

# My Way

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OpenType in ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt  
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This is a summary of issues encountered and solutions implemented in order to support some advanced OpenType features in ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt. This article describes an accompanying package that addresses installation (using T<sub>E</sub>XFONT), accommodating extended opticals families, and some “pro” font features. The extended character set afforded by pro fonts enables support for comprehensive small caps, old-style figures, and the use of greek glyphs to give workable math fonts. Although the typescripts and commands are described together, certain features (like variant encodings for T<sub>E</sub>XFONT and the idiosyncratic method for creating new math fonts) can be used independently of the other features described.

## 1 Introduction

This issue of My Way introduces some issues in installing, using, and integrating OpenType fonts in ConTeXt. OpenType has been discussed elsewhere in detail, but it should suffice to say that it is a modern melding of POSTSCRIPT and TrueType, enabling advanced typography features and Unicode support.

With some of the most complex OpenType fonts, one also sees integration with multiple design sizes. This is not necessarily unique to OpenType fonts, but is a co-occurring feature seen with “premium”-quality fonts. Some of the advanced typographical features seen in such fonts are integrated glyphs for *SMALL CAPS* (*across EVERY font variant*), old style and tabulation figures, and greek glyphs, all within the same font. This article introduces some strategies for taking advantage of the small caps and old style figures, and for making basic math fonts that include the greek glyphs where available.

It should be noted that this package owes its existence to Adobe’s “Type Classics for Learning,”<sup>1</sup> an education-only package of very high quality OpenType fonts, for 99 USD. Many thanks to Bruce D’Arcus for pointing out the existence of this package, and his enthusiasm and cunning for encouraging me to do something with it. He also pointed me to the work of Achim Blumensath, whose efforts in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X domain sparked my initial ideas about font installation. Otared Kavian provided the extended mathematics example. Obvious thanks to Hans Hagen and Don Knuth for providing such a rich foundation for this modest addition to the ConTeXt canon.

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<sup>1</sup> see [http://www.adobe.com/education/ed\\_products/typeclassics.html](http://www.adobe.com/education/ed_products/typeclassics.html)

## 2 Font Installation

The first issue to deal with is getting the fonts to be installed into the TeX tree. Early on, I decided that I should try to use T<sub>E</sub>XFONT, because it was clearly a ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt-friendly tool, and, frankly, because I was slightly more familiar with it than other tools. It was pointed out that PFAEDIT<sup>2</sup>, by George Williams, was a powerful, freely-available, open-source, cross-platform tool that handled OpenType fonts as well as any other. As a result, using this package relies on you correctly installing PFAEDIT on your machine.

I extended T<sub>E</sub>XFONT to include an optional pre-processing step that converts an OpenType font to a .pfb and .afm pair. From there, T<sub>E</sub>XFONT could work its usual magic.

The modified T<sub>E</sub>XFONT is included in the accompanying package as context/perltxfont/texfont.pl. The first additional option of interest is `--otf`. This command-line switch triggers a run of PFAEDIT for each otf found in the current directory.

For example, if you wanted to install the Cronos Pro OpenType fonts, go into the directory containing the fonts, and issue the command (all on one line):

```
texfont --makepath --install --en=texnansi
        --otf --ve=adobe --co=CronosPro
```

If you prefer to work with batch files in T<sub>E</sub>XFONT, the following line should be a good place to start:

```
--en=? --ve=adobe --co=CronosPro --so=auto --otf
```

In order to support at least some of the many extended characters in a “Pro” font, another command-line option was added to T<sub>E</sub>XFONT, `--variant=<blah>` (abbreviated as `--va=`), which allows one .enc file to masquerade as another. For example, if I am working with the `texnansi` encoding, I can create a *variant* encoding that substitutes small caps for the lowercase letters. I name that encoding `texnansiSC.enc`, put it in a place where it can be found (like `dvips/local`), and run:

```
texfont --en=texnansi --va=SC --otf --ve=adobe --co=CronosPro
```

The `--variant` option appends the variant’s name (SC, here) to the end of the name of the encoding (`texnansi`), and looks for that particular .enc file on the path. One variant, `texnansiOSFSC.enc`, is included in this package as a starter, in the `dvips/local` directory. It was the only variant I personally needed for extended support of the pro fonts, but you’re welcome to create (and share!) your own.

It is worth noting that there is nothing about the `--variant` option that is tied to OpenType fonts. If you are working with any sort of font with extended glyphs (such as *Swash Caps*), you can create a font that accesses those extended glyphs (while masquerading as a known encoding) by using this method.

<sup>2</sup> see <http://pfaedit.sourceforge.net/>

### 3 Optical

Most fonts that T<sub>E</sub>X users are familiar with include only two design axes, namely weight (e.g., light, regular, or bold) and shape (e.g., italic, slanted, or roman). Back in the days of metal type, each size of a given font had different design characteristics, because the eye is sensitive to different features at different scales. “Optical” fonts essentially add another design axis. This design axis was well-developed in the days of multiple master fonts, but since that technology appears to be dying, premium fonts are now being issued at discrete points along that axis. The font package that was used in the development of these macros and typescripts typically included four optical font sizes for each font: caption, regular, sub-head, and display. Their differences are shown in figure 3.1.



