

# **Surviving the T<sub>E</sub>X font encoding mess**

**Understanding the world of T<sub>E</sub>X fonts  
and mastering the basics of *fontinst***

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FAMOUS QUOTE:

*English is useful because it is a mess. Since English is a mess, it maps well onto the problem space, which is also a mess, which we call reality. Similary, Perl was designed to be a mess, though in the nicests of all possible ways.*

— LARRY WALL

COROLLARY:

*T<sub>E</sub>X fonts are mess, as they are a product of reality. Similary, fontinst is a mess, not necessarily by design, but because it has to cope with the mess we call reality.*

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# What is a font?

- in technical terms:
  - fonts have many different representations depending on the point of view
  - $\text{\TeX}$  typesetter: fonts metrics (TFM) and nothing else
  - DVI driver: virtual fonts (VF), bitmaps fonts(PK), outline fonts (PFA/PFB or TTF)
  - PostScript: Type 1 (outlines), Type 3 (anything), Type 42 fonts (embedded TTF)
- in general terms:
  - fonts are collections of glyphs (characters, symbols) of a particular design
  - fonts are organized into families, series and individual shapes
  - glyphs may be accessed either by character code or by symbolic names
  - encoding of glyphs may be fixed or controllable by encoding vectors
- font information consists of:
  - metric information (glyph metrics and global parameters)
  - some representation of glyph shapes (bitmaps or outlines)

## What is a font ... from the point of view of $\text{\TeX}$ ?

- a font is described *only* by its metric information stored in TFM files
  - glyph metrics are accessed by font position, i.e. by character code
  - font encodings are fixed (font-specific), not changeable
  - mapping between glyphs and character codes happens at the macro level
  - macro packages need to know about font encodings and naming schemes
- font metric information consist of global and per-glyph information:
  - FAMILY and CODINGSHEME parameters (not accessible from  $\text{\TeX}$ )
  - global \fontdimen parameters (space, stretch, shrink, quad, etc.)
  - ligature and kerning table (interaction between glyphs)
  - glyph dimensions (width, height, depth, italic corrections)
- technical limitations of TFM format:
  - only 16 different heights or depths, 256 different widths
  - only 16 families of math fonts ( $16 \times 256 = 4096$  math symbols)

## What is a font ... from the point of view of a DVI driver?

- a font is a file that contains a representation of glyph shapes
  - traditional approach:  $\text{\TeX}$ -specific bitmap fonts stored in PK files
  - more modern approach: outline fonts (PostScript or TrueType)
- for bitmap fonts:
  - glyph shapes are represented as bitmaps of black and white pixels
  - glyph bitmaps are generated for specific resolutions and magnifications
  - glyph bitmaps are accessed by font position, i.e. by character code
  - font encodings are fixed (font-specific), not changeable
- for outline fonts:
  - printer-resident fonts or system fonts can be accessed directly
  - non-resident fonts have to be downloaded to the output file or device
  - processing and reencoding is left to the PostScript interpreter
  - rendering of outlines to pixels is left to the PostScript renderer

## What is a font ... from the point of view of PostScript?

- a font is a file that consists of programs to draw outlines of glyph shapes
  - glyph programs are stored in an encoded format in PFA/PFB files
  - glyph programs are accessed by symbolic names, such as /germandb1s
  - mapping between glyphs and character codes by encoding vectors
  - outlines may be scaled or transformed (slanted, extended) as needed
- font encoding may be changed by encoding vectors: *reencoding*
  - glyphs may be hidden away from an encoding vector (unencoded glyphs)
  - glyphs may appear multiple times in an encoding vector
- font encodings used by default:
  - Standard encoding hides away 79 out of 228 standard characters
  - Expert encoding (subset) contains 165 (or 86) extra characters
  - reencoding is necessary to gain access to all glyphs in standard fonts

## What is a virtual font?

- virtual fonts consist of metrics (TFM) and typesetting instructions (VF)
  - virtual fonts appear like normal fonts from the point of view of  $\text{\TeX}$
  - virtual fonts are interpreted by DVI drivers (or the pdf $\text{\TeX}$  back-end)
- typical applications of virtual fonts:
  - reordering glyphs from a single font: *remapping* (not *reencoding*!)
  - combining glyphs from multiple raw fonts in a single font
  - faking unavailable glyphs by combining multiple glyphs
  - faking unavailable font shapes using transformed versions
- specific applications of virtual fonts:
  - adding ff-ligatures from expert fonts to standard fonts
  - adding small caps or old style figures to standard fonts
  - putting accent glyphs on top of unaccented letters
  - faking small caps by scaling and letterspacing

# Font file formats

- traditional METAFONT bitmap fonts:
  - TFM, PL: TeX font metrics (binary format), property lists (textual format)
  - VF, VPL: virtual fonts (binary format), virtual property lists (textual format)
  - GF, PK: generic fonts, packed fonts (bitmap formats)
- PostScript Type 1 outline fonts:
  - AFM: Adobe font metrics (textual format)
  - PFM: printer font metrics (binary format)
  - PFA: printer font ASCII (encoded glyph programs in textual format)
  - PFB: printer font binary (encoded glyph programs in binary format)
- TrueType outline fonts:
  - TTF: TrueType font (includes both metrics and glyph programs)
  - T42: Type 42 font, TrueType font embedded in PostScript wrapper

# Font conversion utilities

- T<sub>E</sub>Xware / METAFONTware utilities:
  - `tftopl`, `pltotf`: convert TFM to PL and back
  - `vftovp`, `vptovf`: convert VF/TFM to VPL and back
  - `gftopk`, `pktogf`: convert GF to PK and back
- PostScript utilities:
  - `afm2tfm` (included with `dvips`): convert (and reencode) AFM to TFM
  - `gsf2pk` (included with `xdvi`): render PFA or PFB fonts to PK
  - `t1binary`, `t1ascii` (from `tlutils`): convert PFA to PFB and back
  - `t1disasm`, `t1asm` (from `tlutils`): decode or encode PFA or PFB
- TrueType utilities:
  - `ttf2afm` (included with `pdftex`): generate AFM for TTF fonts
  - FreeType project: `ttf2tfm`, `ttf2pk`, `ttf2pfb`, etc.
- *fontinst* [to be discussed later]

# Font attributes and classifications

- fonts may be described by the following *font attributes*:
  - *family*      typeface name
  - *series*      combination of *weight* and *width*
  - *weight*      regular, bold, semibold, light, demi, book, medium, black, etc.
  - *width*      normal, condensed, compressed, extended, expanded, etc.
  - *shape*      normal (upright), slanted (oblique), italic
  - *variant*      small caps, old style figures
  - *glyph set*      standard, expert, alternate, swash, etc.
  - *encoding*      [to be discussed later]
- font attributes are reflected in font names:
  - PostScript font names, e.g. `Minion-SemiboldItalicSC`
  - Berry font naming scheme, e.g. `pmnsic8a`, `pmnsic8r`, `pmnsic8t`
  - L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X font selection scheme, e.g. `\usefont{T1}{pmn}{sb}{scit}`

