
Æterna

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Harmonious Letterforms
Expansive Neo-grotesk
Wayfinding Application
Optimum Legibility
Eternal Question?
Grounded Foundation
Tailored Precision
Distinctive Hallmark
Ubiquitous Workhorse

With the persistent reliance on ubiquitous, overused neo-grotesk typefaces in visual culture, a deeper issue comes into focus, one of complacency, sameness and creative stagnation. What began as a pursuit of clarity and neutrality has calcified into default thinking, where type design no longer challenges or contributes, but merely fills space.

In response to this same-old cycle, Foundry Æterna was conceived not as another revival or facsimile, but as a decisive, thoughtful interpretation of how a neo-grotesk should be for modern typography, in the new digital age. Grounded in the lineage of modernist foundations and minimalist principles, yet unafraid to speak with distinct tone, rhythm and detail. Foundry Æterna distils over a century of typographic nuance into a versatile, expansive family tailored to communicate with purpose, precision and presence.

Foundry Æterna, a bold European, informed neo-grotesk typeface, with a workhorse aesthetic. Its essentialist design prioritizes clarity and neutrality, enabling it to adapt seamlessly across contexts and applications without imposing emotion or subjective associations. Form follows function. Beneath Foundry Æterna's sturdy, no-nonsense linear shapes lies its true beauty, carefully crafted details that reveal refined, robust efficiency. With balanced glyphs and a neutral, modern appearance, Foundry Æterna offers versatile legibility and timeless appeal.

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Harmonious utilitarian letterforms, a large x-height relative to its capitals and compact spacing, imbues a calm readable experience, particularly in smaller text sizes. Closed terminals and a generally rounder neo-grotesk letterform promotes a spacious internal structure, without sacrificing legibility. A distinctive hallmark of Foundry Æterna is the subtle, slightly extended terminals 'a, c, g and s' and horizontal shaping to the 'a, f, j, t and y', details that quietly express its contemporary character.

Contemporary Rhythm
Visual Character
Information Systems
Meticulous Symbols
Assessible Features
Clarity & Neutrality
Minimalist Principles
Imbues Calmness
Balanced Glyphs

Accessible legibility features include: a distinctive, wider ‘J’, an extended ‘K’ arm, ‘M’s’ centre Vertex raised and an extended through ‘Q’ tail in the capitals. The lowercase features consist of: an ‘a’ with a serpentine internal shape with a flared stem stroke, a double storied ‘g’ and an alternative straight descender stroke, a lowercase ‘l’ with a horizontal foot (for enhanced legibility), the ‘t’ through bar is curved and a straight ‘y’ descender.

Foundry Æterna includes thoughtful alternate forms to enhance clarity and character recognition. These include a slashed zero for disambiguation, a figure one with a baseline bar in the tabular set and three distinct ampersand styles: one featuring a straight diagonal, one with a horizontal terminal and another based on the Latin word ‘et’. Each of these elements is designed to support optimum legibility across various contexts.

Alongside the typeface, Foundry Æterna includes a collection of over 250 meticulously designed icons and symbols. Created to support a broad range of applications: from transport and user interfaces to information systems and wayfinding. The Symbol set is built on the typeface’s capital height, aligned to the baseline and centrally spaced for seamless integration and ease of use.

It is not merely a typeface, but a feeling spoken through form, a vision etched in rhythm, through line and space, the essence of visual harmony. Foundry Æterna calls designers to go beyond the ordinary, inviting type to become more than a tool, a voice that speaks with soul.

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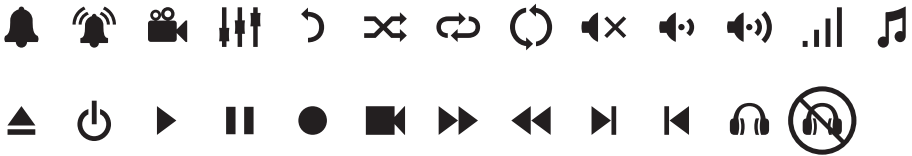
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Glyph details: Alternates and features