**Figure 3.1** The four design sizes of Warnock Pro Opticals, shown at the same point size

At small design sizes (caption), there is typically lower contrast, a heavier stroke, a slightly larger x-height, and generally courser features. At large design sizes (display), strokes, tapers, serifs, and other details are much more refined.

This package supports these various design sizes with a series of extensive typescripts. It’s essentially a brute-force method that defines font synonyms for each design size for each variant. That is, support for opticals is achieved by using a typescript that has small, regular, large, and extra-large fonts named for each of roman, italic, bold, and bold italic font variants, and adapting the `\tfa`–`\tfd` switching for each body font size.

For example, there are font synonyms declared for each of the following: `SerifCaption`, `SerifText`, `SerifSubhead`, `SerifDisplay`, `SerifItalicCaption`, `SerifItalicText`, `SerifItalicSubhead`, `SerifItalicDisplay`, and so on... Each of these symbolic names is tied to font commands through the definition of a very large “Opticals” typescript, which generically associates a type variation and a type size with a design size. An extract follows:

```
\starttypescript [serif] [Opticals] [size]
\definebodyfont
  [12pt,11pt] [rm]
  [tf=SerifText sa 1,
  tfa=SerifSubhead sa \magfactor1,
  tfb=SerifSubhead sa \magfactor2,
  tfc=SerifSubhead sa \magfactor3,
  tfd=SerifDisplay sa \magfactor4,
  it=SerifItalicText sa 1,
  ita=SerifItalicSubhead sa \magfactor1,
```

```

itb=SerifItalicSubhead sa \magfactor2,
itc=SerifItalicSubhead sa \magfactor3,
itd=SerifItalicDisplay sa \magfactor4,
...]
\stoptypescript

```

As the bodyfont size changes (12pt, 11pt, above), the relationships between the opticals change. This is handled in a huge typescript. In order to use this typescript yourself, you should define each of the `SerifCaption` ... `SerifItalicDisplay` synonyms in your own typescript, and include that with the Opticals typescript.

For example, I defined the various opticals for the Warnock font in a typescript called `WarnockProSiz`. I first created a typescript that associated the optical sizes with the actual font names as installed by `TEXFONT`:

```

\starttypescript [serif] [WarnockProSiz] [texnansi]
\definefontsynonym [SerifCaption] [texnansi-WarnockPro-Capt]
    [encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
\definefontsynonym [SerifText] [texnansi-WarnockPro-Regular]
    [encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
\definefontsynonym [SerifSubhead] [texnansi-WarnockPro-Subh]
    [encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
\definefontsynonym [SerifDisplay] [texnansi-WarnockPro-Disp]
    [encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
...
\stoptypescript

```

I then created a Warnock typescript to tie my size synonyms with the Opticals typescript:

```

\starttypescript [Warn]
\usetypescript [serif] [WarnockProSiz] [texnansi]
\usetypescript [serif] [Opticals] [size]
\stoptypescript

```

I then invoked the typescript at the top of this document, making sure to load the map files properly, as well:

```

\usetypescriptfile [type-atc]
\loadmapfile [texnansi-adobe-warnockpro.map]
\loadmapfile [texnansiOSFSC-adobe-warnockpro.map]
\usetypescript [Warn]
\switchtobodyfont [Warn,10pt]

```

## 4 Small Caps

Current support for SMALL CAPS, both inside and outside T<sub>E</sub>X, is generally very primitive. Most fonts – if they do offer it – only offer small caps support as a variation on the plain, roman font, and not for any italic/slanted fonts or bold fonts. This means that the small caps shape is of limited use with non-normal font alternatives (what ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt calls `\it` and `\bf`). With a full complement of small caps shapes for each font alternative, small caps can be used more extensively.

The approach chosen for this package was to create another serif font style to exist inside the serif family, alongside the familiar roman (`rm`) style. The new font family, roman caps (`rc`) defines parallel font alternatives, using small caps variants. This means more work in terms of defining font synonyms, but it enables the small caps shape as a full design axis. The definitions begin as follows:

```
\definebodyfont
  [12pt,11pt][rc]
  [tf=SerifCapsText sa 1,
   tfa=SerifCapsSubhead sa \magfactor1,
   ...]
```

... and proceeds as the other definitions, above. There are sans serif equivalents defined, as well. The sans small caps family (`cs`, caps sans) is treated the same way. If you have installed a small caps type variant for a sans serif font, you should define and use this parallel family.

In order to use these font families, you may call them directly with macros like `{\rc\bf this}` (**THIS**). This is inconvenient, and requires you to recall the font alternative as well as the roman caps font style. To alleviate the inconvenience, this package defines a new font command, which switches from the normal style to the caps style while keeping the current alternative. The command is `\SmCap`, and it is used grouped, like other font commands. The first line, below, is achieved with the code:

```
{\it text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}
```

```
text TEXT TEXT text rm it
text TEXT TEXT text rm bf
TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT RC TF
text TEXT TEXT text ss tf
```

There is an identical command `\OldStyle`, which assumes that there are old style figures defined in the small caps family. It works in the same way as the above:

```
{\ss 0123456789 \OldStyle 0123456789}
```

```
0123456789 0123456789
0123456789 0123456789
0123456789 0123456789
```

If you do not have fonts at different optical sizes, but you do have them in each of the font alternatives, you can use the roman caps and caps sans (`\rc` and `\cs`) type styles by including one or both of the following two lines in your typescript:

```
\usetypescript [serif] [romancaps] [size]  
\usetypescript [sans] [sanscaps] [size]
```

... and defining the caps synonyms as suggested by those two typescripts.