# Font selection schemes

- traditional plain T<sub>E</sub>X font selection scheme:
  - specific font commands (`\tenrm`) are used to access specific fonts (`cmr10`)
  - generic font commands (`\rm`) are mapped to specific commands (`\tenrm`)
  - font commands select combinations of family, series, shape and size
- L<sub>A</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 <sub>$\varepsilon$</sub>  font selection scheme:
  - mapping of font commands to files through \* .fd files (*font definitions*)
  - font attributes (encoding, family, series, shape) are decoupled
  - `\usefont` command selects specific combinations of font attributes:
    - e.g. `\fontsize{10}{12}\usefont{OT1}{cmr}{m}{n}`
  - generic font commands select or switch font attributes independently:
    - e.g. `\fontfamily{cmr}, \fontseries{m}, \fontshape{n}`
    - e.g. `\rmfamily, \mdseries, \upshape`
  - font attributes may be substituted by default values:
    - e.g. `\rmdefault, \seriesdefault, \shapedefault`
  - font changes take effect only after `\selectfont` command

## Font naming schemes

- PostScript font names are given in verbose format (32 chars) like this:  
`FamilySupplier-SeriesShapeVariant`
- PostScript fonts are named according to vendor-specific naming schemes
- $\text{\TeX}$  fonts are named according to Karl Berry's font name scheme like this:  
`S FF W [V] EE [W] [DD]`
- How the Berry font name scheme is composed:  
S: supplier, FF: family, W: weight, V: variants (as needed),  
EE: encoding, W width (if any), DD: design size (if any)
- Problems of the Berry font name scheme:
  - designed to be compatible with 8+3 file systems (more or less)
  - limited to no more than 26 suppliers and  $26 \times 36$  families
  - all meaningful supplier and family codes are already taken
  - no one-to-one mapping of weights onto  $\text{\TeX}$  font selection codes
  - distinction between shapes, design and encoding variants is messy

# Decoding the Berry font naming scheme (I)

some *supplier* codes:

- a Autologic
- b Bitstream
- c Compugraphic
- d DTC
- e Apple
- f 'free' / public
- g GNU
- h Bigelow & Holmes
- i ITC
- j Microsoft
- k Softkey
- l Linotype
- m Monotype
- n IBM
- o Corel
- p Adobe
- r 'raw' (obsolete)
- s Sun
- t Paragraph
- u URW
- w Wolfram
- z bizarre

some *family* codes:

- a1 Arial
- ac Adobe Caslon
- ad Adobe Garamond
- ag AvantGarde
- bb Bembo
- bd Bodoni
- bk Bookman
- bv Baskerville
- ca Caslon
- ch Charter
- cr Courier
- dt Dante
- fr Frutiger
- fu Futura
- g1 Galliard
- gm Garamond
- gs Gill Sans
- gv Giovanni
- gy Goudy
- hv Helvetica

more *family* codes:

- lc Lucida
- lh Lucida Bright
- ls Lucida Sans
- lx Lucida Fax
- mn Minion
- my Myriad
- nb New Baskerville
- nc New Century Schoolbook
- ns Times New Roman PS
- nt Times New Roman
- op Optima
- pi 'Pi' fonts (symbols)
- pl Palatino
- sb Sabon
- sy Symbol
- un Univers
- ut Utopia
- tm Times
- zc Zapf Chancery
- zd Zapf Dingbats

# Decoding the Berry font naming scheme (II)

some *weight* codes:

l light  
r regular  
k book  
m medium  
d demi  
s semibold  
b bold  
c black

some *width* codes:

c condensed  
p compressed  
n narrow  
- normal  
e expanded  
x extended

some *variant* codes:

a alternate  
d display, titling  
f fraktur, handtooled  
j oldstyle digits  
n informal, casual  
p ornaments  
s sans serif  
t typewriter  
w script, handwriting  
x expert

some *shape* codes:

c small caps  
i italic  
o oblique, slanted  
u unslanted italic

some *encodings*:

8a Adobe standard encoding  
8x Adobe expert encoding  
  
8r TeXBase1Encoding  
8y TeXnAnsEncoding (LY1)  
  
7t 7-bit  $\text{\TeX}$  text (OT1)  
7m 7-bit math letters (OML)  
7y 7-bit math symbols (OMS)  
7v 7-bit math extension (OMX)  
  
8t 8-bit  $\text{\TeX}$  text (T1)  
8c 8-bit  $\text{\TeX}$  text symbols (TS1)  
  
7a Alternate or Swash Caps  
7c DFr (= Deutsche Fraktur)

# Mapping the Berry font naming schemes to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X font attributes

Berry font names and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X *weight* codes:

|   |                   |    |                 |
|---|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| a | Thin, Hairline    | u1 | Ultra Light     |
| j | ExtraLight        | e1 | Extra Light     |
| l | Light             | l  | Light           |
| r | Regular, Roman    | m  | Medium          |
| k | Book              | m  | Medium          |
| m | Medium            | mb | (was: m)        |
| d | Demi              | db | (was: sb)       |
| s | Semibold          | sb | Semibold        |
| b | Bold              | b  | Bold            |
| h | Heavy             | eb | (was missing)   |
| c | Black             | eb | (was missing)   |
| x | Extra, ExtraBlack | eb | Extra Bold      |
| u | Ultra, UltraBlack | ub | Ultra Bold      |
| p | Poster            | -  | (still missing) |

Berry font names and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X *width* codes:

|   |                  |    |                 |
|---|------------------|----|-----------------|
| t | Thin             | -  | -               |
| o | Ultra Condensed  | uc | Ultra Condensed |
| u | Ultra Compressed | uc | ..              |
| q | Extra Compressed | ec | Extra Condensed |
| c | Condensed        | c  | Condensed       |
| p | Compressed       | c  | ..              |
| n | Narrow           | c  | ..              |
| - | -                | sc | Semi Condensed  |
| r | Normal, Regular  | m  | Medium          |
| - | -                | sx | Semi Expanded   |
| e | Expanded         | x  | Expanded        |
| x | Extended         | x  | ..              |
| v | Extra Expanded   | ex | Extra Expanded  |
| - | -                | ux | Ultra Expanded  |
| w | Wide             | -  | -               |

