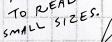


# VOERFUL PLUDALISM

SOME TYPEFACES ARE PRIMARILY LARGE IN SIZE FOR USE IN HEADLINES, TITLES, AND OTHER SPECIALTY PURPOSES.

THESE LETTER FORMS COMMAND ATTENTION AND CAN BE DECORATED, ELABORATED, & ILLUSTRATED
-BUT HAVE THE UNDERLYING STRUCTURE OF ANY OF THE

STANDARD CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES . THEIR DECORATIVE VISUAL QUALITIES USUALLY PRECLUOE THEIR USE AS TEXT, AS THEY ARE TYPICALLY DIFFICULT TO READ IN



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SERIFS ARE A PROMINENT DESIGN FEATURE, OFTEN OVERTLY STYLED AS LATIN, SLAB, BIFURCATED & TUSCAN.



SANS SERIF

DISTINGUISHED BY ITS LACK OF SERIFS AND WITH A MONOLINE STROKE (BUT NOT ALWAYS).

PRIMARY DESIGN CHARACTERISTIC IS LETTERFORM EMBELISHMENT. MAY BE ABSTRACT OR PICTORIAL EVOCATIVE OF TIME PLACE OR STYLE, OR PURELY FORMAL.

# Handmade.

EVIDENCE OF THE HUMAN HAND IS CENTRAL. MAY BE REFINED OR CRUDE, CALLIGRAPHIC, SCRIBBLED, CUT, TORN, PASTED OR PAINTED.

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MISCELLANEOUS LETTERFORMS THAT DO NOT FIT. THE OTHER CATEGORIES.

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Ofter J.R.R. TOLKIEN (1892-1973)

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TYPE 101, WEEK 3 QUIZ, 1800 POINTS.

# **IN YOUR** (TYPE)FACE

### HIGHLY **CLASSIFIED**

## **JUST MY** (TYPE)STYLE

UNIVERS, A RENOWNED SANS SERIF TYPEFACE WITH OVER 40 STYLES. WAS CREATED BY THIS DESIGNER

STUDIOS THAT **DESIGN AND DIGITIZE** TYPE FOR MASS DISTRIBUTION ARE **KNOWN AS THESE** 

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WHO IS

? WHAT ARE

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THESE LATE 15TH CENTURY TYPEFACES LOOK LIKE THEY WERE ADAPTED FROM LETTERS WRITTEN WITH A BROAD-EDGED PEN

A MORE DECORATIVE COUNTERPART TO ROMAN, THIS SLANTED STYLE IS DERIVED FROM HANDWRITING

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THIS UNBRACKETED SLAB SERIF TYPEFACE FEATURES THICK GEOMETRIC FORMS THAT CONVEY AN INDUSTRIAL FEELING

AN EXTRA-LARGE GROUP OF STYLES AND VARIATIONS OF ONE TYPEFACE, SOMETIMES CONSISTING OF BOTH SERIF AND SANS SERIF

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# SUMMARY

How do you get to be good at typographic design?

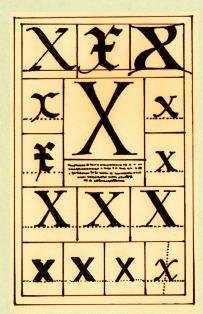
Practice.

Typefaces and type families number in the tens of thousands. To help designers select just the right typeface for a particular job, printers organized all of this type into classifications based on visual characteristics and historical relevance.

How do you get to the point where you can recognize and expertly choose the right font for a project out of the tens of thousands of typefaces out there? Start small. Limit yourself to a small group of typefaces and styles—fewer than 100. Look for both the obvious and subtle defining characteristics of a single typeface. Use that typeface in a design. Redesign the piece. Do it again. Select another typeface. Use it in a design. Select another and another—practice, practice, practice. Look at and learn from the masters. Practice leads to smart (and sometimes great) typographic design.

How to win awards in the Type Directors Club?

Practice for years.



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# EXERCISES & PROJECTS

#### 1. KNOW THY TYPE

#### INDIVIDIAL ACTIVITY

A. BUILD A TYPE TOOLKIT: Designing starts with and requires great sensitivity to the individual parts, the whole, and spaces in between letterforms—along with the look and feel of the massed type. To gain sensitivity and control in designing with type, build a "type toolkit"—a limited selection of typefaces with which to practice. By limiting the number of typefaces, you become more intimately aware of the visual tone, texture, and rhythm of type on the page and screen.

**SUPPLIES:** Access to professional typefaces such as those distributed by ITC, Adobe, Emigre, etc.

#### COMPOSE AND SHARE RESULTS

- Select one or two typefaces in each major type classification: old style serif, transitional, modern, slab serif, sans serifs (humanist, geometric), a script, and one display or decorative.
- Separate these typefaces from all others you may have and practice designing only with those in the toolbox.

#### INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

B. TYPE PAIRS: Type design looks most professional when more than one typeface is used to distinguish information and set the visual tone and communication. Generally, use one typeface for headers and another for running text. It is tempting to employ many typefaces (and styles). More than three typefaces in a small document will start to cause confusion. Practice type design by limiting to complementary type pairs. Less is more.

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#### COMPOSE AND SHARE RESULTS

Think contrast for clarity. Pair two to three typefaces that are complementary in form, style, and/or classification.

Suggestions include but are not limited to:

- Old Style serif + sans serif light
- · script + geometric sans serif
- Modern + grotesque sans serif
- one Modern + a light humanist sans
- keep going...