## 5 Math

This package tries to take advantage of the greek characters included in certain OpenType Pro fonts. It does so by defining a new encoding that is applied to both roman and italic versions of a font. A math file then pulls the appropriate glyph from the math roman or math italic font, and makes it available to T<sub>E</sub>X. The encoding is shown for Warnock Math Italic.

$\int$	0	$\int$	1	$\int$	2	$\int$	3	$\int$	4	$\int$	5	$\int$	6	$\int$	7	$\int$	8	$\int$	9	$\int$	10	$\int$	11	$\int$	12	$\int$	13	$\int$	14	$\int$	15	
000	00001	01002	02003	03004	04005	05006	06007	07010	08011	09012	0a013	0b014	0c015	0d016	0e017	0f																
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31																	
020	10021	11022	12023	13024	14025	15026	16027	17030	18031	19032	1a033	1b034	1c035	1d036	1e037	1f																
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47																	
040	20041	21042	22043	23044	24045	25046	26047	27050	28051	29052	2a053	2b054	2c055	2d056	2e057	2f																
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63																	
060	30061	31062	32063	33064	34065	35066	36067	37070	38071	39072	3a073	3b074	3c075	3d076	3e077	3f																
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79																	
100	40101	41102	42103	43104	44105	45106	46107	47110	48111	49112	4a113	4b114	4c115	4d116	4e117	4f																
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95																	
120	50121	51122	52123	53124	54125	55126	56127	57130	58131	59132	5a133	5b134	5c135	5d136	5e137	5f																
96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111																	
140	60141	61142	62143	63144	64145	65146	66147	67150	68151	69152	6a153	6b154	6c155	6d156	6e157	6f																
112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127																	
160	70161	71162	72163	73164	74165	75166	76167	77170	78171	79172	7a173	7b174	7c175	7d176	7e177	7f																
128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143																	
200	80201	81202	82203	83204	84205	85206	86207	87210	88211	89212	8a213	8b214	8c215	8d216	8e217	8f																
144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159																	
220	90221	91222	92223	93224	94225	95226	96227	97230	98231	99232	9a233	9b234	9c235	9d236	9e237	9f																
160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175																	
240	a0241	a1242	a2243	a3244	a4245	a5246	a6247	a7250	a8251	a9252	aa253	ab254	ac255	ad256	ae257	af																
176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191																	
260	b0261	b1262	b2263	b3264	b4265	b5266	b6267	b7270	b8271	b9272	ba273	bb274	bc275	bd276	be277	bf																
192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207																	
300	c0301	c1302	c2303	c3304	c4305	c5306	c6307	c7310	c8311	c9312	ca313	cb314	cc315	cd316	ce317	cf																
208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223																	
320	d0321	d1322	d2323	d3324	d4325	d5326	d6327	d7330	d8331	d9332	da333	db334	dc335	dd336	de337	df																
224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239																	
340	e0341	e1342	e2343	e3344	e4345	e5346	e6347	e7350	e8351	e9352	ea353	eb354	ec355	ed356	ee357	ef																
240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255																	
360	f0361	f1362	f2363	f3364	f4365	f5366	f6367	f7370	f8371	f9372	fa373	fb374	fc375	fd376	fe377	ff																

name: math-atc-WarnockPro-It encoding: default mapping: default handling: default

As you can see, there is a strong complement of math-related glyphs. The encoding includes characters like old style figures and calligraphic letters (*Swash Caps*, taken from the italic font). The math-atc file consists of a math collection that is tuned for this pair



of fonts using this custom encoding. Where possible, the math collection pulls the glyph from the math roman/italic font. Otherwise, the character from the computer modern math font is used.

There exist some issues that probably prevent heavy-duty mathematics use. The biggest one is that spacing is still like a roman font. Math appears to be unkered, normally, but characters in this font are “jammed together.” It requires a level of font voodoo that I don’t currently have. The second issue is that these fonts don’t include a dotless j. Some of the math characters don’t match perfectly with their computer roman cousins; I chose a scaling that is hopefully a plausible compromise. Let’s see a sample for its suitability.

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Here are some of the simple operations we can do with the  $O$ -notation:

$$f(n) = O(f(n)), \quad (5)$$

$$c.O(f(n)) = O(f(n)), \quad \text{if } c \text{ is a constant,} \quad (6)$$

$$O(f(n)) + O(f(n)) = O(f(n)), \quad (7)$$

$$O(O(f(n))) = O(f(n)), \quad (8)$$

$$O(f(n))O(g(n)) = O(f(n)g(n)), \quad (9)$$

$$O(f(n)g(n)) = f(n)O(g(n)). \quad (10)$$

The  $O$ -notation is also frequently used with functions of a complex variable  $z$ , in the neighborhood of  $z = 0$ . We write  $O(f(z))$  to stand for any quantity  $g(z)$  such that  $g(z) \leq Mf(z)$  whenever  $z < r$ . (As before,  $M$  and  $r$  are unspecified constants, although we could specify them if we wanted to.) The context of  $O$ -notation should always identify the variable that is involved and the range of that variable. When the variable is called  $n$ , we implicitly assume that  $O(f(n))$  refers to functions of a large integer  $n$ ; when the variable is called  $z$ , we implicitly assume that  $O(f(z))$  refers to functions of a small complex number  $z$ .