## Font encodings (I)

- 7-bit T<sub>E</sub>X-specific encodings:
  - 7t (OT1): 7-bit text fonts, e.g. `cmr`, `cmsl`
  - 7t (OT1i): 7-bit text with variant glyphs (£ vs. \$), e.g. `cmmi`
  - 7t (OT1c): 7-bit text with small caps glyphs, e.g. `cmcsc`
  - 7t (OT1t): 7-bit text without f-ligatures, e.g. `cmtt`
- 8-bit T<sub>E</sub>X-specific encodings:
  - 8t (T1): 8-bit text fonts, e.g. `ecrm`, `ecsl`, `ecit`
  - 8c (TS1): 8-bit text symbol fonts, e.g. `tcrm`, `tcs1`, `tcit`
- 8-bit default encodings for PostScript / TrueType fonts:
  - 8a: Adobe standard or SC+OsF encoding
  - 8x: Adobe expert or expert subset encoding
- 8-bit raw encodings for PostScript / TrueType fonts:
  - 8r: `TeXBase1Encoding`
  - 8y: `TeXnANSIEncoding` (LY1)

## Font encodings (II)

- target encodings for font installation:
  - 7t (OT1): 7-bit text (standard)
  - 9t (OT1): 7-bit text (standard + expert)
  - 9o (OT1): 7-bit text (standard + expert + oldstyle)
  - 8t (T1): 8-bit text (standard)
  - 9e (T1): 8-bit text (standard + expert)
  - 9d (T1): 8-bit text (standard + expert + oldstyle)
  - 8c (TS1): 8-bit text symbols (standard)
  - 9c (TS1): 8-bit text symbols (standard + expert)
  - 8i (TS0): 8-bit text symbols subset (standard)
  - 9i (TS0X): 8-bit text symbols subset (standard + expert)
- non-Latin 1 encodings (Greek, Cyrillic, etc.)

## What's in a standard font?

- What's in a standard font?
  - regular numerals
  - ASCII and Latin 1 capital letters (slots 65-90, 160-191)
  - ASCII and Latin 1 lowercase letters (slots 97-122, 224-255)
  - ASCII and Latin 1 symbols (slots 32-127, 160-191)
  - miscellaneous symbols, including fi- and fl-ligatures
- What's in an SC+OsF font?
  - oldstyle figures (instead of regular numerals)
  - ASCII and Latin 1 capital letters (slots 65-90, 160-191)
  - ASCII and Latin 1 small caps letters (slots 97-122, 224-255)
- What's in an OsF font?
  - oldstyle figures (instead of regular numerals)
  - ASCII and Latin 1 capital letters (slots 65-90, 160-191)
  - ASCII and Latin 1 lowercase letters (slots 97-122, 224-255)

## What's in an expert font?

- What's in an expert font?
  - oldstyle figures, superior and inferior figures
  - ASCII and Latin 1 small caps letters (slots 97-122, 224-255)
  - miscellaneous symbols, including ff-, ffi- and ffl-ligatures
- What's in an expert subset font?
  - oldstyle figures, superior and inferior figures
  - empty slots instead of small caps letters
  - miscellaneous symbols, including ff-, ffi- and ffl-ligatures
- How are glyph names organized?
  - small caps letters: /Asmall instead of /a
  - oldstyle figures: /zerooldstyle instead of /zero

## Font installation considerations

- Given a set of standard fonts only:
  - regular fonts: can be implemented except for ff-ligatures
  - small caps fonts: can be faked using scaled fonts and letterspacing
  - oldstyle figures: cannot be implemented or faked at all
- Given a set of standard and expert fonts:
  - regular fonts: implemented using ff-ligatures from expert fonts
  - small caps fonts: implemented using small caps from expert fonts
  - oldstyle figures: implemented using oldstyle figs from expert fonts
- Given a set of standard and expert subset fonts:
  - regular fonts: implemented using ff-ligatures from expert fonts
  - small caps fonts: can be faked using scaled fonts and letterspacing
  - oldstyle figures: implemented using oldstyle figs from expert fonts

## Why the need for reencoding?

- 7-bit  $\text{\TeX}$ -specific encodings (OT1) are inadequate for accented languages
- optimal encoding should be based on Latin 1 as much as possible
- optimal encoding should make best use of all available glyphs
- Adobe standard encoding (8a) hides away too many glyphs
- 8-bit  $\text{\TeX}$ -specific encodings (T1 and TS1) go beyond standard glyph set
- best use of available glyph set can be made through reencoding to raw fonts
- raw font encodings can be used directly for typesetting, if desired
- virtual fonts are needed to combine standard glyphs with expert glyphs
- 7t (OT1) can be implemented either by reencoding or remapping
- 8t (T1) requires faking of non-Latin 1 glyphs through virtual fonts
- 8c (TS1) includes glyphs that cannot be implemented through faking
- 8i (TS0) is the subset which can be implemented without faking

## Which raw font encoding to use?

- 8r and 8y both provide full access to all glyphs available in standard fonts
- 8r and 8y are based on ASCII (32-127) and Latin 1 (160-255)
- 8r and 8y differ in placement of extra glyphs and symbols
- 8r and 8y include slots for ff-ligatures (usually absent from standard fonts)
- 8r is widely used for raw fonts in CTAN metrics since 1995
- 8y is proposed as an alternative approach by Y&Y (“8y is 8r done right”)
- 8r is only used as a raw font encoding, not directly for typesetting
- 8y is also used as a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X output encoding for typesetting (LY1)
- 8y mostly follows OT1 layout in lower half (including some glyphs twice)
- 8y avoids complications of T1, TS1 regarding non-standard glyphs
- 8y is functionally equivalent or even superior to 8r for standard glyphs
- 8y still requires virtual fonts to make use of expert glyphs
- LY1 may be the best choice for Latin 1, but T1 also supports Latin 2

## What's needed to set up fonts for use with $\text{\TeX}$ ?

- PostScript fonts: Have AFM files ready or convert PFM files to AFM files
- TrueType fonts: Extract font metrics to AFM files using `ttf2afm`
- Install font metrics (AFM) and font programs (PFA/PFB or TTF)
- Reencode fonts to raw encoding (8r or 8y) to make all glyphs accessible
- Transform raw fonts as needed to fill missing shapes (`S1antFont`)
- Generate  $\text{\TeX}$  font metrics (TFM) for each reencoded or transformed font
- Generate virtual fonts (VF, TFM) to implement usual  $\text{\TeX}$  encodings
- Install generated font metrics (TFM) and virtual fonts (VF, TFM)
- Generate and install font definition files (\*.fd) for  $\text{\LaTeX}$
- Generate or update font map files for dvips and pdftex

## II Installing T<sub>E</sub>X fonts with *fontinst*

- Overview of *fontinst* — What *fontinst* can do or can't do
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## Overview of *fontinst*

- What is *fontinst*?
  - a general-purpose utility for (PostScript) font installation
  - developed by Alan Jeffrey, now maintained by volunteer group
  - development coordinated through *fontinst* mailing list
- Features of *fontinst*:
  - written entirely in  $\text{\TeX}$  for portability at the cost of speed
  - operates on font metric information in textual format
  - reads AFM or PL files and writes out PL or VPL files
  - uses ETX files to specify source and target encodings
  - uses MTX files to record metric and kerning information
  - allows reencoding, transforming and scaling fonts as needed
  - supports installation of reencoded and transformed raw fonts
  - supports installation of virtual fonts based on raw fonts
  - allows manipulating glyph metrics and kerns through MTX files

