# Relief SingleLine		
## Font formats	OTF(-SVG), SVG, TTF, OTF, WOFF2	
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## Font Description

\*Relief SingleLine\* is a versatile sans serif "single-line" font with open paths oriented towards CNC (Computer Numerical Control) engraving and fab labs environments. \*Relief SingleLine\* with its skeletal logic and parametric thickness can also be useful in print and web experiments. The structure of this alphabet is influenced by Adrian Frutiger's little known and underrated \*Vectora\* typeface. \*Relief SingleLine\* has several stylistic sets, proposing lowercases alternates g, l, y and a punctuation variant for small size inscriptions (period and related signs).

\*Relief SingleLine\* provides a single-line path for a pen, laser, or milling tool to follow for an efficient and clean looking typographical rendering. \*Relief SingleLine\* allows the user to drastically reduce the machining time while offering a quality Bézier curves rendering. \*Relief SingleLine\* is the first single-line font running Adobe apps (CC 2019 and above) with kerning and opentype features.

\*Relief SingleLine\* project explores different font formats: open paths (OTF-SVG for Adobe, SVG for Inkscape + Hershey Text Extension, TTF for CAD softwares, UFO for coding experiments on [Drawbot](https://www.drawbot.com/)) and closed outlines (OTF, WOFF2).

\*Relief SingleLine\* typeface is an open-source project distributed under the Open Font License ([OFL](https://scripts.sil.org/ofl))and available for download at isdaT-type \*Relief SingleLine\* Github [repository] (https://github.com/isdat-type/Relief-SingleLine)

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# How to use the Open Paths?

## Adobe CC ≥2019: OpenType-SVG color font method

## →fonts/open\_otf-svg/

As this project is primarily focusing on graphic user interface solutions opened the largest possible audiences, \*Relief SingleLine\* typeface is distributed as an OpenType-SVG color font format in order to simplify the layout process for the 2D fab lab community, i.e. having a single-line font editable in popular vector graphics and typographic composition softwares such as Illustrator or Indesign. OpenType-SVG technology represents an interesting alternative to permit single-line fonts wider distribution and easier use. To our knowledge, \*Relief SingleLine\* is the first single-line font working in Adobe apps (CC 2019 and above), opening new perspectives for makers worldwide. Fab lab users oriented towards 2D graphic practices can now easily access quality Bézier curves, kerning and OpenType features in their single-line typographical layouts!

Simply install the "Relief SingleLine-Regular\_svg.otf" on your system (or directly in the /Fonts subfolder of Illustrator or Indesign), open Illustrator or Indesign, compose your paragraphs and titlings; when the layout is finished, duplicate it and just use the /Text /Vectorize function to obtain a single-line design to export as PDF or SVG file to engrave through your favorite CNC machine (pen plotters, laser cutting or milling machine).

\*Relief SingleLine\* export as OpenType-SVG format was made possible thanks to [Frederik Berlaen](https://typemytype.com/)'s \*otf-svgMaker\* Python script for [Robofont](https://robofont.com/). This script permits to export any skeletal UFO-based font project towards a single-line OTF-SVG font. \*otf-svgMaker\* uses [roundingPen](https://github.com/typemytype/outlinerRoboFontExtension/blob/master/Outliner.roboFontExt/lib/outlinePen.py) script by Frederik Berlaen. \*otf-svgMaker\* script will be soon available on \*Relief SingleLine\* Github repository.

### CAD softwares: "closed" TTF towards open paths method

## →fonts/open\_ttf/

By definition, a TTF export is based on closed vector paths.

Nevertheless [Rhinoceros 3D] (https://www.rhino3d.com/) and some other CAD softwares are able to use "closed" TTF single-line fonts by opening the closed letters' structure the right way in their design interfaces with multiple views. When previewing a closed TTF file in your system you will get a triangular surfaces kind of display, no worries, the CAD software should correctly interprets it as a single-line typeface with open paths.