Suppose that  $g(z)$  is a function given by an infinite power series

$$g(z) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k z^k$$

that converges for  $z = z_0$ . Then the sum of absolute values  $\sum_{k \geq 0} a_k z^k$  also converges whenever  $z < z_0$ . If  $z_0 \neq 0$ , we can therefore always write

$$g(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots + a_m z^m + O(z^{m+1}). \quad (11)$$

For we have  $g(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots + a_m z^m + z^{m+1}(a_{m+1} + a_{m+2} z + \cdots)$ ; we need only show that the parenthesized quantity is bounded when  $z < r$ , for some positive  $r$ , and it is easy to see that  $a_{m+1} + a_{m+2} r + a_{m+3} r^2 + \cdots$  is an upper bound whenever  $z \leq r < z_0$ .

For example, the generating functions listed in Section 1.2.9 give us many important asymptotic formulas valid when  $z$  is sufficiently small, including

$$e^z = 1 + \frac{1}{2!}z^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{m!}z^m + O(z^{m+1}), \quad (12)$$

$$\ln(1+z) = z - \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m}z^m + O(z^{m+1}) \quad (13)$$

$$(1+z)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha z + \binom{\alpha}{2}z^2 + \dots + \binom{\alpha}{m}z^m + O(z^{m+1}), \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{1}{1-z} \ln \frac{1}{1-z} = z + H_2 z^2 + \dots + H_m z^m + O(z^{m+1}), \quad (15)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$ . It is important to note that the hidden constants  $M$  and  $r$  implied by any particular  $O$  are related to each other. For ...

The normal math fonts switch to old style figures and calligraphic characters via a font switch. Since, with the newly-defined encoding, all of the characters are crammed into two fonts, and we do not create virtual fonts, the font switch approach doesn't work. As a result, there are two sets of "stupid" math commands that allow one to use these characters. They are not ideal, but until someone comes along with elegant virtual font support, they at least make the commands available.

The commands for old style figures in math mode are `\zero`, `\one`, ... `\nine`.

$$3 = 2\alpha + 5\beta$$

The commands for calligraphic capitals in math mode are `\calA`, `\calB`, ... `\calZ`.

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{M} + \mathcal{N}$$

The math fonts used in this document don't take advantage of different design sizes (e.g., caption for scripts). That is mostly an oversight born of laziness. The underlying mechanism for taking advantage of caption and sub-head sizes is there, but untested.

In order to install a font for math usage, run `TEXFONT` on the regular and italic variants, using the `math-atc` encoding:

```
texfont --makepath --install --en=math-atc --otf
      --ve=adobe --co=WarnockPro WarnockPro-Regular
texfont --makepath --install --en=math-atc --otf
      --ve=adobe --co=WarnockPro WarnockPro-It
```

This will result in two fonts, named `math-atc-WarnockPro-Regular` and `math-atc-WarnockPro-It`, and a map file named `math-atc-adobe-warnockpro.map`. Make sure the map file is properly loaded by your source file, and that there is a typescript that properly associates `MathRoman` and `MathItalic` with your newly-created font files:

```
\starttypescript [math] [WarnockMath] [name]
\definefontsynonym [MathRoman] [math-atc-WarnockPro-Regular]
\definefontsynonym [MathItalic] [math-atc-WarnockPro-It]
\stoptypescript
```

Make sure that at some point you load the `math-atc` file:

```
\input math-atc
```

Finally, include the typescripts in your master typescript for the body font. If you do *not* define synonyms for `MathRomanCaption`, `MathItalicSubhead`, and the like, then you should use `ATCMathFallback` in your typescript as well:

```
\usetypescript[math][WarnockMath][name]  
\usetypescript[math][ATCMathFallback][name]  
\usetypescript[math][ATCMath][size]  
\usemathcollection[atc]
```

## 6 Installation and Usage

The accompanying archive, `OpenType.zip`, is designed to be unpacked in a `texmf` tree, most likely `texmf-local`. If you have ConTeXt installed in that tree, be sure to back up your `texfont.pl` file first. The zip file installs a modified `texfont.pl` in the `context/perltk` directory.

There are two encoding files, `math-atc.enc` and `texnansiOSFSC.enc` installed in the `dvips/local` directory.

Finally, there are two ConTeXt files installed in the `tex/context/third` directory. `type-atc.tex` is the gigantic typescript that handles opticals, small caps, math, and the various other features and commands mentioned in this article. `math-atc.tex` contains the math collection that enables adapting to a math font.

After unzipping, make sure to run `texhash` or an equivalent to be sure that the files are found. Unless you are using the most spartan subset of the functionality described here, you will need to increase the font memory available to ConTeXt. Precise instructions vary with distribution.

From there, you should be able to install fonts, create your own typescripts linking names like `SansCapsItalicText` with the generated font files, and run your source file, using the `\usetypescriptfile[type-atc]` command. Don't forget to load your map files at the beginning of the document.

## 7 Known issues

The sheer number of fonts defined means that these typescripts are extremely memory-intensive. A modern computer should not struggle, as long as the font memory allocated to ConTeXt is sufficient.