Closed Terminals

Rounder G

Extended Arm

Raised Midsection for legibility enhancement

G G J J K K M M M

Contemporary Horizontal Stroke

Closed Terminals

Slight Contrast

Emphasised Tail for legibility

Distinctive 'R' Leg, a more traditional Grotesk style

Distinctive 'Æ' slanted, for character

O O Q R R R A E A E

Glyph details: Alternates and features

a a f g g g j k k l l

Horizontal Stroke

Serpentine shaped internal Stroke

Flared Stem

Horizontal Stroke

Double storied 'g' for legibility

Horizontal stroke

Extended Arm centre Junction for legibility enhancement

Horizontal Stroke

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Deep Junctions for greater visibility

Distinctive Chisled Stem Stroke

Curved through Bar and horizontal form

Horizontal Strokes

Simple Descender for clarity

Slashed Zero for legibility

Distinctive curved Stroke

Horizontal Bar for legibility

Subtle curve detailing

Uppercase

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

The European Union (EU) is a supranational political and economic union of 27 member states that are located primarily in Europe. The union has a total area of 4,233,255 km² (1,634,469 sq mi) and an estimated total population of nearly 447 million. The EU has often been described as a sui generis political entity (without precedent or comparison) combining the characteristics of both a federation and a confederation. Containing 5.8 per cent of the world population in 2020, the EU generated a nominal gross domestic product (GDP of around US\$16.6 trillion in 2022, constituting approximately one sixth of global nominal GDP and the third-biggest global economy nominal GDP and the third-biggest global economy.

Français

L'Union européenne (UE) est une union politico-économique sui generis de vingt-sept États européens qui délèguent ou transmettent par traité l'exercice de certaines compétences à des organes communautaires^{5,6}. Elle s'étend sur un territoire de 4,2 millions de kilomètres carrés⁷, est peuplée de plus de 447 millions d'habitants et est la troisième puissance économique mondiale par son PIB nominal derrière les États-Unis et la Chine. L'Union européenne est régie par le traité de Maastricht (TUE) et le traité de Rome (TFUE), dans leur version actuelle, depuis le 1er décembre 2009 et l'entrée en vigueur du traité de Lisbonne. Sa structure institutionnelle est en partie supranationale et suffrage universel.

Deutsch

Die Europäische Union (EU) ist ein Staatenverbund aus 27 europäischen Staaten. Außerhalb des geographischen Europas umfasst die EU die Republik Zypern und einige Überseegebiete. Sie hat insgesamt etwa 450 Millionen Einwohner. Die EU stellt eine eigenständige Rechtspersönlichkeit dar und hat daher Einsichts- und Rederecht bei den Vereinten Nationen. Die verbreitetsten Sprachen in der EU sind Englisch, Deutsch und Französisch. 2012 wurde die Europäische Union mit dem Friedensnobelpreis ausgezeichnet. Das politische System der EU, das sich im Zuge der europäischen Integration herausgebildet hat, basiert auf dem Vertrag über die Europäische Union und dem Vertrag über die Arbeitsweise

Nederlands

De Europese Unie (EU) is een uit 27 Europese landen bestaand statenverband. De EU vindt haar oorsprong in de Europese Gemeenschap voor Kolen en Staal en de Europese Economische Gemeenschap, in 1958 gevormd door zes landen (België, de Bondsrepubliek Duitsland, Frankrijk, Italië, Luxemburg en Nederland). In de jaren erna groeiden de Europese Gemeenschappen in omvang door de toelating van nieuwe lidstaten en in macht door het uitbreiden van hun zeggenschap. Het Verdrag van Maastricht uit 1992, in werking getreden in 1993, vormde de huidige Europese Unie. De laatste aanpassing aan de constitutionele basis was in 2009 met het (in 2007 ondertekende).

Español

La Unión Europea (UE) es una comunidad política de derecho constituida en régimen sui géneris de organización internacional fundada para propiciar y acoger la integración y gobernanza en común de los Estados y las naciones de Europa. Está compuesta por veintisiete Estados europeos y fue establecida con la entrada en vigor del Tratado de Maastricht el 1 de noviembre de 1993. Los Estados miembros — cuya superficie combinada cubre un área de 4 237 473 km² — son países soberanos independientes que conforman la Unión. Algunos de estos Estados poseen territorios fuera de Europa, los cuales pueden formar parte de la Unión y son denominados generalmente regiones ultraperiféricas.

