and capitals for USA are okay. But what about capitals in Y2K.

A `\cap` within a `\cap` will not lead to any problems:

`\cap {People that have gathered their \cap {capital} at the cost of other people are not seldom \nocap {decapitated} in revolutionary times.}`

or:

PEOPLE THAT HAVE GATHERED THEIR CAPITAL AT THE COST OF OTHER PEOPLE ARE NOT SELDOM decapitated IN REVOLUTIONARY TIMES.

In this example you can see that `\cap` can be temporarily revoked by `\nocap`.

```
\nocap {... *. ...}
```

```
* CONTENT
```

The command `\Cap` changes the first character of a word into a capital and `\CAP` changes letters that are preceded by `\` into capital letters. With `\Caps` you can change the first character of several words into a capital letter.

```
\setupcapitals [..., *. ..., ...]
```

```
* title = yes no
  sc    = yes no
```

With this command the capital mechanism can be set up. The key `sc=yes` switches to real SMALL CAPS. The key `title` determines whether capitals in titles are changed.

Next to the former `\cap`-commands there are also:

```
\Word {... *. ...}
```

```
* WORD
```

and

```
\Words {... *. ...}

*   WORD
```

These commands switch the first characters of a word or words into capitals. All characters in a word are changed with:

```
\WORD {...}

*   WORD
```

Let's end this section with real small capitals. When these are available the real small caps `\sc` are preferred over the pseudo-capital in abbreviations and logos.

In a manual on `\TeX` and `Con\TeX t` there is always the question whether to type `\cap{\TeX}` and `\cap{Con\TeX t}` or `{\sc \TeX}` and `{\sc Con\TeX t}`. Both are defined as a logo in the style definition so we type `\type{\TeX}` and `\type{\CONTEXT}`, which come out as `\TeX` and `\CONTEXT`.

Results in:

In a manual on `TEX` and `ConTEXt` there is always the question whether to type `TEX` and `CONTEXT` or `TEX` and `CONTEXt`. Both are defined as a logo in the style definition so we type `\TeX` and `\CONTEXT`, which come out as `TEX` and `ConTEXt`.

IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO TYPESET TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS. HOWEVER, REALIZE THAT LOWER CASE CHARACTERS DISCRIMINATE MORE AND MAKE FOR AN EASIER READ.

*An important difference between `\cap` and `\sc` is that the latter command is used for a specific designed font type. The command `\cap` on the other hand adapts itself to the actual typeface: **KAP**, **KAP**, **KAP**, etc.*

1.7 Character spacing

Some typesetting packages stretch words (inter character spacing) to reach an acceptable alignment. In `ConTEXt` this not supported. On purpose! Words in titles can be stretched by:

```
\stretched {...}

*   WORD
```

```
\hbox to \hsize {\stretched{there\is\much\stretch\in ...}}
\hbox to 20em   {\stretched{... and\here\somewhat\less}}
```

With `\` you can enforce a space (`{}` is also allowed).

<i>there</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>much</i>	<i>stretch</i>	<i>in ...</i>
<i>... and</i>	<i>here</i>	<i>somewhat</i>	<i>less</i>	

These typographically non permitted actions are only allowed in heads. The macros that take care of stretching do this by processing the text character by character.

This chapter will not go into the details of underlining because using underlining for typographical purposes is a bad practice. Instead, the commands related to under- and over-lining are discussed in section ?? (“”).

1.8 Selecting bodyfonts

The bodyfont (main font), font style and size is set up with:

```
\setupbodyfont [...,*,...]

* IDENTIFIER serif regular roman sans support sansserif mono type teletype handwritten
  calligraphic 5pt ... 12pt
```

In a running text a font switch is done with the command:

```
\switchtobodyfont [...,*,...]

* IDENTIFIER serif regular roman sans support sansserif mono type teletype handwritten
  calligraphic 5pt ... 12pt small big
```

This command changes the bodyfont in the running text where it occurs, but not in headers and footers. With `small` and `big` you switch to a smaller or larger font.

In most cases, the command `\setupbodyfont` is only used once: in the style definition, and font switching inside the document is done with `\switchtobodyfont`. Don’t confuse these two because that may lead to some rather strange but legitimate effects.

`\switchtobodyfont` differs from the use of font selector commands like `\ss`, `\it` and `\tfa` in a few significant ways. For one, `\switchtobodyfont` is “heavier”: it results in more thorough changes, for example, adjusting the interlinespace to suit the change (if the change lasts until the end of a paragraph). As such, switching the body font is slower. In general, `\switchtobodyfont` is intended for longer-lasting changes, e.g. at least a paragraph, whereas `\it` and the like are meant for changes of short duration, such as a phrase. Moreover, it’s useful to know that `\switchtobodyfont` controls and changes the sizes for commands like `\tfa`.

1.8.1 Body font sizes

Body font sizes actually consist of two components: the font size and a number of indirect parameters. Think of things like the font size used in headers, footers, footnotes, sub- and superscripts, as well as the interline space and a few others.

This is why in ConT_EXt there is the concept of a body font environment (expressed as a dimension), and that is what you pass as an argument to `\setupbodyfont` or `\switchtobodyfont`. The definitions as presented above indicate `5pt ... 12pt` for the body font environment, but actually any dimension is acceptable.

The most frequently used sizes are predefined as body font environments: `4pt ... 12pt`, `14.4pt`, and `17.3pt`. But when you use a different, not-yet-defined size specification—for example in a title page—ConT_EXt will define a body font environment for that size automatically. While doing so, ConT_EXt normally works with a precision of 1 decimal to prevent unnecessary loading of font sizes with only small size differences.

Be warned that in this case, the results may be a less than ideal. The reason is that ConT_EXt not just has to load the actual font, but it also has to guess at the various other settings like the relative font sizes and the interline space. It does so by using the values from the nearest smaller body font environment is that is already defined.

You can extend the list of predefined body font environments and even alter the precision in body font matching. See section 1.9 for detailed information about how to tweak or define your own body font sizes.

To end this section, the example below demonstrates how the interline space is adapted automatically, when changing the size of the bodyfont. Consider this input:

```
{\switchtobodyfont[14.4pt] with these commands \par}
{\switchtobodyfont[12pt]   for font switching \par}
{\switchtobodyfont[10pt]   it is possible to   \par}
{\switchtobodyfont[8pt]    produce an eye test: \par}
{\switchtobodyfont[6pt]    a x c e u i w m q p \par}
```

The actual ConT_EXt behaviour is shown below on the left. On the right you can see what would have happened if the interline space were not automatically adapted.

with these commands

for font switching

it is possible to
produce an eye test:
a x c e u i w m q p

with these commands

for font switching

it is possible to
produce an eye test:
a x c e u i w m q p

1.8.2 Body font identifiers

In the definition block of `setupbodyfont` there was a list of words given besides the special marker `IDENTIFIER`. These words are the symbolic ConT_EXt names for the font styles that we ran into earlier, with a few aliases so that you do not have to worry about the actual naming convention used. The symbolic names are mapped to two-letter internal style abbreviations that are used internally. See table 1.2 for an overview.

Although the macro syntax does not say so, you can use two-letter internal style abbreviations (`ss`, `rm`) as well as the longer names, if you prefer.

We have seen already that there are other and easier ways to switch the font style, so if `setupbodyfont` could only be used for this purpose it would not be all that useful. But luckily there is more: the optional `IDENTIFIER` can be a ‘body font name’ (aka ‘typeface’). Such names have to be predefined, perhaps in a font support file, or simply on earlier lines in the style definition.

A ‘typeface’ is a symbolic name that links a single font style to actual font families. Such symbolic names are typically grouped together in a definition block that sets up values that link the four styles `\rm`, `\ss`, `\tt` and `\mm` to fonts in a ‘font collection’, and such definition blocks are called ‘typescripts’.

ConT_EXt expects you to define your own font setups, but there are quite a few examples predefined in various typescript files. Not all of those are perpetually loaded, so you usually have to execute a typescript explicitly to get the typeface names predefined. To this end, typescripts themselves also have names.

Executing a typescript is done by `\usetypescript`. We will get back to `\usetypescript` later because it is in fact a very flexible command, but let’s discuss simple usage first.

```
\usetypescript [...1,...] [...2,...] [...3,...]  
                                OPTIONAL      OPTIONAL  
1  IDENTIFIER  
2  IDENTIFIER  
3  IDENTIFIER
```

A typical input sequence for selecting the predefined ‘palatino’ set of typefaces in MkII will look like this:

```
\usetypescript[palatino][ec]  
\setupbodyfont[palatino,12pt]
```

In this example the typescript named *palatino* is asked for in the *ec* font encoding, and that defines a set of typefaces under the name *palatino*. These are then used by `\setupbodyfont` and eventually this makes pdfTeX load the free Type 1 font URW Palladio in the correct encoding. URW Palladio is a font that looks a lot like the commercial font Linotype Palatino by Hermann Zapf, which explains the name of the typescript and typefaces.

Font encodings will be handled fully in the section 1.15. For now, please take for granted the fact that pdfTeX needs a second argument to `\usetypescript` that specifies an encoding name, and that there is a fixed set of acceptable names that depends on the typescript that is being requested.

In X_YTeX and MkIV the situation is a little bit different because fonts are reencoded to match Unicode whenever that is possible. That in turn means that X_YTeX and MkIV prefer to use OpenType fonts over Type 1 fonts, so different typescript definitions are used behind the scenes, and the second argument to `\usetypescript` becomes optional.