## What *fontinst* can do or can't do

- What *fontinst* can do:
  - convert PostScript font metrics (AFM) to internal *fontinst* format (MTX)
  - reencode standard-encoded fonts (8a) to raw encoding (8r or 8y)
  - transform raw fonts as needed to create slanted or narrow fonts
  - generate T<sub>E</sub>X font metrics (TFM) for each reencoded or transformed font
  - generate virtual fonts (VF, TFM) to implement usual T<sub>E</sub>X encodings
  - generate L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X font definition files (\*.fd)
- What *fontinst* can't do:
  - generate font map file for dvips and pdftex
  - add checksums to PL and VPL files for consistency checks
  - convert PL and VPL files to binary TFM and VF files
  - install font metrics, virtual fonts and font definition files

## History and development of *fontinst* (I)

- Version 0.xx (ASAJ) started in Feb. 1993, presented at TUG '93
- Version 1.00 (ASAJ) started after TUG '93, complete rewrite
- Version 1.3xx (ASAJ) presented at TUG '94
  - `\latinfamily` implemented using 8a-encoded base fonts
- Version 1.400 (ASAJ) started in Nov. 1994
  - re-implementation of `\latinfamily` using 8r-encoded raw fonts
- Version 1.500 (SPQR) released in Sept. 1995
  - first CTAN release of PostScript metrics using 8r-encoded raw fonts
- Version 1.5xx (ASAJ) unreleased Jun. 1996
  - added support for expertized oldstyle fonts
- Version 1.6 (SPQR) released in Feb. 1997
  - added `\textcompfamily` for TS1 encoding (8c)

## History and development of *fontinst* (II)

- Version 1.8xx (UV, Jun. 1998)
  - converted macro sources to DOCSTRIP format
  - merged development lines of 1.5xx and 1.6 versions
  - integrated `\textcompfamily` into `\latinfamily`
  - integrated support for expertized oldstyle fonts
  - updated user documentation (Rowland McDonnell)
- Version 1.9xx (LH, to be released in 1999)
  - modularized DOCSTRIP sources
  - fixed some long-standing known bugs
  - added some experimental features related to kerns
  - updated source documentation (Lars Hellström)

## Installing and setting up *fontinst*

- *fontinst* is included in many T<sub>E</sub>X distributions (T<sub>E</sub>X Live, teTeX, fpTeX)
- *fontinst* distribution available from CTAN:[fonts/utilites/fontinst](http://CTAN/fonts/utilites/fontinst)
- Contents of the *fontinst* distribution:
  - *fontinst.sty*: primary *fontinst* macro package for use with plain T<sub>E</sub>X
  - *fontinst.ini*: extra *fontinst* module for use with INITEX
  - *fontinst.rc*: local configuration or modification file (optional)
  - \*.etx: encoding definitions for most common encodings
  - \*.mtx: metric files used to install common encodings
- Installing the *fontinst* distribution:
  - typical installation path: \$TEXMF/tex/fontinst/base/
  - TEXINPUTS search path used to find distributed ETX and MTX files
  - TEXINPUTS search path used to find AFM font metrics as well (!)
  - favorite approach: regard *fontinst* as a special T<sub>E</sub>X format:  
*fontinst-T<sub>E</sub>X* uses TEXINPUTS.*fontinst* search path

## Running *fontinst*

- How *fontinst* works:
  - *fontinst* macro package is loaded from a (temporary) T<sub>E</sub>X file
  - reads encodings and glyph commands from auxiliary files
  - reads font metric files and stores them in auxiliary files
  - writes font metric files for generated fonts
- Example *fontinst* control file:

```
\input fontinst.sty          % Loads fontinst.sty and fontinst.rc

\transformfont commands      % creates MTX files from AFM or PL
\installfonts
  \installfamily commands    % records FD files to be created
  \installrawfont commands   % creates PL files from MTX and ETX
  \installfont   commands    % creates VPL files from MTX and ETX
\endinstallfonts
\bye
```

## Low-level *fontinst* commands: \transformfont

- Overview of \transformfont:
  - converts font metrics to internal *fontinst* format (MTX files)
  - reads font metrics from existing MTX files, AFM files or PL files
  - supports reencoding and geometric transformations of font metrics
- Syntax of \transformfont:

|                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \transformfont{<font>}{<commands>} | % writes transformed MTX            |
| \frommtx{<font>}                   | % reads from existing MTX           |
| \fromafm{<font>}                   | % reads from AFM, writes MTX and PL |
| \frompl {<font>}                   | % reads from PL, writes MTX         |

  

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \reencodefont {<ENC>}{<font>} | % PostScript /ReencodeFont |
| \extendfont{<factor>}{<font>} | % PostScript /ExtendFont   |
| \slantfont {<factor>}{<font>} | % PostScript /SlantFont    |

- Examples of \transformfont:

```
\transformfont{ptmr8r} {\reencodefont{8r}{\fromafm{ptmr8a}}}  
\transformfont{ptmro8r} {\slantfont{167}{\frommtx{ptmro8r}}}
```

## Low-level *fontinst* commands: \installfont

- Overview of \installrawfont and \installfont:
  - generates PL or VPL files, which can be converted to TFM or VF files
  - uses target encoding specified in a given ETX file
  - uses glyph metrics and kerns from a list of given MTX files
- Syntax of \installrawfont and \installfont:

```
\installrawfont{<font>} {<mtx,mtx,...>} {<etx>} <LaTeX fd param>
\installfont   {<font>} {<mtx,mtx,...>} {<etx>} <LaTeX fd param>
```

- Examples of \installrawfont and \installfont:

```
\installrawfont{ptmr8r} {ptmr8r,8r}           {8r}  {8r}  {ptm}{m}{n} {}
\installrawfont{ptmri8r}{ptmri8r,8r}          {8r}  {8r}  {ptm}{m}{it} {}
\installrawfont{ptmro8r}{ptmro8r,8r}          {8r}  {8r}  {ptm}{m}{s1} {}

\installfont   {ptmr7t} {ptmr7r,latin}        {OT1} {OT1}{ptm}{m}{n} {}
\installfont   {ptmr8t} {ptmr8r,latin}        {T1}  {T1}  {ptm}{m}{n} {}
\installfont   {ptmr8c} {ptmr8r,textcomp}{TS1} {TS1}{ptm}{m}{n} {}

\installfont   {ptmri7t}{ptmri8r,latin}       {OT1i}{OT1}{ptm}{m}{it} {}
\installfont   {ptmro7t}{ptmro8r,latin}       {OT1} {OT1}{ptm}{m}{s1} {}
\installfont   {ptmrc7t}{ptmrc8r,latin}       {OT1c}{OT1}{ptm}{m}{sc} {}
```