When operating the text tool dialog box, one can find a special feature to tick that permits single-line fonts usage (Windows version only in Rhinoceros 3D), then select the desired closed TTF. But composing paragraphs is often not possible, you can just write some words aligned on the same baseline (no line breaks depending on softwares), so limited to basic titling usages only.

### Drawbot + UFO method

## →sources/Relief-SingleLine.ufo

If you have some Python coding skills, you can play around with \*Relief SingleLine\* main .ufo source in [Drawbot](https://www.drawbot.com/) to export toward PDF or SVG textual vector patterns to engrave. UFO ([Unified Font Objects](https://unifiedfontobject.org/)) is a cross-platform, cross-application, human readable format for storing font data.

## Inkscape + Hershey Text Extension SVG fonts method

## →fonts/open\_svg/

First install ReliefSingleLineOutline-Regular.otf on your system; then copy ReliefSingleLine-Regular.svg there:

- (macOS) '/Applications/Inkscape.app/Contents/Resources/share/ inkscape/extensions/svg\_fonts'
- (Windows) `C:\Program Files\Inkscape\share\inkscape\extensions\ svg\_fonts`

Only for Windows users: if you can not use Relief-SingleLine-Regular.svg even if effectively copied in the /svg\_fonts folder, try:

right-click on ReliefSingleLine-Regular.svg then select Properties/Security/Unlock/Apply

Compose your layout in [Inkscape](https://inkscape.org/) using ReliefSingleLineOutline-Regular.otf, launch [Hershey Text Extension] (https://www.evilmadscientist.com/2019/hershey-text-v30/) (now available by default) to render your text blocks as single-line letters: go to Extension/Text/Hershey Text

Then, in font select \*Other\* (bottom of the list after the existing Hershey fonts) and type ReliefSingleLine-Regular in the next field of the dialog box as a path-name, then apply rendering.

Beware to first copy your source text blocks: after the Hershey Text Extension rendering process, texts are becoming not editable. Hershey Text Extension unfortunately apparently disables the kerning values even if truly embedded in the SVG font.

Process to export towards (old) SVG format with open paths:

- Open a skeletal UFO file in [FontForge](https://fontforge.org/)
- File/Generate fonts/Select SVG font format
- Rename your font as simple as possible to have a short path-name when using Hershey Text Extension (important: no space in the name)
- Generate
- Open the SVG file in a text editor (such as Sublime Text) and run two find and replace actions:

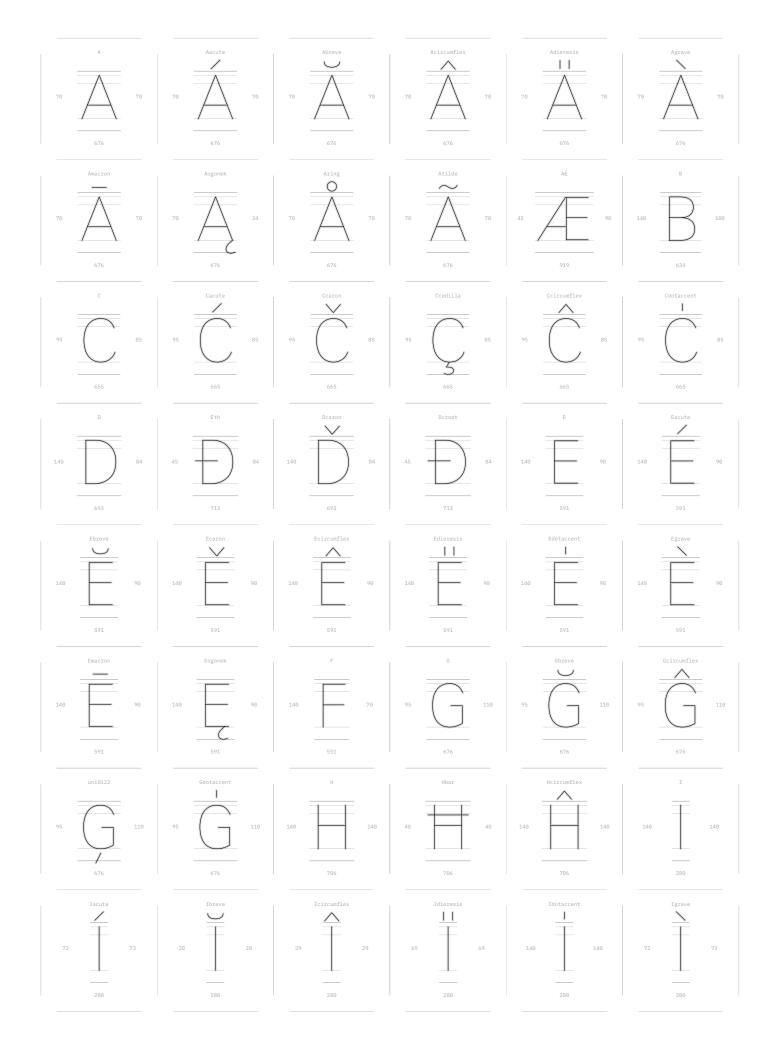
find z'' / replace by '' / find zM replace by M

