Bookhands Font Sampler

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1 Introduction

This document provides some samples of the book-hand fonts. They are available from CTAN in the `fonts/bookhands` directory. The (lowercase) and other characters in each font are displayed first, followed by an example of some text including ligatures. Then some more text is shown in the font. The first part of the text is a sentence containing some well known English phrases. The second and third sentences are Latin abecedarian sentences dating from about 790 AD.

As an example, the Computer Modern Roman font would be sampled like this:

a b c d e f gh i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
. , ; : ! ? ‘ ’ & ( ) [ ] - – —
0123456789
“the brown & white dog — but fast acting hare”

> now is the time for all good men, and women, to come to the aid of the party while the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. te canit adcelebratque polus rex gazifer hymnis. trans zephyrique globum scandunt tua facta per axem.

It should be noted that not all the fonts have the complete range of punctuation marks and ligatures as shown in the CMR example. Punctuation was virtually non-existant in the first century while by Gutenberg’s time all of our modern punctuation marks were in use.

2 Roman Rustic

The Roman Rustic font was used between the first and sixth centuries. Capital letters, if used at all, were just larger versions of the normal letters.

The font and packages are in the `rustic` subdirectory.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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"THE BROWN WHITE DOG — BUT FAST ACTING HARE"

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN, AND WOMEN, TO COME TO THE AID OF THE PARTY WHILE THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG. TE CANIT ADCELEBRATQUE POLUS REX GAZIFER HYMNIS. TRANS ZEPHYRIQUE GLO-BUM SCANDUNT TUA FACTA PER AXEM.

3 Uncial

The Uncial font was used between the third and sixth centuries. Capital letters, if used at all, were either just larger versions of the normal letters, or Roman Rustic letters.

The font and packages are in the `uncial` subdirectory.

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4 Half Uncial

The Half Uncial font was used between the third and ninth centuries. Capital letters were only used at the start of a paragraph and were always partially, or completely, set in the margin. They were either larger versions of the normal letters, or letters from earlier fonts.

The font and packages are in the huncial subdirectory.

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5 Artificial Uncial

The Artificial Uncial font was used between the sixth and tenth centuries. Capital letters were only used at the start of a paragraph and were always partially, or completely, set in the margin. They were either larger versions of the normal letters, or letters from earlier fonts.

The font and packages are in the `auncial` subdirectory.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
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6 Insular Majuscule

The Insular Majuscule font was used between the sixth and ninth centuries, firstly in Ireland and then later in England. Capital letters were only used at the start of sentences. They were either larger versions of the normal letters, or highly decorated very large letters.

The font and packages are in the `inslrmaj` subdirectory.

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