The default compound hyphen that is used in composed-words is a hybrid character that doesn't work well in some pro fonts, including Warnock. Until someone comes up with a way of elegantly stretching the hyphen, it is best to replace the default compound character with a single hyphen (-), as I did in this article, with the command:

```
\setuphyphenmark[sign=-]
```

When using PFAEDIT, I couldn't get the latest MacOSX version to work with Minion italic fonts. Rolling back to the previous version (Dec 2002) helped me. I doubt anyone else will encounter this problem.

This has only been tested with OpenType fonts that are of the POSTSCRIPT variety. Those that are TrueType kinds of OpenType fonts may act differently.

The Adobe Jenson Pro fonts really resisted any use with hanging alignment handling. T<sub>E</sub>X simply halted in that case. It's a bit of a mystery. As a result, the handling option is simply commented out in that typescript.

I don't define any of the typescripts in terms of Serif and SerifItalic, in order to avoid stomping on existing defaults. It causes a minor issue with files that attempt to conform to a pre-existing format, like this one. As a work-around, I defined the following synonyms to be sure the magazine title and margin decorations were set in the main font:

```
\definefontsynonym[Regular][SerifDisplay]  
\definefontsynonym[RegularBold][SerifBoldSubhead]
```

source code of this document

```

\usemodule[mag-01]
\usemodule[abr-03]
\setvariables
[magazine]
[title={OpenType in \CONTEXT},
author=Adam T.\ Lindsay,
affiliation=Lancaster University,
date=May 2003]

\startbuffer[abstract]
This is a summary of issues encountered and solutions
implemented in order to support some advanced OpenType
features in \CONTEXT. This article describes an accompanying
package that addresses installation (using \TEXFONT),
accommodating extended opticals families, and some ‘‘pro’’ font
features. The extended character set afforded by pro fonts
enables support for comprehensive small caps, old-style
figures, and the use of greek glyphs to give workable math fonts.
Although the typescripts and commands are described
together, certain features (like variant encodings for \TEXFONT\
and the idiosyncratic method for creating new math fonts)
can be used independently of the other features described.
\stopbuffer

\startbuffer[myscript]
\usetypescriptfile[type-atc]
\loadmapfile[texnansi-adobe-warnockpro.map]
\loadmapfile[texnansiOSFSC-adobe-warnockpro.map]
\usetypescript[Warn]
\switchtobodyfont[Warn,10pt]
\stopbuffer
\getbuffer[myscript]

\definefontsynonym[Regular][SerifDisplay]
\definefontsynonym[RegularBold][SerifBoldSubhead]
\setuphyphenmark[sign=-]
\setupalign[hanging]
\loadmapfile[math-atc-adobe-warnockpro.map]
\loadmapfile[texnansi-adobe-cronospro.map]
\loadmapfile[texnansiOSFSC-adobe-cronospro.map]

\hyphenation{Open-Type}
\def\PFAEDIT{{\SmCap PfaEdit}}

\starttext \setups [titlepage] \setups [title]

\chapter{Introduction}

```

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This issue of My Way introduces some issues in installing, using, and integrating OpenType fonts in `\CONTEXT`. OpenType has been discussed elsewhere in detail, but it should suffice to say that it is a modern melding of `\POSTSCRIPT` and TrueType, enabling advanced typography features and Unicode support.

With some of the most complex OpenType fonts, one also sees integration with multiple design sizes. This is not necessarily unique to OpenType fonts, but is a co||occurring feature seen with ‘‘premium’’||quality fonts. Some of the advanced typographical features seen in such fonts are integrated glyphs for `{\SmCap` small caps `{\em` across `{\SmCap` every font variant), old style and tabulation figures, and greek glyphs, all within the same font. This article introduces some strategies for taking advantage of the small caps and old style figures, and for making basic math fonts that include the greek glyphs where available.

It should be noted that this package owes its existence to Adobe{}’s ‘‘Type Classics for Learning,’’\footnote{see `\hyphenatedurl` `{http://www.adobe.com/education/ed_products/typeclassics.html}}` an education||only package of very high quality OpenType fonts, for `{\SmCap` 99 usd}. Many thanks to Bruce D’Arcus for pointing out the existence of this package, and his enthusiasm and cunning for encouraging me to do something with it. He also pointed me to the work of Achim Blumensath, whose efforts in the `\LATEX` domain sparked my initial ideas about font installation. Otared Kavian provided the extended mathematics example. Obvious thanks to Hans Hagen and Don Knuth for providing such a rich foundation for this modest addition to the `\CONTEXT` canon.

`\chapter`{Font Installation}

The first issue to deal with is getting the fonts to be installed into the TeX tree. Early on, I decided that I should try to use `\TEXFONT`, because it was clearly a `\CONTEXT`||friendly tool, and, frankly, because I was slightly more familiar with it than other tools. It was pointed out that `\PFAEDIT`\footnote{see `\hyphenatedurl` `{http://pfaedit.sourceforge.net/}}`, by George Williams, was a powerful, freely||available, open||source, cross||platform tool that handled OpenType fonts as well as any other. As a result, using this package relies on you correctly installing `\PFAEDIT` on your machine.

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I extended `\TEXFONT\` to include an optional `pre|`-`|processing` step that converts an OpenType font to a `\type{.pfb}` and `\type{.afm}` pair. From there, `\TEXFONT\` could work its usual magic.

The modified `\TEXFONT\` is included in the accompanying package as `\hyphenatedfile{context/perltk/texfont.pl}`. The first additional option of interest is `\type{--otf}`. This command `|`line switch triggers a run of `\PFAEDIT\` for each otf found in the current directory.