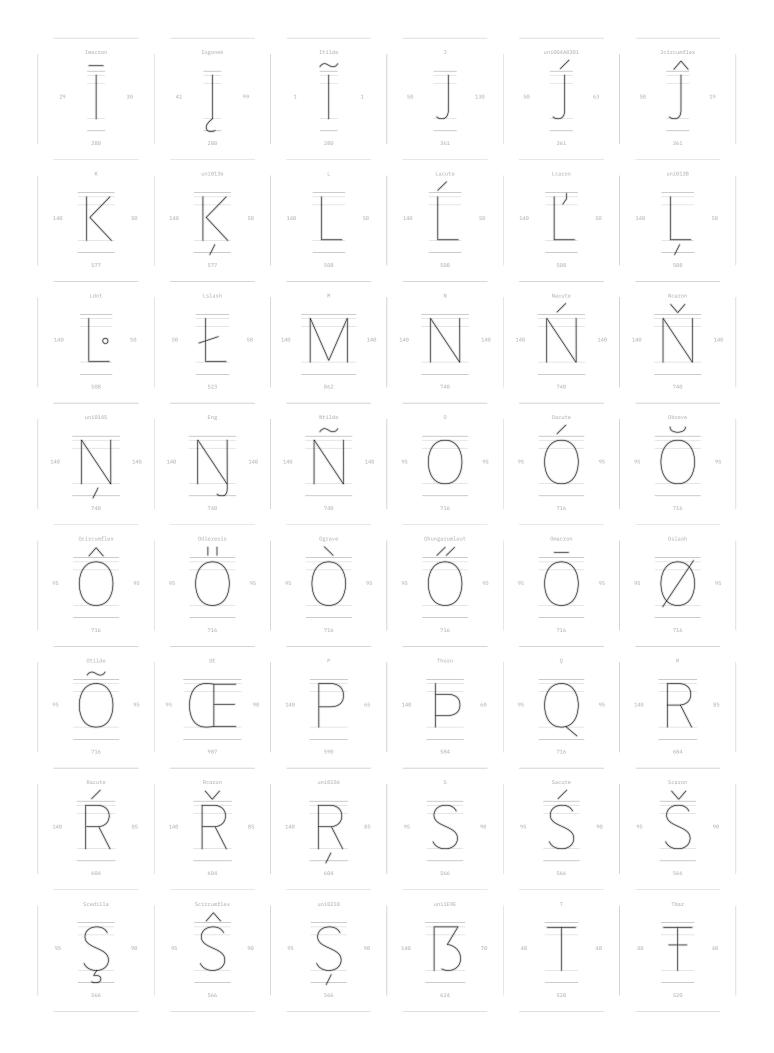
• Save as a new SVG file.