For example,

```
\usetypescript[palatino]  
\setupbodyfont[palatino,12pt]
```

will make X_YTeX and LuaTeX load the OpenType font Pagella. This is a free font from the T_EX Gyre project, that also looks just like the commercial font Linotype Palatino. You may as well leave the second argument in place: while it will always be ignored by LuaTeX, X_YTeX will actually use that encoding if the typescript uses Type 1 fonts instead of the more modern OpenType or TrueType font formats.

All predefined typescripts attach meaning to (at least) the three basic text font styles (serif, sans, and mono), so you can e.g. do this:

```
\usetypescript[times][ec]  
\setupbodyfont[times,sans,12pt]
```

and end up using the OpenType font T_EX Gyre Heros or the Type 1 font URW Nimbus Sans L. Both fonts are very similar in appearance to Linotype Helvetica, by the way.

The typescripts that come with the ConT_EXt distribution are placed in source files that have names that start with *type-*. Some of these files are automatically loaded when needed, but most have to be loaded explicitly. There is a list in table 1.6

Some of the internal building blocks for typescripts are themselves located in yet other files (font size and font map file information, for example). Normally, when ConT_EXt has to load typescript information from files, it will try to save memory by only executing the typescript it needs at that moment and discarding all other information. If you have enough memory at your disposal, you can speed up typescript use considerably by adding

`\preloadtypescripts`

in your preamble or your `cont-usr.tex`. This will make ConT_EXt store all the typescript information in internal token registers the first (and therefore only) time it loads the actual files.

File	Loaded by pdfT _E X	Loaded by X _Y L _A T _E X	Loaded by M _k I _V	Description
<code>type-akb</code>	no	no	no	PostScript fonts using psnfss names (Type 1)
<code>type-buy</code>	no	no	no	Various commercial fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-cbg</code>	no	no	no	Greek free fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-cow</code>	no	no	no	The ConT _E Xt cow font (Type 1)
<code>type-exp</code>	no	no	no	Commercial Zapf fonts (OpenType)
<code>type-fsf</code>	no	no	no	Commercial Fontsite 500 fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-ghz</code>	no	no	no	Commercial Zapf fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-gyr</code>	no	no	no	The T _E X Gyre project fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-hgz</code>	no	no	no	Commercial Zapf fonts (OpenType)
<code>type-msw</code>	no	no	no	Fonts that come with Microsoft Windows (Type 1)
<code>type-omg</code>	no	no	no	Omega free fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-one</code>	yes	no	no	Various free fonts (Type 1)
<code>type-otf</code>	no	yes	yes	Various free fonts (OpenType)
<code>type-ctx</code>	no	yes	no	Fonts that come with MacOSX (OpenType)

Table 1.6 The typescript source files that are part of ConT_EXt.

Explicit loading one of those files is done via the macro `\usetypescriptfile`.

The predefined typescripts, the typefaces they define, the files in which they are contained in the ConT_EXt distribution, and the encodings they support in M_kI_V mode are listed in table 1.7. In the following section there is a table (1.8) that explains what font set each typescript attaches to each of the font styles.

```
\usetypescriptfile [...,*...]
* FILE
```

For example, the following

```
\usetypescriptfile[type-buy]
\usetypescript[lucida][texnansi]
\setupbodyfont[lucida,12pt]
```

will make pdfT_EX use the Lucida Bright font family. Because this is a commercial font, this only works correctly if you have actually bought and installed the fonts. This uses the `texnansi` encoding because that is the preferred encoding of the actual fonts.

This is a good moment to explain a little trick: because the various `type-xxx` files define the building blocks for typescripts as well as the actual typescripts, it is sometimes possible to alter the effect of a typescript by loading an extra typescript file. For example,

```
\usetypescriptfile[type-gyr]
\usetypescript[palatino][ec]
\setupbodyfont[palatino,12pt]
```

will result in pdfT_EX using the Type 1 font Pagella from the T_EX Gyre project instead of the older and less complete URW Palladio, because the definition of the building blocks for the `palatino` typescript that is in the `type-gyr` file overwrites the preloaded definition from the `type-one` file.

Typescript	Typeface	File	Encodings
<i>antykwa-torunska</i>	<i>antykwa</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r,t2a</i>
<i>fourier</i>	<i>fourier</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec</i>
<i>iwona</i>	<i>iwona</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r,t2a</i>
<i>iwona-heavy</i>	<i>iwona-heavy</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r,t2a</i>
<i>iwona-light</i>	<i>iwona-light</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r,t2a</i>
<i>iwona-medium</i>	<i>iwona-medium</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r,t2a</i>
<i>modern</i>	<i>modern</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx,t5,default</i>
<i>modern-base</i>	<i>modern</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx,t5,default,t2a/b/c</i>
<i>modernvariable</i>	<i>modernvariable</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx,t5</i>
<i>palatino</i>	<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx,8r,t5</i>
<i>postscript</i>	<i>postscript</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx,8r,t5</i>
<i>times</i>	<i>times</i>	<i>type-one, type-otf</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx,8r,t5</i>
<i>OmegaLGC</i>	<i>omlgc</i>	<i>type-omg</i>	<i>(unspecified)</i>
<i>cbgreek</i>	<i>cbgreek</i>	<i>type-cbg</i>	<i>(unspecified)</i>
<i>cbgreek-all</i>	<i>cbgreek-all</i>	<i>type-cbg</i>	<i>(unspecified)</i>
<i>cbgreek-medium</i>	<i>cbgreek-medium</i>	<i>type-cbg</i>	<i>(unspecified)</i>
<i>cow</i>	<i>cow</i>	<i>type-cow</i>	<i>default</i>
<i>sheep</i>	<i>sheep</i>	<i>type-cow</i>	<i>default</i>
<i>lucida</i>	<i>lucida</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r</i>
<i>lucidabfm</i>	<i>lucida</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r</i>
<i>lucidabfm</i>	<i>lucidabfm</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r</i>
<i>lucidaboldmath</i>	<i>lucida</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r</i>
<i>lucidaboldmath</i>	<i>lucidaboldmath</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,8r</i>
<i>optima</i>	<i>optima</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx</i>
<i>optima</i>	<i>optima</i>	<i>type-glz</i>	<i>texnansi,ec,qx</i>
<i>optima-nova</i>	<i>optima</i>	<i>type-glz, type-hgz</i>	<i>texnansi,ec</i>
<i>optima-nova-os</i>	<i>optima-os</i>	<i>type-glz, type-hgz</i>	<i>texnansi,ec</i>
<i>palatino</i>	<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-hgz</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>
<i>palatino-informal</i>	<i>palatino-informal</i>	<i>type-hgz</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>
<i>palatino-light</i>	<i>palatino-light</i>	<i>type-exp</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>
<i>palatino-medium</i>	<i>palatino-medium</i>	<i>type-exp</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>
<i>palatino-normal</i>	<i>palatino-normal</i>	<i>type-exp</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>
<i>palatino-nova</i>	<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-hgz</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>
<i>palatino-sans</i>	<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-hgz</i>	<i>(cannot be used in MkII)</i>

Table 1.7 The typescripts. Typescripts that use commercial fonts are type-set in bold. Typescripts above the horizontal line are preloaded.

Two of the files in the ConT_EXt distribution exist precisely for this reason:

type-gyr.tex

maps the typical PostScript font names for the free URW fonts to the T_EX Gyre set;

type-akb.tex

maps the same names to the commercial Adobe fonts.

For the definitions in the second file to work, you also need to execute an extra typescript:

```
\usetypescriptfile [type-akb]
\usetypescript [adobekb] [ec]

\usetypescript [palatino] [ec]
\setupbodyfont [palatino, 12pt]
```

1.8.3 Typeface definitions

Defining a typeface goes like this:

```
\starttypescript [palatino] [texnansi,ec,qx,t5,default]

\definetypeface[palatino] [rm] [serif][palatino] [default]
\definetypeface[palatino] [ss] [sans] [modern] [default] [rscale=1.075]
\definetypeface[palatino] [tt] [mono] [modern] [default] [rscale=1.075]
\definetypeface[palatino] [mm] [math] [palatino] [default]

\stoptypescript
```

This defines a typescript named *palatino* in five different encodings. When this typescript is executed via `\usetypescript`, it will define four typefaces, one of each of the four basic styles *rm*, *ss*, *tt*, and *mm*.

```
\definetypeface [.1.] [.2.] [.3.] [.4.] [.5.] [.6.]
                                OPTIONAL OPTIONAL
1  TEXT
2  rm ss tt mm hw cg
3  IDENTIFIER
4  IDENTIFIER
5  IDENTIFIER
6  features = IDENTIFIER
    rscale  = NUMBER
    encoding = IDENTIFIER
    text    = IDENTIFIER
```

The third and fourth arguments to `\definetypeface` are pointers to already declared font sets; these are defined elsewhere. Table 1.8 gives the full list of predefined typescripts (the first argument of `\starttypescript`) and font sets that are attached to the styles (the third and fourth argument of each `\definetypeface`).

The names in the third argument (like *serif* and *sans*) do not have the same meaning as the names used in `\setupbodyfont`. Inside `\setupbodyfont`, they were keywords that were internally remapped to one of the two-letter internal styles. Inside `\definetypeface`, they are nothing more than convenience names that are attached to a group of fonts by the person that wrote the font definition. They only reflect a grouping that the person believed that could be a single font style. Oftentimes, these names are identical to the official style keywords, just as the typescript and typeface names are often the same, but there can be (and sometimes are) different names altogether.

How to define your own font sets will be explained in the next chapter, but there are quite a few predefined font sets that come with ConT_EXt; these are all listed in the four tables 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, and 1.12.