## Low-level *fontinst* commands: \installfamily

- Overview of \installfamily:
  - grouped between \installfonts and \endinstallfonts
  - initializes a token list, in which \*.fd information is recorded
  - \*.fd entries are recorded for each \installfont command
  - \*.fd entries are written out when \endinstallfonts is processed

- Syntax of \installfamily:

\installfamily {<enc>}{{<family>}{<variant>}}{}

- Examples of \installfamily:

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| \installfamily {8r}{pmn}{}{}  | % standard family   |
| \installfamily {8r}{pmnx}{}{} | % expertized family |
| \installfamily {8r}{pmnj}{}{} | % oldstyle family   |

  

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| \installfamily {8r}{hls}{}{}  | % standard family |
| \installfamily {8r}{hlst}{}{} | % variant family  |

## High-level *fontinst* commands: \latinfamily (I)

- Overview of \latinfamily:
  - attempts to do an automatic installation of a given font family
  - supports standard, expertized, or expertized oldstyle installations
  - installs 8r (or 8y) raw fonts as well as 8x expert fonts
  - installs OT1, T1 and TS1 virtual fonts
  - installs all available font series (weights) for standard font shapes
  - installs faked small caps if real small caps are not available
- Syntax of \latinfamily:  
`\latinfamily {<family><variant>}{}  
%`
- Examples of \latinfamily:  
`\latinfamily {pmn}{} % standard family: 7t, 8t, 8c  
\latinfamily {pmnx}{} % expertized family: 9t, 9e, 9c  
\latinfamily {pmnj}{} % oldstyle family: 9o, 9d, 9c`

## High-level *fontinst* commands: `\latinfamily` (II)

- What's going on inside `\latinfamily`:
  - calls `\installfamily` for desired raw font encoding (`8r` or `8y`)
  - calls `\installfamily` for  $\text{\TeX}$  font encodings (`OT1`, `T1` and `TS1`)
  - processes a list of series (all weights, starting with regular and bold)
  - processes a list of shapes (upright, slanted, italic, small caps)
  - attempts to install fonts for all combinations of series and shape
- What's going on inside font installation attempt?
  - checks if `8a`-encoded base font exists for current series and shape
  - calls `\transformfont` to reencode or transform base fonts to raw fonts
  - calls `\installrawfont` to install `8r`- or `8y`-encoded raw fonts
  - calls `\installfont` to install virtual fonts for `OT1`, `T1` and `TS1` variants

## How fonts are installed in `\latinfamily` (I)

- Installation of normal (upright) font shapes:
  - checks if 8a-encoded base font in *upright* shape exists
  - reencodes and installs 8r- or 8y-encoded raw font in *upright* shape
  - installs virtual fonts for *standard* encoding variants (OT1, T1, TS1)
- Installation of *real* italic font shapes:
  - checks if 8a-encoded base font in *italic* shape exists
  - reencodes and installs 8r- or 8y-encoded raw font in *italic* shape
  - installs virtual fonts for *italic* (£ vs. \$) encoding variants (OT1i, T1, TS1)
- Installation of *faked* slanted font shapes:
  - checks if 8a-encoded base font in *upright* shape exists
  - transforms and installs 8r- or 8y-encoded raw font to *slanted* shape
  - installs virtual fonts for *standard* encoding variants (OT1, T1, TS1)

## How fonts are installed in `\latinfamily` (II)

- Installation of *real* small caps font shapes:
  - checks if 8a-encoded base font in *small caps* shape exists
  - reencodes and installs 8r- or 8y-encoded raw font in *small caps* shape
  - installs virtual fonts for *standard* encoding variants (OT1, T1)
- Installation of *faked* small caps font shapes:
  - checks if 8a-encoded base font in *upright* shape exists
  - installs virtual fonts for *small caps* encoding variants (OT1c, T1c)
  - raw font encodings provide standard glyphs: /A.../Z, /a.../z
  - target encodings request small caps glyphs: /Asmall.../Zsmall
  - `latin mtx` contains `\setglyph` commands to fake small caps glyphs

# Summary of \latinfamily (I)

```
% upright shape
\transformfont {<font>8r} {\reencodefont{8r}{\fromafm{<font>8a}}}
\installrawfont {<font>8r} {<font>8r,8r} {8r} {8r} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{n}{{}

\installfont {<font>7t} {<font>8r,latin} {OT1} {OT1}{<fam>}{<series>}{}{n}{{}
\installfont {<font>8t} {<font>8r,latin} {T1} {T1} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{n}{{}
\installfont {<font>8c} {<font>8r,textcomp} {TS1} {TS1}{<fam>}{<series>}{}{n}{{}

% italic shape
\transformfont {<font>i8r}{\reencodefont{8r}{\fromafm{<font>i8a}}}
\installrawfont {<font>i8r}{<font>i8r,8r} {8r} {8r} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{it}{{}

\installfont {<font>i7t}{<font>i8r,latin} {OT1i} {OT1}{<fam>}{<series>}{}{it}{{}
\installfont {<font>i8t}{<font>i8r,latin} {T1i} {T1} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{it}{{}
\installfont {<font>i8c}{<font>i8r,textcomp} {TS1i} {TS1}{<fam>}{<series>}{}{it}{{}

% slanted shape faked
\transformfont {<font>o8r}{\slantfont{167}{\frommtxm{<font>8a}}}
\installrawfont {<font>o8r}{<font>o8r,8r} {8r} {8r} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{s1}{{}

\installfont {<font>o7t}{<font>o8r,latin} {OT1} {OT1}{<fam>}{<series>}{}{s1}{{}
\installfont {<font>o8t}{<font>o8r,latin} {T1} {T1} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{s1}{{}
\installfont {<font>o8c}{<font>o8r,textcomp} {TS1} {TS1}{<fam>}{<series>}{}{s1}{{}}
```

## Summary of \latinfamily (II)

```
% small caps shape using SC+0sF fonts
\transformfont {<font>c8r}{\reencodefont{8r}{\fromafm{<font>c8a}}}
\installrawfont {<font>c8r}{<font>c8r,8r} {8r} {8r} {<fam>}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}

\installfont {<font>c7t}{<font>c8r,latin} {OT1} {OT1}{<fam>}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}
\installfont {<font>c8t}{<font>c8r,latin} {T1} {T1} {<fam>}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}

% small caps shape faked
\installfont {<font>c7t}{<font>8r,latin} {OT1c}{OT1}{<fam>}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}
\installfont {<font>c8t}{<font>8r,latin} {T1c} {T1} {<fam>}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}

% small caps shape standard + expert fonts
\installfont {<font>c9t}{<font>8r,<font>8x,latin} {OT1c} {OT1}{<fam>x}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}
\installfont {<font>c9e}{<font>8r,<font>8x,latin} {T1c} {T1} {<fam>x}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}

% small caps shape standard + expert + oldstyle fonts
\installfont {<font>c9o}{<font>8r,<font>8x,latin} {OT1cj}{OT1}{<fam>j}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}
\installfont {<font>c9d}{<font>8r,<font>8x,latin} {T1cj} {T1} {<fam>j}{}{<series>}{}{sc}{{}}
```