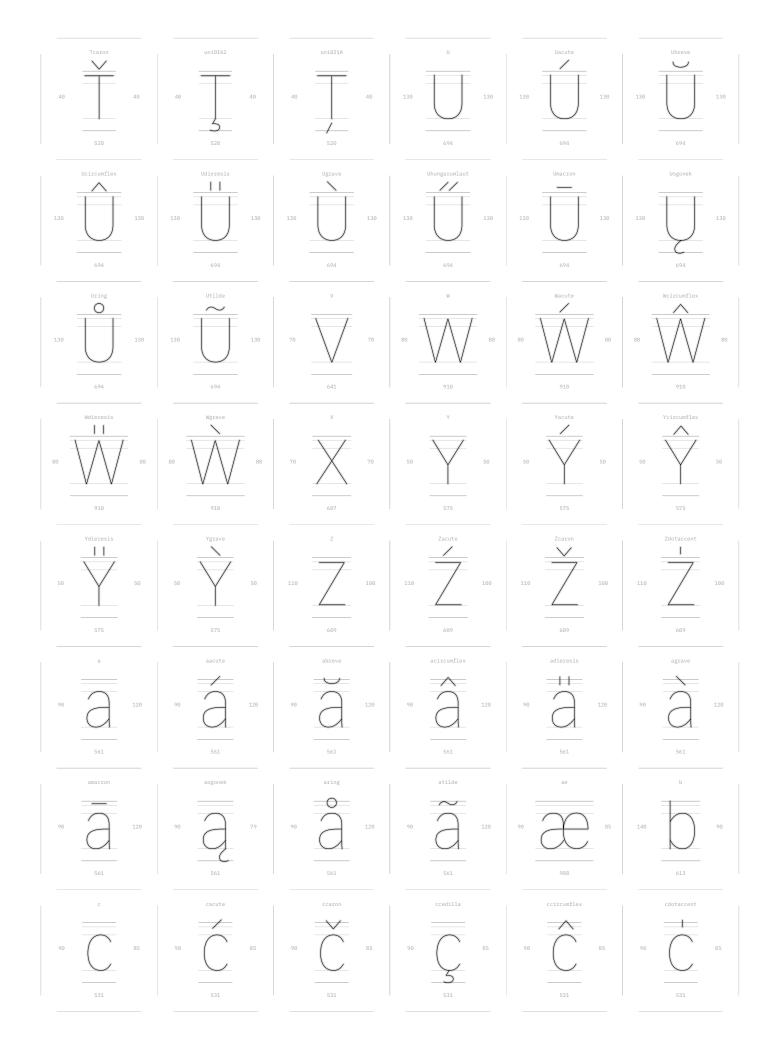
563 glyphs

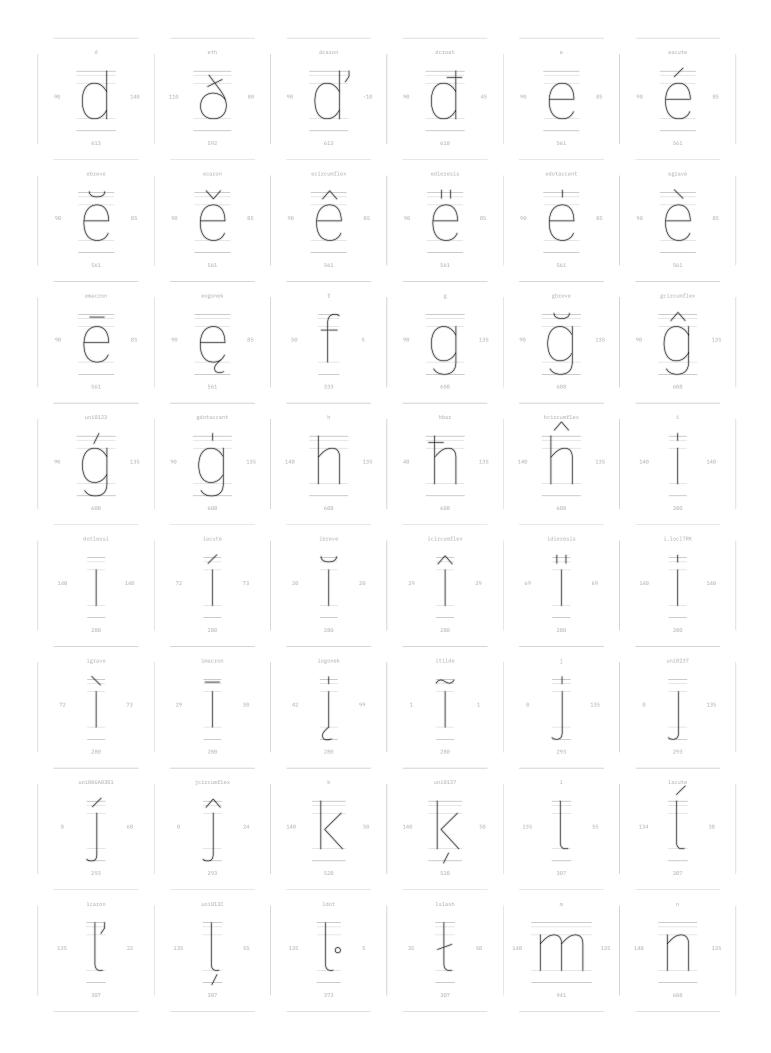
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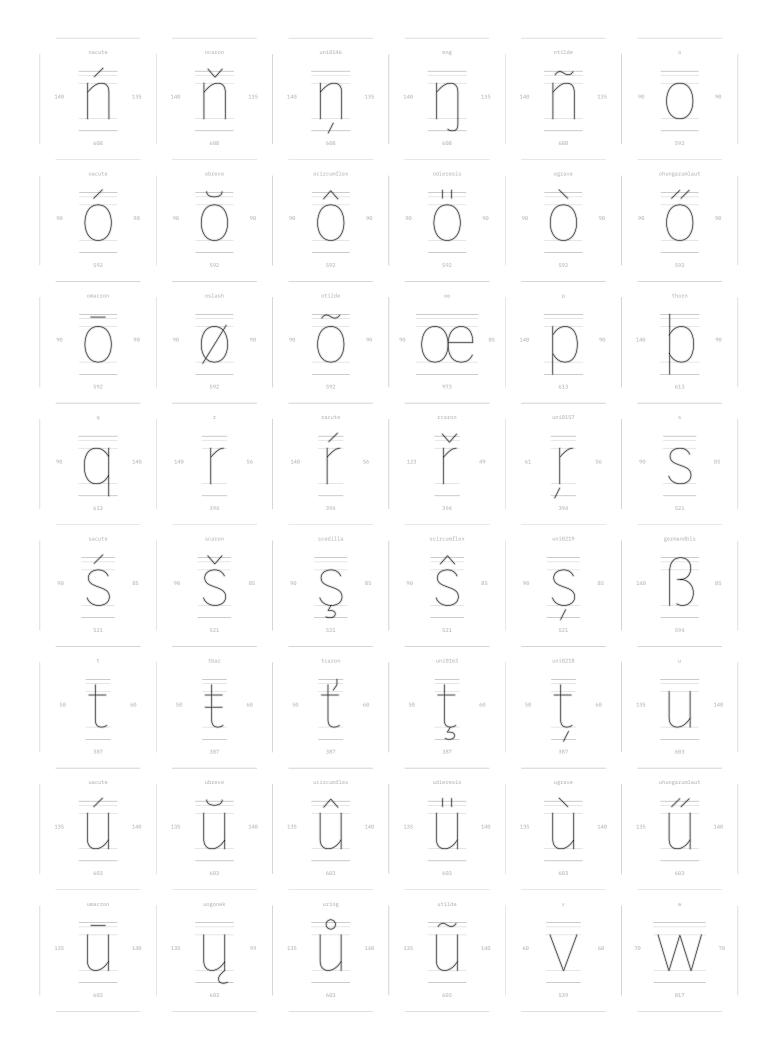
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yMin Gcommaaccent	-240	-260
Ascender	745	765
Caps Height	680	700
xHeight	555	575
Descender	-190	-210
Underline Position	-200	-200
Underline Thickness	0	40