For everything to work properly in MkII, the predefined font sets also have to have an encoding attached, you can look those up in the relevant tables as well.

The fifth argument to `\definetypeface` specifies specific font size setups (if any), these will be covered in section ?? in the next chapter. Almost always, specifying *default* will suffice.

The optional sixth argument is used for tweaking font settings like the specification of font features or adjusting parameters. In this case, the two *modern* font sets are loaded with a small magnification, this evens out the visual heights of the font styles.

Typescript	Style <i>rm</i>	Style <i>ss</i>	Style <i>tt</i>	Style <i>mm</i>
OmegaLGC	omega	—	omega	—
antykwatorunska	antykwatorunska	modern	modern	antykwatorunska
cbgreek	cbgreek	cbgreek	cbgreek	—
cbgreek-all	cbgreek	cbgreek	cbgreek	—
cbgreek-medium	cbgreek	cbgreek	cbgreek	—
cow	cow	cow serif	modern	cow
fallback	modern	modern	modern	modern
fourier	fourier	modern	modern	fourier
iwona	modern	iwona	modern	iwona
iwona-heavy	modern	iwona-heavy	modern	iwona-heavy
iwona-light	modern	iwona-light	modern	iwona-light
iwona-medium	modern	iwona-medium	modern	iwona-medium
lucida	lucida	lucida	lucida	lucida
lucidabfm	lucida	lucida	lucida	lucida bfm
lucidaboldmath	lucida	lucida	lucida	lucida boldmath
modern	modern	modern	modern	modern
modern-base	(computer-)modern	(computer-)modern	(computer-)modern	(computer-)modern
modernvariable	simple	modern	modern	modern
optima	palatino	optima-nova	modern	palatino
optima-nova	optima-nova sans	optima-nova	latin-modern	latin-modern
optima-nova-os	optima-nova-os sans	optima-nova-os	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino	palatino-nova	palatino-sans	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino	palatino	modern	modern	palatino
palatino-informal	palatino-nova	palatino-informal	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino-light	palatino-nova	palatino-sans-light	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino-medium	palatino-nova	palatino-sans-medium	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino-normal	palatino-nova	palatino-sans-normal	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino-nova	palatino-nova	palatino-sans	latin-modern	latin-modern
palatino-sans	palatino-nova	palatino-sans	latin-modern	latin-modern
postscript	times	helvetica	courier	times
sheep	sheep	sheep serif	modern	sheep
times	times	helvetica	modern	times

Table 1.8 The typescripts.

Unless stated otherwise, style **rm** uses a group named serif, style **ss** uses sans, style **tt** uses mono, and style **mm** uses math. A single dash in a cell means that the typescript does not define that style; you should refrain from using the style. The lucida, lucidabfm, and lucidaboldmath typescripts also define **hw** and **cg** as ‘lucida handwriting’ and ‘lucida calligraphy’. The modern-base typescript switches back to computer-modern for a few legacy encodings: t2a, t2b, and t2c.

A note for the lazy: if the sixth argument is not given and the fifth argument happens to be default, then the fifth argument can be omitted as well.

There are four possible keys in the sixth argument:

key	default value	explanation
<i>rscale</i>	1	a scaling factor for this typescript relative to the selected body font size
<i>encoding</i>	<code>\defaultencoding</code>	the encoding for the typeface, normally inherited from the typescript automatically

Identifier	file	Encodings	Supported styles
<i>modern</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>serif, sans, mono, math, boldmath, bfmath</i>
<i>latin-modern</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>serif, sans, mono, math, boldmath, bfmath</i>
<i>computer-modern</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif, sans, mono, math, boldmath, bfmath</i>
<i>simple</i>	<i>type-one</i>	– synonyms only –	<i>serif</i>
<i>concrete</i>	<i>type-one</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>serif</i>
<i>euler</i>	<i>type-one</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>math, boldmath, bfmath</i>
<i>ams</i>	<i>type-one</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>math</i>
<i>fourier</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec</i>	<i>math, serif</i>
<i>courier</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>mono</i>
<i>helvetica</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>times</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>serif, math</i>
<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>serif, math</i>
<i>bookman</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>schoolbook</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>chancery</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, qx, texnansi</i>	<i>calligraphy</i>
<i>charter</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>utopia</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>antykwa-torunska</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c, greek</i>	<i>serif, math</i>
<i>antykwa-torunska-light</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c, greek</i>	<i>serif, math</i>
<i>antykwa-torunska-cond</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c, greek</i>	<i>serif, math</i>
<i>antykwa-torunska-lightcond</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c, greek</i>	<i>serif, math</i>
<i>antykwa-poltawskiego</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>iwona</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>iwona-light</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>iwona-medium</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>iwona-heavy</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>iwona-cond</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>iwona-light-cond</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>iwona-medium-cond</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>iwona-heavy-cond</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>kurier</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>kurier-light</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>kurier-medium</i>	<i>type-one</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5</i>	<i>sans, math</i>
<i>pagella</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>termes</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>times</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>bonum</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>bookman</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>schola</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>schoolbook</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>heros</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>helvetica</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>adventor</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>cursor</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>mono</i>
<i>courier</i>	<i>type-gyr</i>	<i>ec, qx, texnansi, t5, t2a/b/c</i>	<i>mono</i>
<i>omega</i>	<i>type-omg</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>naskh, serif, mono</i>
<i>cbgreek</i>	<i>type-cbg</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>serif, sans, mono</i>
<i>cbgreek-medium</i>	<i>type-cbg</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>serif, sans, mono</i>
<i>cbgreek-all</i>	<i>type-cbg</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>serif, sans, mono</i>
<i>cow</i>	<i>type-cow</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>math, serif</i>
<i>sheep</i>	<i>type-cow</i>	– hardcoded –	<i>math, serif</i>

Table 1.9 The predefined body font identifiers for free Type 1 and MetaFont fonts
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Identifier	file	Encodings	Supported styles
<i>lucida</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif, sans, mono, handwriting, calligraphy, math, boldmath, bfmath, casual, fax</i>
<i>informal</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>– hardcoded –</i>	<i>casual, math</i>
<i>officina</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif, sans</i>
<i>meta</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif, sans, expert</i>
<i>meta-medium</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-lf</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-book</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-book-lf</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-bold</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-bold-lf</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-normal</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-normal-lf</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-medium</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-medium-lf</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-black</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>meta-black-lf</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>univers</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>univers-light</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>univers-black</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>mendoza</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>frutiger</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>kabel</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>thesans</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans, mono, expert</i>
<i>sabon</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>stone</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif, sans</i>
<i>stone-oldstyle</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>– synonyms only –</i>	<i>serif, sans</i>
<i>industria</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>bauhaus</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>swift</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>swift-light</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>– synonyms only –</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>syntax</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>linoletter</i>	<i>type-buy</i>	<i>ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>zapfino</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif, handwriting</i>
<i>palatino-sans-light</i>	<i>type-exp</i>	<i>texnansi, ec</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>palatino-sans-normal</i>	<i>type-exp</i>	<i>texnansi, ec</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>palatino-sans-medium</i>	<i>type-exp</i>	<i>texnansi, ec</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>opus</i>	<i>type-fsf</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>typewriter</i>	<i>type-fsf</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>mono</i>
<i>garamond</i>	<i>type-fsf</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>optima</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>optima-nova</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>optima-nova-os</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>optima-nova-light</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>optima-nova-medium</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>palatino</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>palatino-nova</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>palatino-nova-os</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>palatino-nova-light</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>palatino-nova-medium</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>aldus-nova</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>melior</i>	<i>type-ghz</i>	<i>8r, ec, texnansi</i>	<i>serif</i>
<i>verdana</i>	<i>type-msw</i>	<i>texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>
<i>arial</i>	<i>type-msw</i>	<i>texnansi</i>	<i>sans</i>

Table 1.10 The predefined body font identifiers for commercial Type 1 fonts
Selecting bodyfonts

Identifier	file	Supported styles	Identifier	file	Supported styles
modern	type-otf	serif, sans, mono, math, boldmath, bf-math	palatino	type-otf	serif, math
			times	type-otf	serif, math
			bookman	type-otf	serif
latin-modern	type-otf	serif, sans, mono, math, boldmath, bf-math	schoolbook	type-otf	serif
			chancery	type-otf	calligraphy
			helvetica	type-otf	sans
modern-vari	type-otf	mono	courier	type-otf	mono
latin-modern-vari	type-otf	mono	antykwa-torunska	type-otf	serif, math
modern-cond	type-otf	mono	antykwa-torunska-light	type-otf	serif, math
latin-modern-cond	type-otf	mono	antykwa-torunska-cond	type-otf	serif, math
computer-modern	type-otf	serif, sans, mono, math, boldmath, bf-math	antykwa-torunska-lightcond	type-otf	serif, math
			antykwa-poltawskiego	type-otf	serif
concrete	type-otf	serif	iwona-light	type-otf	sans, math
euler	type-otf	math, boldmath, bf-math	iwona	type-otf	sans, math
			iwona-medium	type-otf	sans, math
ams	type-otf	math	iwona-heavy	type-otf	sans, math
pagella	type-otf	serif	iwona-cond	type-otf	sans
termes	type-otf	serif	iwona-light-cond	type-otf	sans
bonum	type-otf	serif	iwona-medium-cond	type-otf	sans
schola	type-otf	serif	iwona-heavy-cond	type-otf	sans
chorus	type-otf	serif	kurier	type-otf	sans, math
heros	type-otf	sans	kurier-light	type-otf	sans, math
adventor	type-otf	sans	kurier-medium	type-otf	sans, math
cursor	type-otf	sans	charter	type-otf	serif
			gentium	type-xtx	serif

