# Fundamentals of Typography

**Graphic Design** 

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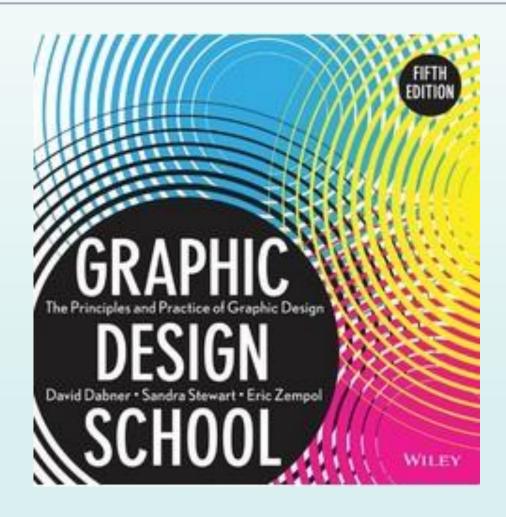
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#### **Textbook**



#### **Course Outline**

- 1. Typography and meaning
- 2. The anatomy of type
- 3. Understanding and selecting typeface
- 4. Spacing
- 5. Readability and legibility
- 6. Typographic emphasis and hierarchy
- 7. Typographic rules/boxes and ornaments
- 8. Text as image

## What is typography?

#### Typography is the process of arranging

letters, words, and text for almost any context imaginable, and it is among the most important tools a



### But what is "meaning"?



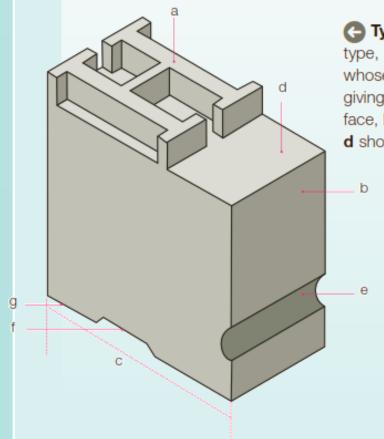
An alternative term is

"semantics," an important subtopic within all aspects of design, which is worth exploring in more detail. Semantics is the study of meaning and applies to both images and language

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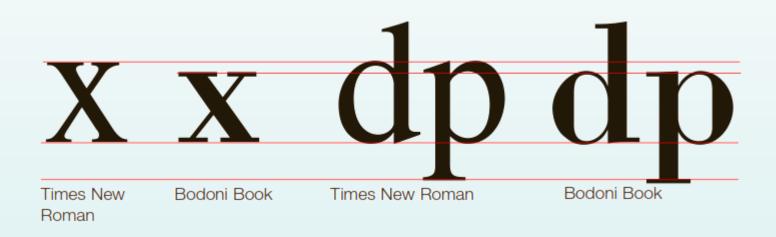
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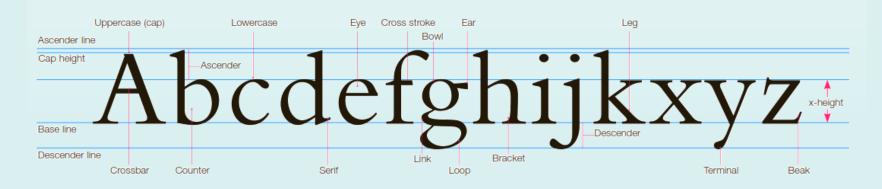


Typeface A block of letterpress type, showing the face of the letter, whose surface is inked and printed, giving us the term "typeface." a face, b body or shank, c point size, d shoulder, e nick, f groove, g foot.

Familiarity with the basic structure of letterforms, the anatomy of type, is essential to understanding how typefaces differ and what characteristics they share, and allows the designer to make decisions about selecting and using the multitude of typefaces now available

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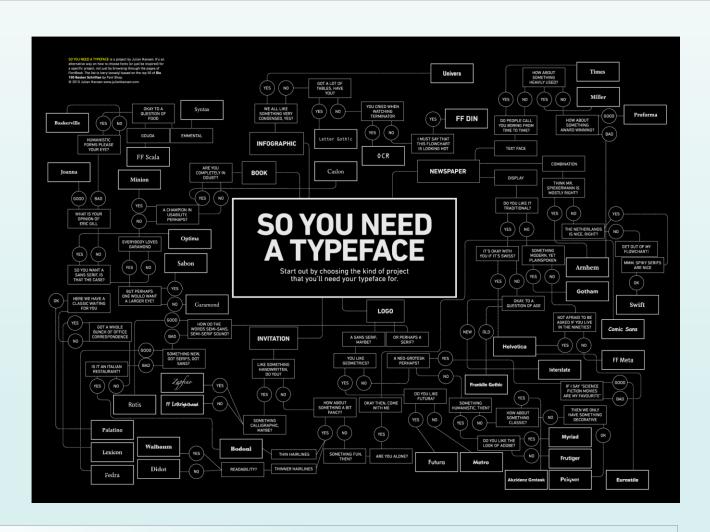
#### 3. Understanding and selecting typefaces