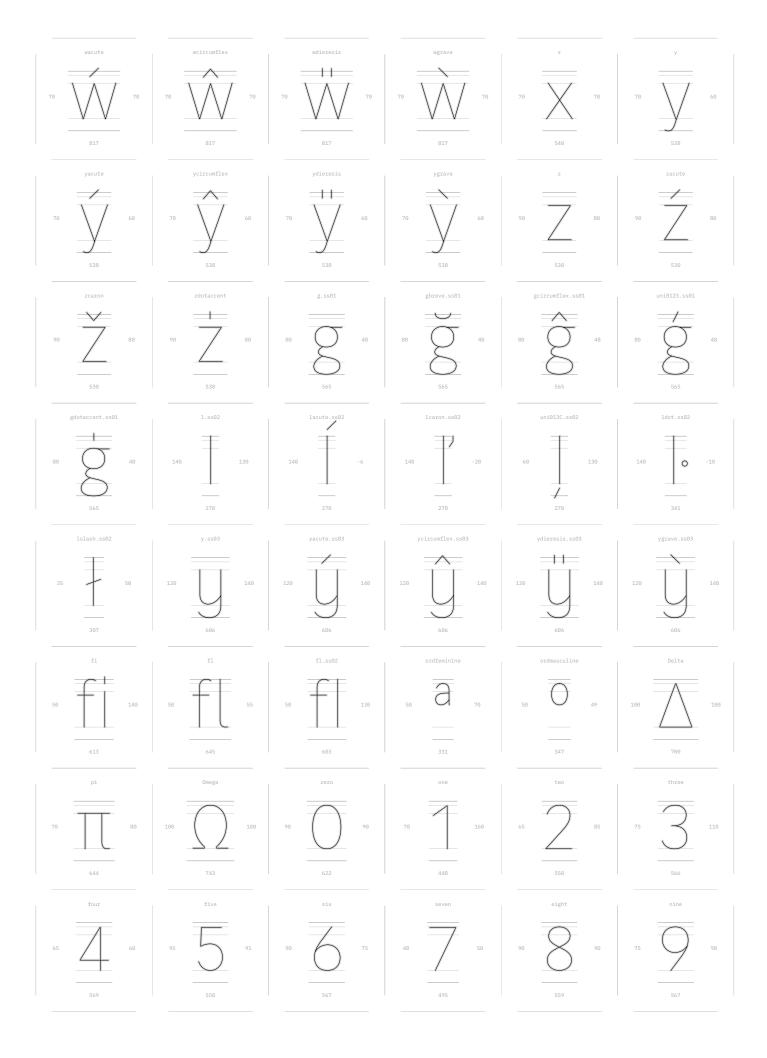


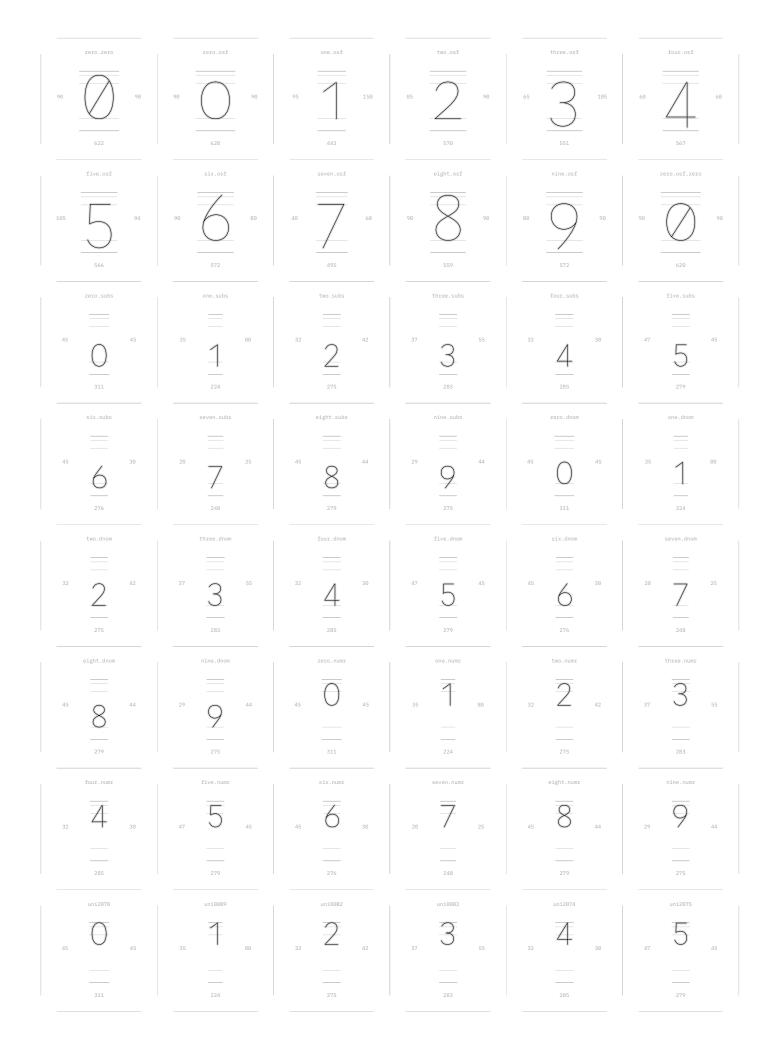








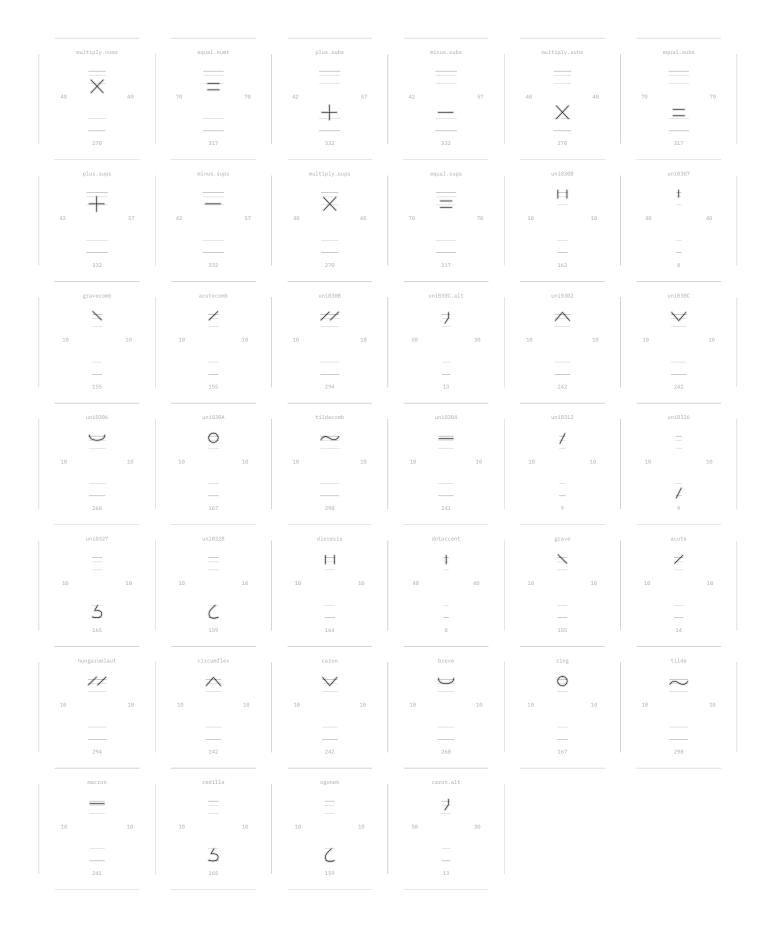












OTF-SVG for Adobe ## OpenType features For details about OpenType Layout Features see the OpenType Layout tag registry. ## Substitution features aalt Access All Alternates ccmp Glyph Composition/Decomposition Localized Forms Subscript Scientific Inferiors sinf Superscript Numerators Denominators dnom Fractions frac Ordinals Lining Figures lnum Oldstyle Figures onum Case-Sensitive Forms dlig Discretionary Ligatures liga Standard Ligatures Slashed Zero Stylistic Set 1 g Stylistic Set 2 1, fl Stylistic Set 3 У Stylistic Set 4 Dot Default style for Rhino (TTF) Stylistic Set 5 Dot