For example, if you wanted to install the `{\ss Cronos Pro}` OpenType fonts, go into the directory containing the fonts, and issue the command (all on one line):

```
\starttyping
texfont --makepath --install --en=texnansi
      --otf --ve=adobe --co=CronosPro
\stoptyping
```

If you prefer to work with batch files in `\TEXFONT`, the following line should be a good place to start:

```
\starttyping
--en=? --ve=adobe --co=CronosPro --so=auto --otf
\stoptyping
```

In order to support at least some of the many extended characters in a “Pro” font, another command `|`line option was added to `\TEXFONT`, `\type{--variant=<blah>}` (abbreviated as `\type{--va=}`), which allows one `\type{.enc}` file to masquerade as another. For example, if I am working with the `\type{texnansi}` encoding, I can create a `{\em variant}` encoding that substitutes small caps for the lowercase letters. I name that encoding `\type{texnansiSC.enc}`, put it in a place where it can be found (like `\hyphenatedfile{dvips/local}`), and run:

```
\starttyping
texfont --en=texnansi --va=SC --otf --ve=adobe --co=CronosPro
\stoptyping
```

The `\type{--variant}` option appends the variant’s name (`\type{SC}`, here) to the end of the name of the encoding (`\type{texnansi}`), and looks for that particular `\type{.enc}` file on the path. One variant, `\type{texnansiOSFSC.enc}`, is included in this package as a starter, in the `\hyphenatedfile{dvips/local}` directory. It was the only variant I personally needed for extended support of the pro fonts, but you’re welcome to create (and share!) your own.



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It is worth noting that there is nothing about the `\type{--variant}` option that is tied to OpenType fonts. If you are working with any sort of font with extended glyphs (such as `\it` `\mathematics{\calS}wash` `\mathematics{\calC}aps`), you can create a font that accesses those extended glyphs (while masquerading as a known encoding) by using this method.

```
\chapter{Opticals}
```

Most fonts that `\TEX` users are familiar with include only two design axes, namely weight (e.g., light, regular, or bold) and shape (e.g., italic, slanted, or roman). Back in the days of metal type, each size of a given font had different design characteristics, because the eye is sensitive to different features at different scales. “Optical” fonts essentially add another design axis.

This design axis was well developed in the days of multiple master fonts, but since that technology appears to be dying, premium fonts are now being issued at discrete points along that axis. The font package that was used in the development of these macros and typescripts typically included four optical font sizes for each font: caption, regular, subhead, and display. Their differences are shown in figure `\in[captiondisplay]`.

```
\placefigure[here][captiondisplay]
```

```
{The four design sizes of Warnock Pro Opticals, shown at the same point size}
```

```
{\startcombination[4*1]
```

```
{\definedfont[SerifCaption sa 6]Ag}{caption}
```

```
{\definedfont[SerifDisplay sa 6]Ag}{display}
```

```
{\definedfont[SerifSubhead sa 6]Ag}{subhead}
```

```
{\definedfont[SerifText sa 6]Ag}{regular}
```

```
\stopcombination}
```

At small design sizes (caption), there is typically lower contrast, a heavier stroke, a slightly larger x-height, and generally courser features. At large design sizes (display), strokes, tapers, serifs, and other details are much more refined.

This package supports these various design sizes with a series of extensive typescripts. It’s essentially a brute force method that defines font synonyms for each design size for each variant. That is, support for opticals is achieved by using a typescript that has small, regular,

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large, and extra||large fonts named for each of roman, italic, bold, and bold italic font variants, and adapting the `\type{\tfa}--\type{\tfd}` switching for each body font size.

For example, there are font synonyms declared for each of the following: `Serif|*|Caption`, `Serif|*|Text`, `Serif|*|Subhead`, `Serif|*|Display`, `Serif|*|Italic|*|Caption`, `Serif|*|Italic|*|Text`, `Serif|*|Italic|*|Subhead`, `Serif|*|Italic|*|Display`, and so on\dots.

Each of these symbolic names is tied to font commands through the definition of a very large “Opticals\” typescript, which generically associates a type variation and a type size with a design size. An extract follows:

```
\startTEX
\starttypescript [serif] [Opticals] [size]
\definebodyfont
  [12pt,11pt] [rm]
  [tf=SerifText sa 1,
  tfa=SerifSubhead sa \magfactor1,
  tfb=SerifSubhead sa \magfactor2,
  tfc=SerifSubhead sa \magfactor3,
  tfd=SerifDisplay sa \magfactor4,
  it=SerifItalicText sa 1,
  ita=SerifItalicSubhead sa \magfactor1,
  itb=SerifItalicSubhead sa \magfactor2,
  itc=SerifItalicSubhead sa \magfactor3,
  itd=SerifItalicDisplay sa \magfactor4,
  ...]
\stoptypescript
\stopTEX
```

As the bodyfont size changes (`\type{12pt,11pt}`, above), the relationships between the opticals change. This is handled in a huge typescript. In order to use this typescript yourself, you should define each of the `Serif|*|Caption` \dots `Serif|*|Italic|*|Display` synonyms in your own typescript, and include that with the Opticals typescript.