## Understanding the details of font installation (I)

- Installation of 8r-encoded raw fonts:

```
\transformfont {<font>8r} {\reencodefont{8r}{\fromafm{<font>8a}}}
\installrawfont {<font>8r} {<font>8r,8r} {8r} {8r}{<fam>}{{<series>}}{n}{}{}
```

- What's going on:

- `\fromafm{<font>8a}` creates “raw” `<font>8a.mtx` and `<font>8a.pl`
- `\transformfont{<font>8r}` creates “raw” `<font>8r.mtx` and `<font>8r.pl`
- `<font>8a.mtx`: contains glyph metrics and kerns for accessible glyphs
- `<font>8r.mtx`: contains glyph metrics and kerns for all available glyphs
- `\installrawfont{<font>8r}` creates “ligfull” raw font `<font>8r.pl`
- `8r.etx`: adds TeX-specific input ligatures (dashes, quotes, ligatures)
- `8r mtx`: adds kern pairs for accented glyphs, inherited from raw glyphs

## Understanding the details of font installation (II)

- Installation of 7t, 8t and 8c virtual fonts:

```
\installfont {<font>7t} {<font>8r,latin} {OT1} {OT1}{<fam>}{{series}}{n}{}  
\installfont {<font>8t} {<font>8r,latin} {T1} {T1}{<fam>}{{series}}{n}{}  
\installfont {<font>8c} {<font>8r,textcomp} {TS1} {TS1}{<fam>}{{series}}{n}{}  
}
```

- What's going on:

- `\installraw{<font>xx}` creates “ligfull” virtual font `<font>xx.vp1`
- `<font>8r.mtx`: contains glyph metrics and kerns for all available glyphs
- `OT1.etx`, `T1.etx`, `TS1.etx`: defines glyphs to install (or fake if unavailable)
- `latin mtx`, `textcomp.mtx`: contains commands to fake unavailable glyphs

```
\setglyph{Asmall}  
  \movert{\int{smallcapsextraspaces}}  
  \glyph{A}{\int{smallcapsscale}}  
  \movert{\int{smallcapsextraspaces}}  
\endsetglyph
```

## Understanding the details of font installation (III)

- Installing small caps fonts:

```
\installfont {<font>c7t}{<font>c8r,latin} {OT1} {OT1}{<fam>}{<series>}{sc}{}  
\installfont {<font>c7t}{<font>8r,latin} {OT1c}{OT1}{<fam>}{<series>}{sc}{}  
%
```

- real small caps:

- SC+OsF fonts include small caps and oldstyle figures
- AFM files for SC+OsF pretend to provide standard glyphs
- OT1.*etx* references slots for standard glyphs
- <font>c8r.*mtx* provides metrics for standard glyphs
- latin.*mtx* glyph commands for small caps are ignored

- faked small caps:

- OT1c.*etx* references slots for small caps glyphs
- <font>8r.*mtx* does not provide metrics for small caps
- latin.*mtx* defines glyph commands to fake small caps

## Understanding the details of font installation (IV)

- Installing small caps using SC+OsF fonts:

```
\installfont {<font>c7t}{<font>8r,unsetalf,<font>c8r,latin}
{OT1} {OT1}{<fam>}{{<series>}{sc}{}}
```

- real small caps (non-standard installation):

- OT1.*etx* references slots for standard glyphs
- <font>8r.*mtx* provides metrics for standard glyphs
- unsetalf.*mtx* unsets letters, keeping numerals and symbols
- <font>c8r.*mtx* provides metrics for standard glyphs (again!)
- letters (capitals and small caps) are filled in from <font>c8r.*mtx*
- latin.*mtx* glyph commands for small caps are ignored

## Understanding the details of font installation (V)

- Installing small caps using expert fonts:

```
\installfont {<font>c9t}{<font>8r,<font>8x,latin}
             {OT1j} {OT1}{<fam>x}{<series>}{sc}{}
\installfont {<font>c9o}{<font>8r,<font>8x,latin}
             {OT1cj}{OT1}{<fam>j}{<series>}{sc}{}
```

- standard + expert:

- OT1c.*etx* references slots for small caps glyphs
- <font>8r.*mtx* provides metrics for standard glyphs
- <font>8x.*mtx* provides metrics for small caps glyphs
- latin.*mtx* glyph commands for small caps are ignored

- standard + expert + oldstyle:

- OT1cj.*etx* references slots for small caps and oldstyle figs
- <font>8r.*mtx* provides metrics for standard glyph
- <font>8x.*mtx* provides metrics for small caps and oldstyle figs
- latin.*mtx* glyph commands for small caps are ignored

## Understanding the details of font installation (VI)

- Installing small caps using expert *and* SC+OsF fonts:

```
\installfont {<font>c9t}{kernoff,<font>8r,<font>8x,kernon,  
            glyphoff,<font>c8r,glyphon,resetsc,latin}  
            {OT1c} {OT1}{<fam>x}{<series>}{sc}{}  
\installfont {<font>c9o}{kernoff,<font>8r,<font>8x,kernon,  
            glyphoff,<font>c8r,glyphon,resetosf,resetsc,latin}  
            {OT1cj}{OT1}{<fam>j}{<series>}{sc}{}  
            
```

- Non-standard installation:

- OT1c.etx, OT1cj.etx reference slots for small caps and oldstyle figs
- <font>8r mtx provides metrics for standard glyphs
- <font>8x mtx provides metrics for small caps glyphs
- <font>c8r mtx provides kern pairs between uppercase and small caps
- kernoff mtx, kernon mtx disables and restores \setkern
- glyphoff mtx, glypyh mtx disables and restores \setrawglyph
- resetsc mtx, resetosf mtx reshuffles metrics to SC+OsF glyph names
- latin mtx glyph commands for small caps are ignored

## Perl front-ends for *fontinst*

- Perl utilities available from CTAN:`fonts/psfonts/tools`
  - `make-fam.pl` generates font metrics for complete typeface families
  - automatically creates temporary  $\text{\TeX}$  files used as *fontinst* control files
  - invokes  $\text{\TeX}$  to run *fontinst* in a temporary directory
  - converts generated PL and VPL files to TFM and VF files
  - generates font map files for `dvips` and `pdftex`
  - installs generated files in CTAN-ready directory structure
- Syntax of `make-fam.pl` and `make-one.pl`:  
`> perl make-fam.pl [-options] [-expert <variant>] <family>`  
`> perl make-one.pl [-options] <font>`

- Examples of `make-fam.pl` and `make-one.pl`:

```
> perl make-fam.pl pmn          # standard family  
> perl make-fam.pl -expert x pmn      # expertized family  
> perl make-fam.pl -expert j pmn      # oldstyle family  
> perl make-one.pl pmnorp        # single ornaments font
```