## ## Positioning features

Kerning

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[Tanguy Vanlaeys](https://vnls-tanguy.tumblr.com/), research on CNC type started at [ANRT](https://anrt-nancy.fr/), advices on Inkscape + Hershey Text Extension usages and open paths (old) SVG fonts export tricks, TTF exports, illustrations and type specimen layouts.

[Frederik Berlaen](https://typemytype.com/), \*otf-svgMaker\* Python script for [Robofont](https://robofont.com/) exporting from any skeletal UFO source an OTF-SVG color font permitting editable single-line typographic layouts in the Adobe CC environment (CC 2019 and above).

## 210 latin languages supported

Frisian Silesian Ahenaki Makhuwa Afaan Oromo Friulian Malay Slovak Maltese Slovenian Afar Gagauz Afrikaans Galician Slovio Manx Somali Ganda Maori Albanian Sorbian Lower Marquesan Alsatian Genoese Sorbian Upper Meglenoromanian Amis German Sotho Northern Anuta Gikuyu Meriam Mir Sotho Southern Aragonese Gooniyandi Mirandese Aranese Greenlandic Mohawk Spanish Aromanian Guadeloupean Moldovan Sranan Arrernte Gwichin Montagnais Sundanese Haitian Creole Montenegrin Swahili Arvanitic Han Murrinhpatha Swazi Asturian Nagamese Creole Swedish Atayal Hawaiian Ndebele Tagalog Aymara Hiligaynon Tahitian Bashkir Hopi Neapolitan Basque Hotcak Ngiyambaa Tetum Tok Pisin Belarusian Hungarian Niuean Bemba Icelandic Noongar Tokelauan Bikol Ido Norwegian Tongan Ilocano Novial Tshiluba Bislama Indonesian Occidental Tsonga Bosnian Tswana Breton Interglossa Occitan Tumbuka Cape Verdean Interlingua Oshiwambo Turkish Catalan Irish Ossetian Palauan Turkmen Cebuano Istroromanian Chamorro Ttalian Papiamento Tuvaluan Chavacano Jamaican Piedmontese Tzotzil Chichewa Javanese Polish Ukrainian Chickasaw Jerriais Portuguese Uzbek Cimbrian Kala Lagaw Ya Potawatomi Venetian Cofan Kapampangan Qeqchi Vepsian Corsican Kaqchikel **Quechua** Volapuk Creek Karakalpak Rarotongan Voro Crimean Tatar Karelian Romanian Wallisian Croatian Kashubian Romansh Walloon Kikongo Rotokas Waraywaray Czech Kinyarwanda Sami Inari Warlpiri Danish Kiribati Sami Lule Wayuu Dawan Welsh Delaware Kirundi Sami Northern Dholuo Klingon Sami Southern Wikmungkan Drehu Kurdish Samoan Wiradjuri Dutch Ladin Sango Wolof Latin Saramaccan English Xavante Latino Sine Sardinian Esperanto Xhosa Latvian Scottish Gaelic Estonian Yapese Serbian Lithuanian Yindjibarndi Faroese Seri Fijian Lojban Zapotec Seychellois Zulu Filipino Lombard Shawnee Finnish Low Saxon Zuni Folkspraak Luxembourgish Shona French Sicilian Maasai

##⊭ Credit

A part of the layout was generated through a script based on [Font to PDF repository] (https://github.com/loicsander/Font2PDF) — update with fontparts — from Loïc Sander with DrawBot.