For example, I defined the various opticals for the Warnock font in a typescript called `\type{WarnockProSiz}`. I first created a typescript that associated the optical sizes with the actual font names as installed by

```
\TEXFONT:
\startTEX
\starttypescript [serif] [WarnockProSiz] [texnansi]
\definefontsynonym [SerifCaption] [texnansi-WarnockPro-Capt]
```

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```
[encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
\definefontsynonym[SerifText][texnansi-WarnockPro-Regular]
[encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
\definefontsynonym[SerifSubhead][texnansi-WarnockPro-Subh]
[encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
\definefontsynonym[SerifDisplay][texnansi-WarnockPro-Disp]
[encoding=texnansi,handling=pure]
...
\stoptypescript
\stopTEX
```

I then created a Warnock typescript to tie my size synonyms with the Opticals typescript:

```
\startTEX
\starttypescript[Warn]
\usetypescript[serif][WarnockProSiz][texnansi]
\usetypescript[serif][Opticals][size]
\stoptypescript
\stopTEX
```

I then invoked the typescript at the top of this document, making sure to load the map files properly, as well:

```
\typebuffer[myscript]
```

```
\chapter{Small Caps}
```

Current support for `{\SmCap small caps}`, both inside and outside `\TEX`, is generally very primitive. Most fonts -- if they do offer it

-- only offer small caps support as a variation on the plain, roman font, and not for any italic||slanted fonts or bold

fonts. This means that the small caps shape is of limited use with non||normal font alternatives (what `\CONTEXT\` calls `\type{\it}` and `\type{\bf}`). With a full complement of small caps shapes for each font alternative, small caps can be used more extensively.

The approach chosen for this package was to create another serif font style to exist inside the serif family, alongside the familiar roman (`\type{rm}`) style. The new font family, roman caps (`\type{rc}`) defines parallel font alternatives, using small caps variants. This means more work in terms of defining font synonyms, but it enables the small caps shape as a full design axis. The definitions begin as follows:

```
\startTEX
\definebodyfont
[12pt,11pt][rc]
[tf=SerifCapsText sa 1,
```

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```
tfa=SerifCapsSubhead sa \magfactor1,
...]
```

`\stopTEX`  
`\dots` and proceeds as the other definitions, above. There are sans serif equivalents defined, as well. The sans small caps family (`\type{cs}`, caps sans) is treated the same way. If you have installed a small caps type variant for a sans serif font, you should define and use this parallel family.

In order to use these font families, you may call them directly with macros like `\type{{\rc\bf this}} ({\rc\bf this})`. This is inconvenient, and requires you to recall the font alternative as well as the roman caps font style. To alleviate the inconvenience, this package defines a new font command, which switches from the normal style to the caps style while keeping the current alternative. The command is `\type{\SmCap}`, and it is used grouped, like other font commands. The first line, below, is achieved with the code:

```
\startTEX
{\it text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}
\stopTEX
{\it text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}\crlf
{\bf text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}\crlf
{\rc text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}\crlf
%{text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}\crlf
{\ss text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}
%{\ssbi text {\SmCap text \em text} text \fontstyle\ \fontalternative}\crlf
```

There is an identical command `\type{\OldStyle}`, which assumes that there are old style figures defined in the small caps family. It works in the same way as the above:

```
\startTEX
{\ss 0123456789 \OldStyle 0123456789}
\stopTEX
{\ss 0123456789 \OldStyle 0123456789}\crlf
{\bi 0123456789 \OldStyle 0123456789}\crlf
{\itx 0123456789 \OldStyle 0123456789}\crlf
```

If you do not have fonts at different optical sizes, but you do have them in each of the font alternatives, you can use the roman caps and caps sans (`\type{\rc}` and `\type{cs}`) type styles by including one or both of the following two lines in your typescript:

```
\startTEX
\usetyescript [serif] [romancaps] [size]
\usetyescript [sans] [sanscaps] [size]
```

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```
\stopTEX
```

`\dots` and defining the caps synonyms as suggested by those two typescripts.

```
\chapter{Math}
```

This package tries to take advantage of the greek characters included in certain OpenType Pro fonts. It does so by defining a new encoding that is applied to both roman and italic versions of a font. A math file

then pulls the appropriate glyph from the math roman or math italic font, and makes it available to `\TEX`. The encoding is shown for Warnock Math Italic.

```
\showfont[math-atc-WarnockPro-It]
```

As you can see, there is a strong complement of math-related glyphs. The encoding includes characters like old style figures and calligraphic letters (`{\it \mathematics{\calS}wash \mathematics{\calC}aps}`, taken from the italic font). The math-atc file consists of a math collection that is

tuned for this pair of fonts using this custom encoding. Where possible, the math collection pulls the glyph from the math roman/italic font. Otherwise, the character from the computer modern math font is used.

There exist some issues that probably prevent heavy-duty mathematics use. The biggest one is that spacing is still like a roman font. Math appears to be unknerved, normally, but characters in this font are ‘‘jammed together.’’ It requires a level of font voodoo that I don’t currently have. The second issue is that these fonts don’t include a dotless j. Some of the math characters don’t match perfectly with their computer roman cousins; I chose a scaling that is hopefully a plausible compromise. Let’s see a sample for its suitability.