## Some little-known *fontinst* tricks

- `\NFILES` command:
  - turns `\transformfont` and `\installfont` commands into no-ops
  - causes dummy files to be created for all file output commands
  - may be used to diagnose which commands are issued from `\latinfamily`
  - may be used to diagnose which files are created in a normal run
- `fontinst.rc` configuration file:
  - may contain extra commands read at the end of `fontinst.sty`
  - may be used to redefine the raw font encoding: `\def\raw_encoding{8y}`
  - may be used to redefine the list of series and shapes for `\latinfamily`
  - may be used to redefine internals of `\latinfamily`

# Font installation step by step (I)

## Step 1: Installing and renaming AFM files

- Example: Adobe Palatino (Package #001)

|         |                     |   |     |           |
|---------|---------------------|---|-----|-----------|
| pplb8a  | Palatino-Bold       | A | 001 | pob_____  |
| pplbi8a | Palatino-BoldItalic | A | 001 | pobi_____ |
| pplri8a | Palatino-Italic     | A | 001 | poi_____  |
| pplr8a  | Palatino-Roman      | A | 001 | por_____  |

- Rename distributed AFM (and PFB) files:

|            |     |    |             |
|------------|-----|----|-------------|
| POR_____.  | AFM | -> | pplr8a.afm  |
| POI_____.  | AFM | -> | pplri8a.afm |
| POB_____.  | AFM | -> | pplb8a.afm  |
| POBI_____. | AFM | -> | pplbi8a.afm |

- Install renamed AFM (and PFB) files:

```
> cp *.afm $TEXMF/fonts/afm/adobe/palatino/  
> cp *.pfb $TEXMF/fonts/type1/adobe/palatino/
```

- Don't forget to run `texhash` or `mktexlsr` !

# Font installation step by step (II)

## Step 2: Running *fontinst*

- Manual installation:

- Create *fontinst* control file:

```
% file: fontppl.tex
\input fontinst.sty
\latinfamily{ppl}{}{}
\bye
```

- Run *fontinst* from the command line:

```
> fontinst fontppl.tex
> tex -progname=fontinst fontppl.tex
```

- Automatic installation:

- Call Perl front-end from the command line:

```
> perl make-fam.pl -outdir $OUTDIR/adobe/palatino ppl
```

# Font installation step by step (III)

## Step 3: Installing generated font metrics

- Manual installation:
  - Generated PL and VPL must be converted to TFM and VF files:

```
> for f in *.pl; do pltotf $f; done  
> for f in *.vpl; do vptovf $f; done
```
  - Install TFM and VF files:

```
> cp *.tfm $TEXMF/fonts/tfm/adobe/palatino/  
> cp *.vf $TEXMF/fonts/vf/adobe/palatino/
```
  - Don't forget to run `texhash` or `mktexlsr` !
- Automatic installation:
  - Converted TFM and VF files are left in CTAN-ready directory structure:

```
$OUTDIR/adobe/palatino/tfm/*.tfm  
$OUTDIR/adobe/palatino/vf/*.vf
```
  - Directories can be moved to TDS directory structure:

```
> mv $OUTDIR/adobe/palatino/tfm/ $TEXMF/fonts/tfm/adobe/palatino/  
> mv $OUTDIR/adobe/palatino/vf/ $TEXMF/fonts/vf/adobe/palatino/
```

# Font installation step by step (IV)

## Step 4: Setting up dvips and pdftex

- Font map file `psfonts.map` specified in `config.ps` or `pdftex.cnf`
- Entries for 8r-encoded raw fonts:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>pplr8r</code> Palatino-Roman       | "TeXBase1Encoding ReEncodeFont" <8r.enc                |
| <code>pplri8r</code> Palatino-Italic     | "TeXBase1Encoding ReEncodeFont" <8r.enc                |
| <code>pplb8r</code> Palatino-Bold        | "TeXBase1Encoding ReEncodeFont" <8r.enc                |
| <code>pplbi8r</code> Palatino-BoldItalic | "TeXBase1Encoding ReEncodeFont" <8r.enc                |
| <code>pplro8r</code> Palatino-Roman      | ".167 SlantFont TeXBase1Encoding ReEncodeFont" <8r.enc |
| <code>pplbo8r</code> Palatino-Bold       | ".167 SlantFont TeXBase1Encoding ReEncodeFont" <8r.enc |

- Entries for 8y-encoded raw fonts:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>pplr8y</code> Palatino-Roman       | "TeXnANSIEncoding ReEncodeFont" <texnansi.enc                |
| <code>pplri8y</code> Palatino-Italic     | "TeXnANSIEncoding ReEncodeFont" <texnansi.enc                |
| <code>pplb8y</code> Palatino-Bold        | "TeXnANSIEncoding ReEncodeFont" <texnansi.enc                |
| <code>pplbi8y</code> Palatino-BoldItalic | "TeXnANSIEncoding ReEncodeFont" <texnansi.enc                |
| <code>pplro8y</code> Palatino-Roman      | ".167 SlantFont TeXnANSIEncoding ReEncodeFont" <texnansi.enc |
| <code>pplbo8y</code> Palatino-Bold       | ".167 SlantFont TeXnANSIEncoding ReEncodeFont" <texnansi.enc |

### III Overview of math fonts

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## Text fonts vs. math fonts

- Text fonts:
  - 7-bit Computer Modern is still used by default
  - switching font families is no problem with  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\varepsilon}$  (or ConTeXt)
  - switching encodings (OT1/T1/LY1) is no problem either
  - metrics for common PostScript fonts are available from CTAN
  - metrics for other fonts can be prepared with `fontinst`
  - many thousands of text fonts exist in Type 1 format
- Math fonts:
  - 7-bit Computer Modern is difficult to change
  - very few sets of math fonts are available for use with  $\text{\TeX}$
  - each math font set uses different encoding variants
  - each math font set requires different macro packages

# Choices of math font sets for TeX

- METAFONT font sets:
  - Computer Modern + AMS symbols (also as Type 1 fonts)
  - Concrete + AMS Euler
  - Concrete Math
  - Belleek (MathTime replacement)
- PostScript Type 1 font sets:
  - Lucida Bright + Lucida New Math (Y&Y Inc.)
  - Times + MathTime + Adobe MathPi (Y&Y Inc.)
  - Times + Mathematica
  - TM-Math, HV-Math, IF-Math (MicroPress Inc.)
  - SMF Baskerville
- stop-gap solutions (hacks):
  - `mathptm`: Times + Adobe Symbol + CM
  - `mathppl`: Palatino + CM
  - `mathpple`: Palatino + AMS Euler