Table 1.11 The predefined body font identifiers for free Openotype fonts

Identifier	file	Supported styles	Identifier	file	Supported styles
zapfino	type-hgz	serif, handwriting	times	type-xtx	serif
optima-nova	type-hgz	sans	palatino	type-xtx	serif
optima-nova-os	type-hgz	sans	helvetica	type-xtx	sans
optima-nova-light	type-hgz	sans	courier	type-xtx	mono
optima-nova-medium	type-hgz	sans	hoefler	type-xtx	serif
palatino-nova	type-hgz	serif	lucidagrande	type-xtx	sans
palatino-nova-os	type-hgz	serif	optima	type-xtx	sans
palatino-nova-light	type-hgz	serif	gillsans	type-xtx	sans
palatino-nova-medium	type-hgz	serif	gillsanslt	type-xtx	sans
palatino-sans	type-hgz	sans	zapfino	type-xtx	handwriting, serif
palatino-informal	type-hgz	sans	applechancery	type-xtx	calligraphy, serif
melior	type-hgz	serif	timesnewroman	type-xtx	serif
– all four-variant fonts –	type-xtx	Xserif	arial	type-xtx	sans
– all four-variant fonts –	type-xtx	Xsans	lucida	type-xtx	serif, sans, mono, handwriting, fax, calligraphy
– all four-variant fonts –	type-xtx	Xmono			

Table 1.12 The predefined body font identifiers for commercial Openotype fonts

<i>features</i>	this applies a predefined font feature set (see section 1.10)
<i>text</i>	sets up the forced math text style

If you look closely, in table 1.12 you will notice three very special items: *Xserif*, *Xsans* and *Xmono*. These belong to a special X_YTEX-only trick called ‘wildcard typescripts’.

X_YTEX offers some nice features in terms of automatically finding related fonts in a family, namely the italic, bold, and bolditalic alternatives. To take advantage of that, there's a set of wildcard typescripts that take an arbitrary Macintosh font name as input, and provide as many of the alternatives it can find. To set these typescripts (and the calling conventions) apart from the familiar ones, the typescripts are identified with Xserif, Xsans, and Xmono.

To call these special typescripts, it's most convenient to define a typeface that uses these features. The named font slot should contain the display name of the Regular alternative (not the family name) of the font in question. For example, you could have the following mix:

```
\starttypescript[myface]
\definetypface[myface][rm][Xserif][Baskerville]    [default]
\definetypface[myface][tt][Xmono][Courier]        [default][rscale=.87]
\definetypface[myface][ss][Xsans][Optima Regular][default]
\stoptypescript
```

As you can see, you can activate relative scaling of face sizes. The above definitions look very much like any other typeface definition, except that the serif/sans/mono identifier is preceded with X, and that there is no underlying "Optima Regular" defined anywhere. Those missing bits of the definitions are handled by typescript and X_YTEX magic.

1.9 Body font environments

Earlier we saw that within a single body font there are in fact different font sizes such as super- and subscripts. The relations between these sizes are defined by body font environments.

For all regular font sizes, environments are predefined that fulfill their purpose adequately. However when you want to do some extra defining yourself there is:

```
\definebodyfontenvironment [.1.] [.2.] [...,.3,...]
                        OPTIONAL      OPTIONAL
1  IDENTIFIER
2  5pt ... 12pt default
3  text      = DIMENSION
    script   = DIMENSION
    scriptscript = DIMENSION
    x        = DIMENSION
    xx       = DIMENSION
    a        = DIMENSION
    b        = DIMENSION
    c        = DIMENSION
    d        = DIMENSION
    small    = DIMENSION
    big      = DIMENSION
    interlinespace = DIMENSION
    em       = normal bold slanted boldslanted type cap small... COMMAND
```

The first argument is optional, and specifier the typeface identifier that this particular body font environment setup is for. It defaults to the current typeface.

The second argument is the size of the body font environment that is being defined. This argument is not really optional, the macro syntax description is a little misleading.

The third argument once again is optional, and contains the actual settings as key-value pairs. If it is missing, defaults will be guessed at by ConTEX itself. Although the macro syntax says the type is *DIMENSION*, floating point numbers are also acceptable. Such numbers are multipliers that are applied to the font size when the body font environment is applied.

<i>text</i>	Math text size or multiplier (default is 1.0)
<i>script</i>	Math script size (default is 0.7)
<i>scriptscript</i>	Math scriptscript size (default is 0.5)
<i>x</i>	The size used for commands like <code>\tfx</code> (default is 0.8)
<i>xx</i>	The size used for the <code>\tfxx</code> command (default is 0.6)
<i>a</i>	The size for commands like <code>\tfa</code> (default is 1.200)
<i>b</i>	The size for commands like <code>\tfb</code> (default is 1.440)
<i>c</i>	The size for commands like <code>\tfc</code> (default is 1.728)
<i>d</i>	The size for commands like <code>\tfd</code> (default is 2.074)
<i>big</i>	The ‘larger’ font size (default is 1.2)
<i>small</i>	The ‘smaller’ font size (default is 0.8)
<i>interlinespace</i>	Distance between lines in a paragraph (default is 2.8ex)
<i>em</i>	The style to use for emphasis (default is <i>slanted</i>)

So, when you want to have a somewhat bigger fontsize for just a few words (e.g. for a book title) you can type:

```
\definebodyfontenvironment [24pt]
\switchtobodyfont [24pt]
```

For longer stretches of text you will probably want to set up most of the values explicitly, using something like this

```
\definebodyfontenvironment
[22pt]
[
    text=22pt,
    script=17.3pt,
    scriptscript=14.4pt,
    x=17.3pt,
    xx=14.4pt,
    big=28pt,
    small=17.3pt]
```

To tweak already defined sizes, there is an accompanying setup command with the same parameter conventions:

```
\setupbodyfontenvironment [.1.] [.2.] [...,3.,...]
                        OPTIONAL      OPTIONAL
1 inherits from \definebodyfontenvironment
2 inherits from \definebodyfontenvironment
3 inherits from \definebodyfontenvironment
```


1.10 Font feature sets

As mentioned already, some fonts contain extra information besides the actual glyph shapes. In traditional T_EX fonts, the extra information is roughly limited to kerning pairs and ligature information, and both of these ‘features’ are automatically applied to the text that is being typeset. In the odd case where one of the two needs to be suppressed, a little bit of macro trickery can do the job without too many complicating factors.

But with the new OpenType font format that is used by X_YT_EX and LuaT_EX, the list of possible features has increased enormously. OpenType fonts have not just kerning information and ligature information, but there can also be other features like optional oldstyle figures, caps and smallcaps glyphs, decorative swashes, etc. all inside a single font file.

Not only that, but some of these features are not even supposed to be active all the time. Certain features should only be activated if the user asks for it, while other features depend on the script and language that is in use for the text that is being typeset.

This is a big step forward in that there are now far fewer fonts needed to achieve the same level of quality than before, all that extra font information also poses a big challenge for macro writers. And add to that the fact that at the core, the two engines (X_YT_EX and LuaT_EX) handle OpenType fonts completely different from each other.

ConT_EXt has a new subsystem called ‘font features’ to create order in this forest of features. The most important command is `\definefontfeature`. This command can be used to group various font features under a single symbolic name, that can then be used as e.g. the argument to the `features` key of `\definetypface`.

```
\definefontfeature [.1.] [.2.] [.3.]
                        OPTIONAL
1  TEXT
2  IDENTIFIER
3  compose   = no yes
    mode     = node base
    tlig     = no yes
    trep     = no yes
    script   = IDENTIFIER
    language = IDENTIFIER
    ..tag..  = no yes
```

```
\definefontfeature
[default-base]
[script=latn, language=dflt, liga=yes, kern=yes, tlig=yes, trep=yes]
```

As you can probably guess, the first argument is the symbolic name that is being defined. The second argument is a mix of a-hoc settings and OpenType font features.

<code>compose</code>	Use fallback composition in MkIV (experimental, undocumented)
<code>protrusion</code>	Character protrusion in MkIV (see section 1.14)
<code>expansion</code>	Character expansion in MkIV (see section 1.14)
<code>script</code>	An OpenType script identifier
<code>language</code>	An OpenType script language identifier

tlig A virtual feature for legacy (T_EX-style) automatic ligatures (for compatibility, there is an alias for this key called *texligatures*)

trep A virtual feature for legacy (T_EX-style) automatic ligatures (for compatibility, there is an alias for this key called *texquotes*) (only works in MkIV)

mode Processing mode for MkIV. *node* and *base* allowed, *base* is default

<tag> Any OpenType feature tag is acceptable, but in MkIV only a ‘known’ subset actually has any effect, and then only in *node* mode. This list is given in table 1.13. In X_YT_EX, processing depends on the internal subengine that is used by X_YT_EX, and that is outside of ConT_EXt’s control.

A few fontfeatures are predefined by context:

default *liga=yes,kern=yes,tlig=yes,trep=yes*

smallcaps *liga=yes,kern=yes,tlig=yes,trep=yes,smcp=yes*

oldstyle *liga=yes,kern=yes,tlig=yes,trep=yes,onom=yes*

At the moment, *smallcaps* and *oldstyle* only work in X_YT_EX (in MkIV, it would need an extra *mode=node pair*).