Polska

Unia Europejska, (UE) – gospodarczo-polityczny związek 27 demokratycznych państw europejskich. Unia powstała 1 listopada 1993 roku na mocy podpisanego 7 lutego 1992 traktatu z Maastricht – jako efekt wieloletniego procesu integracji politycznej, gospodarczej i społecznej. Korzenie współczesnej integracji europejskiej sięgają okresu powojennego i ograniczały się do 6 państw zachodnioeuropejskich. Państwa te tworzyły wiele form i mechanizmów współpracy, powoływały organizacje, instytucje i organy, których celem było wzmocnienie jedności między nimi. W 1993 nadrzędną wobec wszystkich poprzednich organizacji została Unia Europejska, sama otrzymując nieznaną wcześniej

Italiano

L'Unione europea UE, è un'unione politica ed economica a carattere sovranazionale, che comprende 27 Stati membri. Nata come Comunità economica europea con il trattato di Roma del 25 marzo 1957, nel corso di un lungo processo di integrazione, con l'adesione di nuovi Stati membri e la firma di numerosi trattati modificativi, tra cui il trattato di Maastricht del 1992, ha assunto la struttura attuale con il trattato di Lisbona del 2007. Dotata di un proprio ordinamento giuridico, distinto dal comune diritto internazionale e integrato nel diritto interno degli Stati membri, la sua architettura istituzionale e le sue competenze la rendono per certi aspetti simile a uno Stato federale, per altri a una confederazione di risorse

Magyar

Az Európai Unió (EU) gazdasági és politikai egyesülés, melyet 27 európai ország alkot. A regionális integráció iránt elkötelezett szervezet 1993. november 1-jével jött létre az 1992. február 7-én aláírt maastrichti szerződéssel az Európai Gazdasági Közösség 12 tagországából. A csaknem 450 milliós népességű unió a világ nominális GDP-jének mintegy 30%-át állítja elő (2008-ban 18,4 billió dollár értékben). Az Európai Unió nem egy állam, így állampolgárai, illetve fővárosa sem lehet. Az EU elődjének is tekinthető 1951-ben alakult Európai Szén- és Acélközösség intézményeinek az alapító 6 ország (Benelux államok, NSZK, Franciaország, Olaszország) megegyezése szerint és egymás között kialakult kompromisszum

Eesti

Estonija (est. Eesti), službeno Republika Estonija (est. Eesti Vabariik) je država smještena na istočnoj obali Baltičkog mora u Sjevernoj Europi. Estonija na kopnu graniči s Rusijom (338,6 km) na istoku i s Latvijom (343 km), dok na sjeveru ima morsku granicu s Finskom u Finskom zaljevu, a na zapadu sa Švedskom na Baltičkom moru. Teritorij Estonije čini kopno i ukupno 2222 otoka u Baltičkom moru, ukupne površine od 45 227 km², od čega 2839 km² otpada na vodene površine. Klima u Estoniji je vlažna kontinentalna. Glavni grad Tallinn i grad Tartu najveća su urbana središta u zemlji. Ostali važniji gradovi su Narva, Pärnu, Kohtla-Järve i Viljandi. Službeni jezik u državi je estonski jezik. Teritorij moderne Estonije naseljen je barem

Čeština

Evropská unie (EU) je oficiálně politická a ekonomická unie, která si klade za cíl zlepšit spolupráci v Evropě. De facto se jedná o entitu sui generis, která má částečně pravomoci mezinárodní organizace, ale také jednotného státu. K 1. lednu 2022 tvořilo EU 27 evropských států s 447,5 miliony obyvatel (2019, přibližně 5,7% světové populace). Evropská unie vznikla formálně dne 1. listopadu 1993 na základě Smlouvy o Evropské unii, známější jako Maastrichtská smlouva. Nahradila tak Evropská společenství a je jeho právní nástupkyní. Evropská integrace probíhá již od konce druhé světové války. Stupňovala se a počet členských a přidružených států se zvětšoval, Spojené království bylo jediným státem, který EU opustil, stalo

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