## Why are math fonts so difficult? (I)

- glyph set / encoding considerations:
  - math fonts include many symbols not available from text fonts
  - math fonts don't include text symbols which do not make sense
  - alignment and spacing of math formulas underlies special rules
  - math fonts include Latin and Greek alphabets in many different styles
  - font styles of math alphabets attach a special meaning to symbols
  - font styles of math alphabets do not depend on typographical context
  - letters in math formulas are set as symbols, not word-components
- design considerations:
  - design and spacing of math italic may be different from text italic
  - alignment of symbols on the math axis requires special care
  - placement of math accents requires special care

## Why are math fonts so difficult? (II)

- $\text{\TeX}$ nical considerations:
  - $\text{\TeX}$  interprets glyph metrics of math fonts in a peculiar way
  - TFM width denotes position where subscripts are attached
  - italic correction denotes position where superscripts are attached
  - actual glyph width = TFM width + italic correction + sidebearings
  - pseudo kern pairs with \skewchar control placement of math accents
  - math fonts are organized into math families (no more than 16!)
  - math fonts must have special FONTDIMEN parameters
  - FONTDIMENs control placement of subscripts and superscripts
  - FONTDIMENs control spacing of fractions, radicals and big operators
  - glyph height of radicals determines rule thickness of bar
  - big radicals must be designed to hang below baseline
  - big delimiters and operators are centered on the math axis
  - big delimiters and operators may be designed to be centered
  - however: TFM format imposes limit of 16 heights + 16 depths

## Summary of the old 7-bit math font encodings

- Plain **T<sub>E</sub>X or L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X base:** 4 math families
  - Math operators (OT1, 7t, cmr, \fam0)
  - Math Letters (OML, 7m, cmmi, \fam1)
  - Math Symbols (OMS, 7y, cmsy, \fam2)
  - Math eXtension (OMX, 7v, cmex, \fam3)
- **with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X symbols:** 5 math families
  - L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Symbols (U, lasy)
- **with AMS symbols:** 6 math families
  - AMS Symbols A (U, msam)
  - AMS Symbols B (U, msbm)
  - additional math alphabets (optional)

## Details of the old 7-bit math font encodings (I)

- Math operators (OT1, `cmr`, `\fam0`)
  - upright digits (used as default digits in math)
  - upright Latin alphabets (`\mathrm`), upright Greek capitals
  - some symbols ('+', '=') and delimiters
- Math Letters (OML, `cmmi`, `\fam1`)
  - oldstyle digits (not needed in math)
  - italic Latin alphabets (`\mathnormal`), italic Greek alphabets
  - symbols and punctuation for kerning
- Math Symbols (OMS, `cmsy`, `\fam2`)
  - calligraphic letters (`\mathcal`)
  - most symbols and delimiters
- Math eXtension (OMX, `cex`, `\fam3`)
  - extensible delimiters
  - big operators, wide accents

## Details of the old 7-bit math font encodings (II)

- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Symbols (U, `\asymp`)
  - L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2.09 symbol complement
- AMS Symbols A (U, `\msam`)
  - AMS symbols and relations
- AMS Symbols B (U, `\msbm`)
  - AMS symbols and negated relations
  - Blackboard Bold (`\mathbb`)
- additional math alphabets (optional)
  - Fraktur alphabet (`\mathfrak`)
  - Script alphabet (`\mathscr`)

## Problems of the old 7-bit math font encodings

- 7-bit encodings (valuable slots wasted)
- multitude of different encodings
- inter-dependencies between text and math
- mathematical symbols taken from text fonts  
(e.g. Greek capitals from OT1)
- non-mathematical symbols in math fonts  
(e.g. oldstyle digits in OML, ‘¶’, ‘§’ in OMS)
- some symbols used for multiple purposes  
(e.g. ‘=’ in ‘⇒’; ‘=’/‘⇒’ from OT1/OMS)
- building blocks for long arrows split across  
different encodings (\joinrel kerning)
- no kerning between upper/lowercase Greek
- no upright lowercase Greek alphabet available
- T<sub>E</sub>X-specific symbols (e.g. lowered ‘√’ in OMS)  
may cause problems with non-T<sub>E</sub>X software

## Design goals for new 8-bit math font encodings

- 8-bit encodings (for conventional 8-bit  $\text{\TeX}$ )
- use one consistent encoding for all font sets
- compatibility with  $\text{\LaTeX}$  or AMS within 4 or 6 families
- maybe add some frequently-requested new symbols
- if possible, add slots for multiple uses of symbols
- if possible, add slots for constructed symbols
- separate geometric and Humanist ('shapy') symbols
- keep all letter-like symbols together (design similarity)
- keep symbols of similar design or similar type together
- keep  $\text{\TeX}$ -specific symbols together (technical requirements)
- take availability of symbols in different font sets into account
- don't go too far beyond symbols available in existing font sets
- avoid problems with dumb software, reserve special slots

# Summary of proposed new 8-bit math font encodings

- **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X compatibility:** 4 math families
  - Math operators (T1, \fam0)
  - Math Core (MC, \fam2)
  - Math Symbols Primary (MSP, \fam1)
  - Math eXtension Primary (MXP, \fam3)
- **AMS compatibility:** 6 math families
  - Math Symbols 1 (MS1)
  - Math Symbols 2 (MS2)
- **additional features (optional):**
  - Math eXtension 1 (MX1)

## Details of proposed new 8-bit math font encodings (I)

- Math operators (T1, \fam0)
  - upright Latin alphabets (\mathrm)
- Math Core (MC, \fam2)
  - upright digits (default)
  - italic Latin alphabets (\mathnormal)
  - upright and italic Greek alphabets
  - delimiters and punctuation for kerning
  - Humanist symbols, Hebrew letters, etc.
- Math Symbols Primary (MSP, \fam1)
  - Calligraphic or Script alphabets
  - geometric symbols (OT1, OML, OMS)
  - L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X symbols + selected AMS symbols
- Math eXtension Primary (MXP, \fam3)
  - symbols with special properties
  - extensible symbols (OMX, OMS)

## Details of proposed new 8-bit math font encodings (II)

- Math Symbols 1 (MS1)
  - Blackboard Bold (`\mathbb`)
  - remaining AMS symbols
- Math Symbols 2 (MS2)
  - Fraktur letters (`\mathfrak`)
  - arrow construction kit (experimental)
- Math eXtension 1 (MX1)
  - new extensible symbols
  - variable area for additional sizes

## Design goals for new 16-bit math font encodings

- 16-bit encodings, designed for use with MathML / Unicode
- should include *all* symbols collected by the STIX project
- requires extended T<sub>E</sub>X engine: Omega, ee-T<sub>E</sub>X, maybe NTS
- design should not be limited by artificial T<sub>E</sub>X constraints
- design should be orthogonal as much as possible
- building blocks of 8-bit code pages organized by type of symbols
- building blocks may be used in virtual fonts for 8-bit math fonts
- implementation of 16-bit math fonts still work in progress
- encodings for 8-bit math fonts may be decided afterwards

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