1.11 **Displaying the current font setup**

With the command `\showbodyfont` an overview is generated of the available characters, and an overview of the different fontsizes within a family can be summoned with `\showbodyfontenvironment`.

```
\showbodyfont [...*,...]
                        OPTIONAL
*   inherits from \setupbodyfont
```

```
\showbodyfontenvironment [...*,...]
                        OPTIONAL
*   inherits from \setupbodyfont
```

Specifying actual *IDENTIFIERS* to these commands is currently unreliable because they internally are still counting on an older system of body font definitions, but you can safely use a size argument to get the information for the current font set.

Below an example of the possible output is shown, for `\showbodyfont [12pt]`

[palatino] [12pt]										\mr : Ag			
	\tf	\sc	\sl	\it	\bf	\bs	\bi	\tfx	\tfxx	\tfa	\tfb	\tfc	\tfd
\rm	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag
\ss	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag
\tt	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag	Ag

<i>aalt</i>	Access All Alternates	<i>jp04</i>	JIS2004 Forms	<i>smcp</i>	Small Capitals
<i>abvf</i>	Above-Base Forms	<i>jp78</i>	JIS78 Forms	<i>smp1</i>	Simplified Forms
<i>abvm</i>	Above-Base Mark Positioning	<i>jp83</i>	JIS83 Forms	<i>ss01</i>	Stylistic Set 1
<i>abvs</i>	Above-Base Substitutions	<i>jp90</i>	JIS90 Forms	<i>ss02</i>	Stylistic Set 2
<i>afrc</i>	Alternative Fractions	<i>kern</i>	Kerning	<i>ss03</i>	Stylistic Set 3
<i>akhn</i>	Akhands	<i>lfbd</i>	Left Bounds	<i>ss04</i>	Stylistic Set 4
<i>blwf</i>	Below-Base Forms	<i>liga</i>	Standard Ligatures	<i>ss05</i>	Stylistic Set 5
<i>blwm</i>	Below-Base Mark Positioning	<i>ljmo</i>	Leading Jamo Forms	<i>ss06</i>	Stylistic Set 6
<i>blws</i>	Below-Base Substitutions	<i>lnum</i>	Lining Figures	<i>ss07</i>	Stylistic Set 7
<i>c2pc</i>	Petite Capitals From Capitals	<i>locl</i>	Localized Forms	<i>ss08</i>	Stylistic Set 8
<i>c2sc</i>	Small Capitals From Capitals	<i>mark</i>	Mark Positioning	<i>ss09</i>	Stylistic Set 9
<i>calt</i>	Contextual Alternates	<i>medi</i>	Medial Forms	<i>ss10</i>	Stylistic Set 10
<i>case</i>	Case-Sensitive Forms	<i>med2</i>	Medial Forms #2	<i>ss11</i>	Stylistic Set 11
<i>ccmp</i>	Glyph Composition/Decomposition	<i>mgrk</i>	Mathematical Greek	<i>ss12</i>	Stylistic Set 12
<i>cjct</i>	Conjunct Forms	<i>mkmk</i>	Mark to Mark Positioning	<i>ss13</i>	Stylistic Set 13
<i>clig</i>	Contextual Ligatures	<i>mset</i>	Mark Positioning via Substitution	<i>ss14</i>	Stylistic Set 14
<i>cpsp</i>	Capital Spacing	<i>nalt</i>	Alternate Annotation Forms	<i>ss15</i>	Stylistic Set 15
<i>cswh</i>	Contextual Swash	<i>nlck</i>	NLC Kanji Forms	<i>ss16</i>	Stylistic Set 16
<i>curs</i>	Cursive Positioning	<i>nukt</i>	Nukta Forms	<i>ss17</i>	Stylistic Set 17
<i>dflt</i>	Default Processing	<i>numr</i>	Numerators	<i>ss18</i>	Stylistic Set 18
<i>dist</i>	Distances	<i>onum</i>	Old Style Figures	<i>ss19</i>	Stylistic Set 19
<i>dlig</i>	Discretionary Ligatures	<i>opbd</i>	Optical Bounds	<i>ss20</i>	Stylistic Set 20
<i>dnom</i>	Denominators	<i>ordn</i>	Ordinals	<i>subs</i>	Subscript
<i>expt</i>	Expert Forms	<i>ornm</i>	Ornaments	<i>supr</i>	Superscript
<i>falt</i>	Final glyph Alternates	<i>palt</i>	Proportional Alternate Width	<i>swsh</i>	Swash
<i>fin1</i>	Terminal Forms	<i>pcap</i>	Petite Capitals	<i>titl</i>	Titling
<i>fin2</i>	Terminal Forms #2	<i>pnum</i>	Proportional Figures	<i>tjmo</i>	Trailing Jamo Forms
<i>fin3</i>	Terminal Forms #3	<i>pref</i>	Pre-base Forms	<i>tnam</i>	Traditional Name Forms
<i>frac</i>	Fractions	<i>pres</i>	Pre-base Substitutions	<i>tnum</i>	Tabular Figures
<i>fwid</i>	Full Width	<i>pstf</i>	Post-base Forms	<i>trad</i>	Traditional Forms
<i>half</i>	Half Forms	<i>pstb</i>	Post-base Substitutions	<i>twid</i>	Third Widths
<i>haln</i>	Halant Forms	<i>pwid</i>	Proportional Widths	<i>unic</i>	Unicase
<i>halt</i>	Alternate Half Width	<i>qwid</i>	Quarter Widths	<i>valt</i>	Alternate Vertical Metrics
<i>hist</i>	Historical Forms	<i>rand</i>	Randomize	<i>vatv</i>	Vattu Variants
<i>hkna</i>	Horizontal Kana Alternates	<i>rkrf</i>	Rakar Forms	<i>vert</i>	Vertical Writing
<i>hlig</i>	Historical Ligatures	<i>rlig</i>	Required Ligatures	<i>vhal</i>	Alternate Vertical Half Metrics
<i>hngl</i>	Hangul	<i>rphf</i>	Reph Form	<i>vjmo</i>	Vowel Jamo Forms
<i>hojo</i>	Hojo Kanji Forms	<i>rtbd</i>	Right Bounds	<i>vkna</i>	Vertical Kana Alternates
<i>hwid</i>	Half Width	<i>rtla</i>	Right-To-Left Alternates	<i>vkern</i>	Vertical Kerning
<i>init</i>	Initial Forms	<i>ruby</i>	Ruby Notation Forms	<i>vpal</i>	Proportional Alternate Vertical Metrics
<i>isol</i>	Isolated Forms	<i>salt</i>	Stylistic Alternates	<i>vrt2</i>	Vertical Rotation
<i>ital</i>	Italics	<i>sinf</i>	Scientific Inferiors	<i>zero</i>	Slashed Zero
<i>jalt</i>	Justification Alternatives	<i>size</i>	Optical Size		

Table 1.13 The OpenType features that are understood by MkIV in mode=node processing mode

And the output of `\showbodyfontenvironment[12pt]` is:

[palatino] [12pt]							
text	script	scriptscript	x	xx	small	big	interlinespace
20.7pt	14.4pt	12pt	17.3pt	14.4pt	17.3pt	20.7pt	
17.3pt	12pt	10pt	14.4pt	12pt	14.4pt	20.7pt	
14.4pt	11pt	9pt	12pt	10pt	12pt	17.3pt	
12pt	9pt	7pt	10pt	8pt	10pt	14.4pt	
11pt	8pt	6pt	9pt	7pt	9pt	12pt	
10pt	7pt	5pt	8pt	6pt	8pt	12pt	
9pt	7pt	5pt	7pt	5pt	7pt	11pt	
8pt	6pt	5pt	6pt	5pt	6pt	10pt	
7pt	6pt	5pt	6pt	5pt	5pt	9pt	
6pt	5pt	5pt	5pt	5pt	5pt	8pt	
5pt	5pt	5pt	5pt	5pt	5pt	7pt	
4pt	4pt	4pt	4pt	4pt	4pt	6pt	

1.12 Math fonts

There are only a few font families in existence that can handle math properly because such fonts have to carry a complete set of characters and symbols for mathematical typesetting. Among these, the Computer Modern Roman distinguishes itself by its many design sizes; that really pays off when typesetting complicated math formulas.

Many T_EX users have chosen T_EX for its superb math typesetting.

This chapter will not go into any details but in math mode, the central concept is the `math` family (not to be confused with the font families discussed earlier). There are math families for `\bf`, `\it`, etc. as well as for the special math symbols. Within each family, there are always exactly three member fonts: `text`, `script` and `scriptscript`, or a normal, smaller and smallest font. The normal font size is used for running text and the smaller ones for sub and superscripts. The next example will show what the members of a math family can do.

```
$\tf x^2+\bf x^2+\sl x^2+\it x^2+\bs x^2+ \bi x^2 =\rm 6x^2$
$\tf x^2+\bf x^2+\sl x^2+\it x^2+\bs x^2+ \bi x^2 =\tf 6x^2$
$\tf x^2+\bf x^2+\sl x^2+\it x^2+\bs x^2+ \bi x^2 =\bf 6x^2$
$\tf x^2+\bf x^2+\sl x^2+\it x^2+\bs x^2+ \bi x^2 =\sl 6x^2$
```

When this is typeset you see this:

$x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 6x^2$
 $x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 6x^2$
 $x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 6x^2$
 $x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 6x^2$

As you can see, the alphabetic characters adapt to the selected font family but the symbols are all typeset in the same font regardless. Technically this means that the symbols are set in the fixed font family 0 whereas the alphabetic characters are typeset using variable family numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} \$\backslash tf\backslash mf \ x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 &= 6x^2\$ \\ \$\backslash bf\backslash mf \ x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 &= 6x^2\$ \\ \$\backslash sl\backslash mf \ x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 &= 6x^2\$ \\ \$\backslash bs\backslash mf \ x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 &= 6x^2\$ \\ \$\backslash it\backslash mf \ x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 &= 6x^2\$ \\ \$\backslash bi\backslash mf \ x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 &= 6x^2\$ \end{aligned}$$
[illegible]
$$6x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 6x^2$$

There is much more to be said about math, but it is better to do that in chapter ??, about math.