```
\startnarrower
```

```
\hairline
```

```
\input math-knuth-shortest
```

```
\hairline
```

```
\stopnarrower
```

The normal math fonts switch to old style figures and calligraphic characters via a font switch. Since, with the newly defined encoding, all of the characters are crammed into two fonts, and we do not create virtual fonts, the font switch approach doesn’t work. As a result, there are two sets of ‘‘stupid’’ math commands that allow one to use these characters. They are not ideal, but until

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someone comes along with elegant virtual font support, they at least make the commands available.

```
The commands for old style figures in math mode are \type{\zero},  
\type{\one}, \dots \type{\nine}.  
\startformula  
\three = \two\alpha +\five\beta  
\stopformula
```

```
The commands for calligraphic capitals in math mode are  
\type{\calA}, \type{\calB}, \dots \type{\calZ}.  
\startformula  
\calA = \calM+\calN  
\stopformula
```

The math fonts used in this document don't take advantage of different design sizes (e.g., caption for scripts). That is mostly an oversight born of laziness. The underlying mechanism for taking advantage of caption and sub|head sizes is there, but untested.

In order to install a font for math usage, run `\TEXFONT\` on the regular and italic variants, using the `math-atc` encoding:

```
\starttyping  
texfont --makepath --install --en=math-atc --otf  
--ve=adobe --co=WarnockPro WarnockPro-Regular  
texfont --makepath --install --en=math-atc --otf  
--ve=adobe --co=WarnockPro WarnockPro-It  
\stoptyping  
This will result in two fonts, named math-atc-WarnockPro-Regular  
and math-atc-WarnockPro-It, and a map file named  
math-atc-adobe-warnockpro.map. Make sure the map file is  
properly loaded by your source file, and that there is a  
typescript that properly associates MathRoman and MathItalic  
with your newly|created font files:  
\startTEX  
\starttypescript [math] [WarnockMath] [name]  
\definefontsynonym [MathRoman] [math-atc-WarnockPro-Regular]  
\definefontsynonym [MathItalic] [math-atc-WarnockPro-It]  
\stoptypescript  
\stopTEX
```

Make sure that at some point you load the `math-atc` file:

```
\startTEX  
\input math-atc  
\stopTEX
```

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Finally, include the typescripts in your master typescript for the body font. If you do `\em not` define synonyms for `MathRomanCaption`, `MathItalicSubhead`, and the like, then you should use `ATCMathFallback` in your typescript as well:

```
\startTEX
\usetyescript[math][WarnockMath][name]
\usetyescript[math][ATCMathFallback][name]
\usetyescript[math][ATCMath][size]
\usemathcollection[atc]
\stopTEX
```

`\chapter{Installation and Usage}`

The accompanying archive, `OpenType.zip`, is designed to be unpacked in a `texmf` tree, most likely `texmf|local`. If you have `\CONTEXT` installed in that tree, be sure to back up your `\type{texfont.pl}` file first. The zip file installs a modified `\type{texfont.pl}` in the `\hyphenatedfile{context/perltk}` directory.

There are two encoding files, `\type{math-atc.enc}` and `\type{texnansiOSFSC.enc}` installed in the `\hyphenatedfile{dvips/local}` directory.

Finally, there are two `\CONTEXT` files installed in the `\hyphenatedfile{tex/context/third}` directory.

`\type{type-atc.tex}` is the gigantic typescript that handles opticals, small caps, math, and the various other features and commands mentioned in this article. `\type{math-atc.tex}` contains the math collection that enables adapting to a math font.

After unzipping, make sure to run `\type{texhash}` or an equivalent to be sure that the files are found. Unless you are using the most spartan subset of the functionality described here, you will need to increase the font memory available to `\CONTEXT`. Precise instructions vary with distribution.

From there, you should be able to install fonts, create your own typescripts linking names like `SansCapsItalicText` with the generated font files, and run your source file, using the `\type{\usetyescriptfile[type-atc]}` command.

Don't forget to load your map files at the beginning of the document.

`\chapter{Known issues}`

The sheer number of fonts defined means that these typescripts are extremely memory-intensive. A modern

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computer should not struggle, as long as the font memory allocated to `\CONTEXT` is sufficient.

The default compound hyphen that is used in composed `\compoundhyphen` words is a hybrid character that doesn't work well in some pro fonts, including Warnock. Until someone comes up with a way of elegantly stretching the hyphen, it is best to replace the default compound character with a single hyphen (-), as I did in this article, with the command:

```
\startTEX
\setuphyphenmark[sign=-]
\stopTEX
```

When using `\PFAEDIT`, I couldn't get the latest MacOSX version to work with Minion italic fonts. Rolling back to the previous version (Dec 2002) helped me. I doubt anyone else will encounter this problem.

This has only been tested with OpenType fonts that are of the `\POSTSCRIPT` variety. Those that are TrueType kinds of OpenType fonts may act differently.

The Adobe Jenson Pro fonts really resisted any use with hanging alignment handling. `\TEX` simply halted in that case. It's a bit of a mystery. As a result, the handling option is simply commented out in that typescript.

I don't define any of the typescripts in terms of `Serif` and `Serif|*|Italic`, in order to avoid stomping on existing defaults. It causes a minor issue with files that attempt to conform to a pre-existing format, like this one. As a work-around, I defined the following synonyms to be sure the magazine title and margin decorations were set in the main font:

```
\startTEX
\definefontsynonym[Regular][SerifDisplay]
\definefontsynonym[RegularBold][SerifBoldSubhead]
\stopTEX

\setups [listing] \setups [lastpage] \stoptext
```



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