1.13 Em and Ex

Some insight in these units does not hurt. The width of an em is not the width of an M , but that of an — (an em -dash). When this glyph is not available in the font another value is used. Table 1.14 shows some examples. We see that the width of a digit is about $.5em$. In Computer Modern Roman a digit is exactly half an em wide.

$\backslash tf$	$\backslash bf$	$\backslash sl$	$\backslash tt$	$\backslash ss$	$\backslash tfx$

In most cases we use `em` for specifying width and `ex` for height. An `ex` equals the height of a lowercase `x`. Table 1.15 shows some examples.

<code>\tf</code>	<code>\bf</code>	<code>\sl</code>	<code>\tt</code>	<code>\ss</code>	<code>\tfx</code>
<code>\tf</code>	<code>\bf</code>	<code>\sl</code>	<code>\tt</code>	<code>\ss</code>	<code>\tfx</code>

Table 1.15 The height of an ex.

1.14 Font handling

Almost all users of typesetting systems based on T_EX do so because of the quality of the output it produces. pdfT_EX (and through inheritance LuaT_EX as well) contains a few extensions to the typesetting engine that make the output even better than the results achieved by Knuth’s original T_EX. Although the extensions are made available by pdfT_EX, they are not limited to the pdf output, they will work with the dvi backend just as well. And when the extensions are defined but not enabled, then the typeset output is 100% identical to when the feature is not present at all.

1.14.1 Character protrusion

In the following fake paragraph, you can see a hyphenation point, a secondary sentence, separated by a comma, and a last sentence, ending with a period. Miraculously, this paragraph fits into lines. Although exaggerated, these lines demonstrate that visually the hyphen and punctuation characters make the margin look ragged.



Before computers started to take over the traditional typesetter’s job, it was common practice to move hyphens and punctuation into the margin, like in:



In this alternative, the margin looks less ragged, and this becomes more noticeable once you get aware of this phenomenon.

Sometimes, shifting the characters completely into the margin is too much for the sensitive eye, for instance with an italic font, where the characters already hang to the right. In such cases, we need to compromise.



pdfTeX (and LuaTeX, that has inherited this feature) has provisions to move characters into the margin when they end up at the end of a line. Such characters are called protruding characters. pdfTeX takes protruding into account when breaking a paragraph.

We will demonstrate protruding using a quote from Hermann Zapf's article "About micro-typography and the hz-program" in Electronic Publishing, vol 6 (3), 1993.

After TeX has typeset this paragraph (using a specific font size and line width) it may have constructed the following lines.

Coming back to the use of typefaces in electronic publishing: many of the new typographers receive their knowledge and information about the rules of typography from books, from computer magazines or the instruction manuals which they get with the purchase of a PC or software. There is not so much basic instruction, as of now, as there was in the old days, showing the differences between good and bad typographic design. Many people are just fascinated by their PC's tricks, and think that a widely-praised program, called up on the screen, will make everything automatic from now on.

As you can see, the height and depth of the lines depend on the characters, but their width equals what TeX calls `\hsize`. However, the natural width of the lines may differ from `\hsize`.

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Here the inter-word space is fixed to what TeX considers to be a space. This example also demonstrates that TeX does not have spaces, but stretches the white area between words to suit its demands. When breaking lines, TeX's mind is occupied by boxes, glue and penalties, or in more common language: (parts of) words, stretchable white space, and more or less preferred breakpoints.

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---	---	--

This time we have enabled pdfTeX's protruding mechanism. The characters that stick into the margin are taken into account when breaking the paragraph into lines, but in the final result, they do not count in the width. Here we used an ugly three column layout so that we got a few more hyphens to illustrate the principle.

When that same text is typeset in the traditional way in two columns, it looks like this:

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as there was in the old days, showing the differences between good and bad typographic design. Many people are just fascinated by their PC's tricks, and think that a widely-praised program, called up on the screen, will make everything automatic from now on.

As you can see, the hyphens and punctuation fit snugly into the line and as a result the line endings look a bit ragged. With protrusion turned on, it looks like this:

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as there was in the old days, showing the differences between good and bad typographic design. Many people are just fascinated by their PC's tricks, and think that a widely-praised program, called up on the screen, will make everything automatic from now on.

Now the punctuation protrudes a little into the margin. Although the margin is now geometrically uneven it looks straighter to the human eye because not so much whitespace 'pushes into' the text.

1.14.2 Font expansion

In typesetting the two characters hz are tightly connected to Hermann Zapf and the next couple of pages we will discuss a method for optimizing the look and feel of a paragraph using a mechanism that is inspired by his work. Although official qualified in pdfTEX as font adjusting, we will use the short qualification hz since this is how it is called in the pdfTEX community.

First, here is again the same example text that was used in the previous section, typeset using normal TEX-comptibale font settings:

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as there was in the old days, showing the differences between good and bad typographic design. Many people are just fascinated by their PC's tricks, and think that a widely-praised program, called up on the screen, will make everything automatic from now on.

The example below shows hz in action. This paragraph is typeset with hz enabled and has a more even spacing than the text above.

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there was in the old days, showing the differences between good and bad typographic design. Many people are just fascinated by their PC's tricks, and think that a widely-praised program, called up on the screen, will make everything automatic from now on.

The average reader will not notice the trick, but those sensitive to character shapes will see that some glyphs are widened slightly and others are narrowed slightly. Ideally the programs that built the glyph should be defined in such a way that this goes unnoticed, but in practice glyph programs are not that clever and so a brute force horizontal scaling is applied. As long as the used percentage is small, the distortion will go unnoticed and the paragraph will look slightly better because the whitespace distribution is more even.

1.14.3 Other font handlings

In addition to the two handlings documented in the previous paragraphs (protruding and hz), ConTEXt also provides the `noligs` handling (handy when one processes xml), `fleaspaceing` and `prespaceing`

(meant for languages like French that need spacing around for instance : and ;). These handlings are experimental.

1.14.4 How to use font handlings

Before we go into the details of the actual extensions, let's see what is provided by ConT_EXt as the user-level interface. The ConT_EXt interface to those new features is through a subsystem called 'font handling', and at the top that subsystem is seamlessly integrated into the normal alignment macros.

For example, assuming the system is set up already to support protrusion, you can simply say

```
\setupalign[hanging]
```

to turn protrusion on. However, this will only work correctly if a number of special setups have taken place internally. The command `\setupalign` only toggles a switch, and the required setups have to be done elsewhere.

The list of font handling-related keys for `\setupalign` is:

<code>hanging</code>	turns on character protrusion
<code>nohanging</code>	turns off character protrusion
<code>hz</code>	turns on font expansion
<code>nohz</code>	turns off font expansion
<code>spacing</code>	turns on special spacing rules
<code>nospadding</code>	turns off special spacing

Largely because of the tight connection with the font itself, the method of defining and setting font handling is a little different between pdfT_EX and MkIV.

1.14.5 Setting up font handlings in MkII

Now, let's move on to how to set up the system for font handling properly. Most of the underlying features of pdfT_EX cannot be turned merely on or off, it is possible to tweak the machinery on the font as well as on the individual glyph level. You can define those settings all on your own, but ConT_EXt comes with a handy set of predefined values.

name	<code>\setupalign</code>	description
<code>pure</code>	<code>hanging</code>	full protrusion of only selected punctuation
<code>normal</code>	<code>hanging</code>	partial protrusion of punctuation and some asymmetrical letters
<code>hz</code>	<code>hz</code>	variable correction of character widths
<code>quality</code>	<code>hanging,hz</code>	combination of <code>hz</code> and <code>pure</code>
<code>highquality</code>	<code>hanging,hz</code>	combination of <code>hz</code> and <code>normal</code>
<code>flexspacing</code>	<code>spacing</code>	automatic extra spacing around various punctuation characters
<code>prespacing</code>	<code>spacing</code>	like <code>flexspacing</code> , but ignoring . and , and with smaller effects
<code>noligs</code>	--	suppresses ligatures; because this is irreversible it is not controlled via <code>\setupalign</code>

You need to be aware of the fact that at the moment that you actually define a font, you need to tell what handling you want to apply.

Note: setting up font handling involves a few low-level font definition commands, so you may want to read the chapter about font definitions first.

Say that we want to hang only the serif fonts and say that we use Palatino as main typeface.

```
\setupfontsynonym [Serif] [handling=pure]
\definetypeface [palatino] [rm] [serif] [palatino] [default]
```

In the above example, the font loader is instructed to treat fonts with the virtual name *Serif* in a special way by applying the font handling named *pure*. After that, the typeface collection *palatino* is (re)defined and by that process the font tagged as *Serif* will get the ‘hanging’ settings attached it.

Now enable this typeface collection can be enabled by:

```
\setupbodyfont [palatino]
```

and finally, don’t forget to turn on hanging by:

```
\setupalign [hanging]
```

However, this only takes care of the *Serif* font. Normally, that is the virtual name for the combination `\rm\bf`. If you also want the bold variants to hang, you have to add an extra line:

```
\setupfontsynonym [SerifBold] [handling=pure]
```

And so on for all the alternatives. This is tedious, so ConT_EXt provides a shortcut. If you want to set all serif weights at once, you can call on a predefined typescript component before defining the typeface:

```
\usetypescript [serif] [handling] [pure]
```

for hanging punctuation, or for all characters:

```
\usetypescript [serif] [handling] [normal]
```

The full example then becomes:

```
\usetypescript [serif] [handling] [pure]
\definetypeface [palatino] [rm] [serif] [palatino] [default]
\setupbodyfont [palatino]
\setupalign [hanging]
```

The first argument can be one of three named typescript groups: *serif* (for the virtual font synonyms whose names begin with *Serif*), *sans* (for *Sans*), or *mono* (for *Mono*). The second argument should always be *handling*. The third argument has to be one of named font handlings that are listed in the table at the start of this section.

The typescripts that are used in these examples work by altering the font synonyms for virtual symbolic font names like *Serif* and *SerifBold* en bloc. They will even work with your own typescripts if (but only if) these typescripts use the same font naming conventions as the ConT_EXt core.

The definition of font handlings is actually a two-step process. A named font handling consists of one or more handling vectors that have to be defined first, those are then combined under a single name.

This is not the right place to describe how to define the low-level vector definitions in detail, for that you are referred to the documented source of the main handling definition file `hand-def.tex`. But to give you an idea of what it looks like, here is a small excerpt of that file. The *pure* handling vector is defined as:

```
\startfonthandling [pure]
\defineprotrudefactor , 0 1
\defineprotrudefactor . 0 1
\defineprotrudefactor : 0 1
```

```
\defineprotrudefactor ; 0 1
\defineprotrudefactor - 0 1

\defineprotrudefactor hyphen 0 1
\defineprotrudefactor endash 0 .5
\defineprotrudefactor emdash 0 .33 % .5

\stopfonthandling
```

The *pure* font handling itself is then defined as follows:

```
\definefonthandling [pure] [pure] [type=hanging]
```

The *hz* setup runs along the same lines. First here is a vector:

```
\startfonthandling [hz]

\defineadjustfactor A .5
\defineadjustfactor B .7
\defineadjustfactor C .7
...

\stopfonthandling
```

And then the definition of the *hz* handling is as follows:

```
\definefonthandling [hz] [hz,extended] [type=hz]
```

To wrap this up, here is the macro syntax for the font handling definition and setup.

```
\definefonthandling [.1.] [...,2...] [.3.]

1 IDENTIFIER
2 IDENTIFIER
3 type      = hanging hz spacing tag
  right     = NUMBER
  left      = NUMBER
  factor    = NUMBER
  min       = NUMBER
  max       = NUMBER
  step      = NUMBER
```

As you can see, the `\definefonthandling` command accepts three arguments. The first is the handling to be defined, the second is a list of handling vectors to be used, and the third sets up a number of settings.

type the type of this font handling feature, for use by `\setupalign`
right used by *type=hanging*, default 1
left used by *type=hanging*, default 1
factor used by *type=spacing*, default 1
min used by *type=hz*, default 20
max used by *type=hz*, default 20
step used by *type=hz*, default 5

On top of the list at the beginning of this paragraph, a few more elaborate font handlings are also predefined:

```

\definefonthandling [purebold]      [pure] [type=hanging]
\definefonthandling [pureitalic]    [pure] [type=hanging,right=1.5]
\definefonthandling [pureslanted]   [pure] [type=hanging,right=1.5]
\definefonthandling [purebolditalic] [pure] [type=hanging,right=1.5]
\definefonthandling [pureboldslanted] [pure] [type=hanging,right=1.5]

```

The *right* parameter (there is also *left*) is a multiplication factor that is applied to the values in the associated vector. Such definitions can be more extensive, like:

```

\definefonthandling
  [normalitalic]
  [punctuation,alpha,extended]
  [type=hanging,right=1.5]

```

Here we have combined three vectors into one handling. For these extended font handlings, there are no predefined typescripts, so you either have to use the font synonyms directly, or define your own typescripts. Now, if you think this is overly complicated, you are probably right. Normally you will just invoke protruding handlings defined previously, but the mechanisms are there to fine-tune the handlings to your precise wishes.

In case you want to alter some of the settings of an already defined font handling, there is

```

\setupfonthandling [.1.] [.2.]

1 IDENTIFIER
2 inherits from \definefonthandling

```

The first argument is the handling to be altered, the second sets up the settings.

1.14.6 Setting up font handlings in MkIV

In MkIV, font handling is merged with the font features (because these already have a low-level connection to the font), so you can set up the font-side of things with the sixth argument of `\definetypeface`, like so:

```

\definefontfeature
  [hz] [default]
  [protrusion=pure, mode=node, script=latn]
\definetypeface [palatino] [rm] [serif] [palatino] [default] [features=hz]
\setupbodyfont [palatino]
\setupalign [hanging]

```

or by redefining the feature set that is used by the typescript you are using and then (re-)executing the typescript, like so:

```

\definefontfeature
  [default] [default]
  [protrusion=pure, expansion=quality, mode=node, script=latn]
\usetypescript [palatino]
\setupbodyfont [palatino]
\setupalign [hanging]

```

There is a list of predefined font handling feature values that you can use:

For protrusion, there is:

<i>name</i>	<code>\setupalign</code>	<i>description</i>
<i>pure</i>	<i>hanging</i>	full protrusion of only selected punctuation
<i>punctuation</i>	<i>hanging</i>	partial protrusion of punctuation
<i>alpha</i>	<i>hanging</i>	partial of some asymmetrical letters
<i>quality</i>	<i>hanging</i>	the combination of <i>punctuation</i> and <i>alpha</i>

For expansion, there is:

<i>name</i>	<code>\setupalign</code>	<i>description</i>
<i>quality</i>	<i>hz</i>	variable correction of character widths

These are defined in the file `font-ext.lua`. The low-level definitions look like

```

fonts.protrusions.vectors['pure'] = {
  [0x002C] = { 0, 1 }, -- comma
  [0x002E] = { 0, 1 }, -- period
  [0x003A] = { 0, 1 }, -- colon
  [0x003B] = { 0, 1 }, -- semicolon
  [0x002D] = { 0, 1 }, -- hyphen
  [0x2013] = { 0, 0.50 }, -- endash
  [0x2014] = { 0, 0.33 }, -- emdash
}
fonts.protrusions.classes['pure'] = {
  vector = 'pure', factor = 1
}

```

That was the complete definition of `protrusion=pure`. The key `classes` has the same function as the macro call `\definefonthandling` in MkII. It references the named vector `pure` and sets up a parameter.

For `protrusion`, there is only the one parameter `factor`, but for `expansion` there are a few more:

```

\startLUA
fonts.expansions.classes['quality'] = {
  stretch = 2, shrink = 2, step = .5, vector = 'default', factor = 1
}
fonts.expansions.vectors['default'] = {
  [byte('A')] = 0.5,
  [byte('B')] = 0.7,
  ... -- many more characters follow
}
\stopLUA

```

As you can see, the definition order of `vector` vs. `class` is not important, and the format of the vector is a little different. The use of `byte()` is just so that that keying in hex numbers can be avoided. The values are bare numbers instead of hashes because there is only one per-character parameter involved with character expansion.

Also note that the values for the parameters `stretch`, `shrink` and `step` are divided by a factor 10 compared to the MkII definition.

In MkIV, there is no support for the `spacing` key to `\setupalign` yet. That is because the low-level features in pdfTeX are not present in LuaTeX, and there is no replacement yet. The font handling `no lig`s is, of course, replaced by the OpenType font feature tags for ligatures: simply leave all of the relevant font features turned off.

1.15 Encodings and mappings

This section only applies to pdfTeX. If you are exclusively using XeTeX or MkIV, you can safely ignore the following text.

Not every language uses the (western) Latin alphabet. Although in most languages the basic 26 characters are somehow used, they can be combined with a broad range of accents placed in any place.

In order to get a character representation, also called glyph, in the resulting output, you have to encode it in the input. This is no problem for `a` . . . `z`, but other characters are accessed by name, for instance `\eacute`. The glyph `é` can be present in the font but when it's not there, TeX has to compose the character from a letter `e` and an accent `´`.

In practice this means that the meaning of `\eacute` depends on the font and font encoding used. There are many such encodings, each suited for a subset of languages.

encoding	usage	status
<code>8r</code>	a (strange) mixture of encodings	useless
<code>default</code>	the 7 bit ascii encoding as used by plain TeX	obsolete
<code>ec</code>	the preferred encoding of TeX distributions	okay
<code>greek</code>	an encoding for modern greek	okay
<code>qx</code>	an encoding that covers most eastern european languages	okay
<code>t2a</code>	a cyrillic TeX font encoding	?
<code>t2b</code>	another cyrillic TeX font encoding	?
<code>t2c</code>	another another cyrillic TeX font encoding	?
<code>t5</code>	an encoding dedicated to vietnamese (many (double) accents)	okay
<code>texansi</code>	a combination of TeX and Adobe standard encoding	okay

These encodings are font related as is demonstrated in figure 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4. Here we used the `\showfont` command.

The situation is even more complicated than it looks, since the font may be virtual, that is, built from several fonts.

The advantage of using specific encodings is that you can let TeX hyphenate words in the appropriate way. The hyphenation patterns are applied to the internal data structures that represent the sequence of glyphs. In spite of what you may expect, they are font-dependent! Even more confusing: they not only depend on the font encoding, but also on the mapping from lower to uppercase characters, or more precise, on the existence of such a mapping.

Unless you want to play with these encodings and mappings, in most cases you can forget their details and rely on what other TeX experts tell you to do. Normally switching from one to another encoding and/or mapping takes place with the change in fonts or when some special output encoding is needed, for instance in pdf annotations and/or unicode vectors that enable searching in documents. So, to summarize this:

encodings and mappings depend on the fonts used as well have consequences for the language specific hyphenation patterns. Fortunately ConT_EXt handles this for you automatically.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
000	000001	01002	02003	03004	04005	05006	06007	07010	08011	09012	0a013	0b014	0c015	0d016	0e017	0f018
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
020	10021	11022	12023	13024	14025	15026	16027	17030	18031	19032	1a033	1b034	1c035	1d036	1e037	1f038
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
040	20041	21042	22043	23044	24045	25046	26047	27050	28051	29052	2a053	2b054	2c055	2d056	2e057	2f058
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
060	30061	31062	32063	33064	34065	35066	36067	37070	38071	39072	3a073	3b074	3c075	3d076	3e077	3f078
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
100	40101	41102	42103	43104	44105	45106	46107	47110	48111	49112	4a113	4b114	4c115	4d116	4e117	4f118
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
120	50121	51122	52123	53124	54125	55126	56127	57130	58131	59132	5a133	5b134	5c135	5d136	5e137	5f138
96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
140	60141	61142	62143	63144	64145	65146	66147	67150	68151	69152	6a153	6b154	6c155	6d156	6e157	6f158
112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128
160	70161	71162	72163	73164	74165	75166	76167	77170	78171	79172	7a173	7b174	7c175	7d176	7e177	7f178
128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144
200	80201	81202	82203	83204	84205	85206	86207	87210	88211	89212	8a213	8b214	8c215	8d216	8e217	8f218
144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
220	90221	91222	92223	93224	94225	95226	96227	97230	98231	99232	9a233	9b234	9c235	9d236	9e237	9f238
160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176
240	a0241	a1242	a2243	a3244	a4245	a5246	a6247	a7250	a8251	a9252	aa253	ab254	ac255	ad256	ae257	af258
176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192
260	b0261	b1262	b2263	b3264	b4265	b5266	b6267	b7270	b8271	b9272	ba273	bb274	bc275	bd276	be277	bf278
192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208
300	c0301	c1302	c2303	c3304	c4305	c5306	c6307	c7310	c8311	c9312	ca313	cb314	cc315	cd316	ce317	cf318
208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224
320	d0321	d1322	d2323	d3324	d4325	d5326	d6327	d7330	d8331	d9332	da333	db334	dc335	dd336	de337	df338
224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
340	e0341	e1342	e2343	e3344	e4345	e5346	e6347	e7350	e8351	e9352	ea353	eb354	ec355	ed356	ee357	ef358
240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256
360	f0361	f1362	f2363	f3364	f4365	f5366	f6367	f7370	f8371	f9372	fa373	fb374	fc375	fd376	fe377	ff378

name: ec-lmr10 at 11.0pt encoding: ec mapping: ec handling: default

Figure 1.1 The Latin Modern Roman font in ec encoding.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
000	0001	01002	02003	03004	04005	05006	06007	07008	08009	09010	0a011	0b012	0c013	0d014	0e015	0f016
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
020	10021	11022	12023	13024	14025	15026	16027	17028	18029	19030	1a031	1b032	1c033	1d034	1e035	1f036
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	
040	20041	21042	22043	23044	24045	25046	26047	27048	28049	29050	2a051	2b052	2c053	2d054	2e055	2f056
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	
060	30061	31062	32063	33064	34065	35066	36067	37068	38069	39070	3a071	3b072	3c073	3d074	3e075	3f076
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	
100	40101	41102	42103	43104	44105	45106	46107	47108	48109	49110	4a111	4b112	4c113	4d114	4e115	4f116
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	
120	50121	51122	52123	53124	54125	55126	56127	57128	58129	59130	5a131	5b132	5c133	5d134	5e135	5f136
96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	
140	60141	61142	62143	63144	64145	65146	66147	67148	68149	69150	6a151	6b152	6c153	6d154	6e155	6f156
112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	
160	70161	71162	72163	73164	74165	75166	76167	77168	78169	79170	7a171	7b172	7c173	7d174	7e175	7f176
128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	
200	80201	81202	82203	83204	84205	85206	86207	87208	88209	89210	8a211	8b212	8c213	8d214	8e215	8f216
144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	
220	90221	91222	92223	93224	94225	95226	96227	97228	98229	99230	9a231	9b232	9c233	9d234	9e235	9f236
160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	
240	a0241	a1242	a2243	a3244	a4245	a5246	a6247	a7248	a8249	a9250	aa251	ab252	ac253	ad254	ae255	af256
176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	
260	b0261	b1262	b2263	b3264	b4265	b5266	b6267	b7268	b8269	b9270	ba271	bb272	bc273	bd274	be275	bf276
192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	
300	c0301	c1302	c2303	c3304	c4305	c5306	c6307	c7308	c8309	c9310	ca311	cb312	cc313	cd314	ce315	cf316
208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	
320	d0321	d1322	d2323	d3324	d4325	d5326	d6327	d7328	d8329	d9330	da331	db332	dc333	dd334	de335	df336
224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	
340	e0341	e1342	e2343	e3344	e4345	e5346	e6347	e7348	e8349	e9350	ea351	eb352	ec353	ed354	ee355	ef356
240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	
360	f0361	f1362	f2363	f3364	f4365	f5366	f6367	f7368	f8369	f9370	fa371	fb372	fc373	fd374	fe375	ff376

name: texnansi-lmr10 at 11.0pt encoding: texnansi mapping: texnansi handling: default

Figure 1.2 The Latin Modern Roman font in texnansi encoding.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
000	001	002	003	004	005	006	007	008	009	00a	00b	00c	00d	00e	00f	010
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
020	021	022	023	024	025	026	027	028	029	02a	02b	02c	02d	02e	02f	030
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
040	041	042	043	044	045	046	047	048	049	04a	04b	04c	04d	04e	04f	050
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
060	061	062	063	064	065	066	067	068	069	06a	06b	06c	06d	06e	06f	070
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	10a	10b	10c	10d	10e	10f	110
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	12a	12b	12c	12d	12e	12f	130
96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	14a	14b	14c	14d	14e	14f	150
112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128
160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	16a	16b	16c	16d	16e	16f	170
128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144
200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	20a	20b	20c	20d	20e	20f	210
144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	22a	22b	22c	22d	22e	22f	230
160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176
240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	24a	24b	24c	24d	24e	24f	250
176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192
260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	26a	26b	26c	26d	26e	26f	270
192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208
300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	30a	30b	30c	30d	30e	30f	310
208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224
320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	32a	32b	32c	32d	32e	32f	330
224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	34a	34b	34c	34d	34e	34f	350
240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256
360	361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	36a	36b	36c	36d	36e	36f	370
f0	f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	f7	f8	f9	fa	fb	fc	fd	fe	ff	

name: qx-lmr10 at 11.0pt encoding: qx mapping: qx handling: default

Figure 1.3 The Latin Modern Roman font in qx encoding.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
000	0001	01002	02003	03004	04005	05006	06007	07010	08011	09012	0a013	0b014	0c015	0d016	0e017	0f018
020	10021	11022	12023	13024	14025	15026	16027	17030	18031	19032	1a033	1b034	1c035	1d036	1e037	1f038
040	20041	21042	22043	23044	24045	25046	26047	27050	28051	29052	2a053	2b054	2c055	2d056	2e057	2f058
060	30061	31062	32063	33064	34065	35066	36067	37070	38071	39072	3a073	3b074	3c075	3d076	3e077	3f078
100	40101	41102	42103	43104	44105	45106	46107	47110	48111	49112	4a113	4b114	4c115	4d116	4e117	4f118
120	50121	51122	52123	53124	54125	55126	56127	57130	58131	59132	5a133	5b134	5c135	5d136	5e137	5f138
140	60141	61142	62143	63144	64145	65146	66147	67150	68151	69152	6a153	6b154	6c155	6d156	6e157	6f158
160	70161	71162	72163	73164	74165	75166	76167	77170	78171	79172	7a173	7b174	7c175	7d176	7e177	7f178
200	80201	81202	82203	83204	84205	85206	86207	87210	88211	89212	8a213	8b214	8c215	8d216	8e217	8f218
220	90221	91222	92223	93224	94225	95226	96227	97230	98231	99232	9a233	9b234	9c235	9d236	9e237	9f238
240	a0241	a1242	a2243	a3244	a4245	a5246	a6247	a7250	a8251	a9252	aa253	ab254	ac255	ad256	ae257	af258
260	b0261	b1262	b2263	b3264	b4265	b5266	b6267	b7270	b8271	b9272	ba273	bb274	bc275	bd276	be277	bf278
300	c0301	c1302	c2303	c3304	c4305	c5306	c6307	c7310	c8311	c9312	ca313	cb314	cc315	cd316	ce317	cf318
320	d0321	d1322	d2323	d3324	d4325	d5326	d6327	d7330	d8331	d9332	da333	db334	dc335	dd336	de337	df338
340	e0341	e1342	e2343	e3344	e4345	e5346	e6347	e7350	e8351	e9352	ea353	eb354	ec355	ed356	ee357	ef358
360	f0361	f1362	f2363	f3364	f4365	f5366	f6367	f7370	f8371	f9372	fa373	fb374	fc375	fd376	fe377	ff378

name: t5-lmr10 at 11.0pt encoding: t5 mapping: t5 handling: default

Figure 1.4 The Latin Modern Roman font in t5 encoding.

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Figure 1.5 Output of `\showaccents` for the current (palatino) font in pdfTeX