Since the introduction of digital typefaces, the number of fonts available has increased exponentially; it is virtually impossible to know

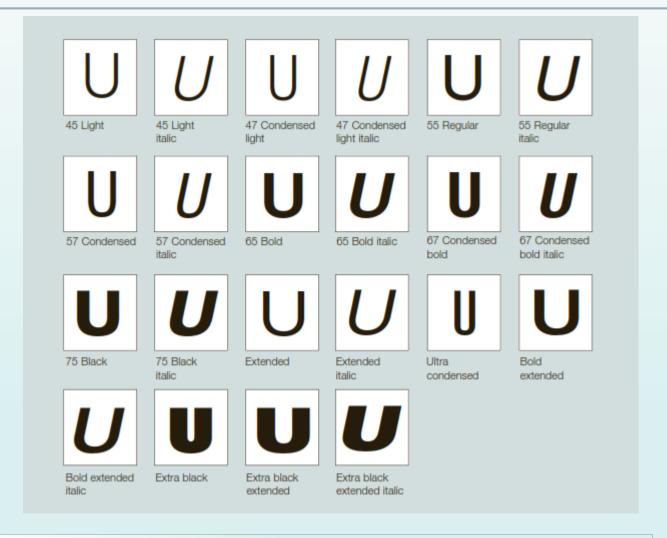
them all, or be able to reference all of their attributes

**However**, it is always advantageous to know a typeface's historical background, since this can help in relating its characteristics to the content of the text

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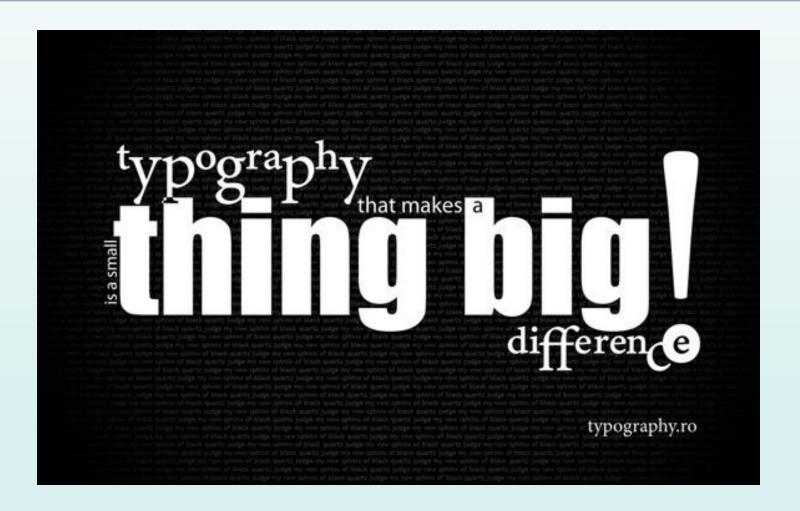
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### What is Space?

## Understanding how to deal with space in typography is essential



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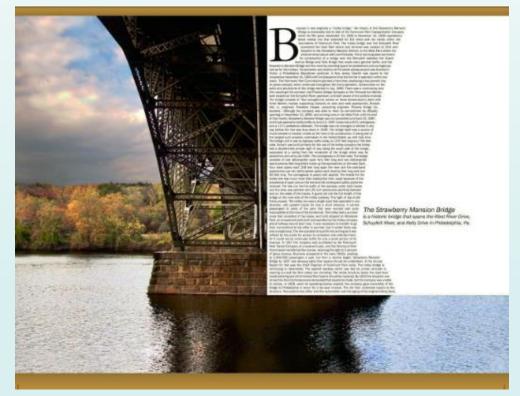


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 Debate continues between traditionalists and modernists as to whether sans-serif typefaces are more or less legible than serif faces

Structure and shape Justified type can be used decoratively, but the lines and the h & Js need to be managed line by line, as does the tracking and kerning on each word.



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#### Good

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#### 6. Typographic emphasis and hierarchy

Before starting any design, it is crucial to

understand where the main points of emphasis fall in terms of headings, subheadings, intro copy, captions, quotes, and so on. these levels of importance are called hierarchies.

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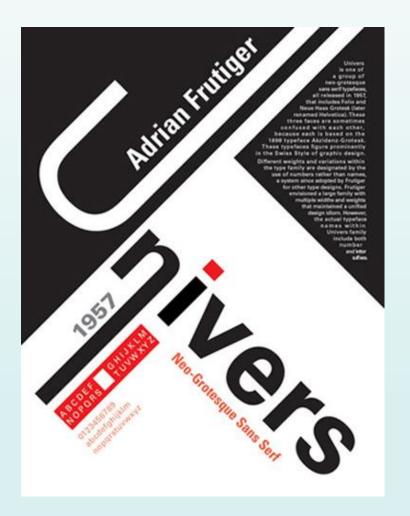
Concepts: Word Shape, Copy Analysis, Syntax, Semantics

## Typographic hierarchy

People of note:
Emil Ruder
Wolfgang Weingart
Armin Hofmann
Josef Müller-Brockmann
Helmut Schmid

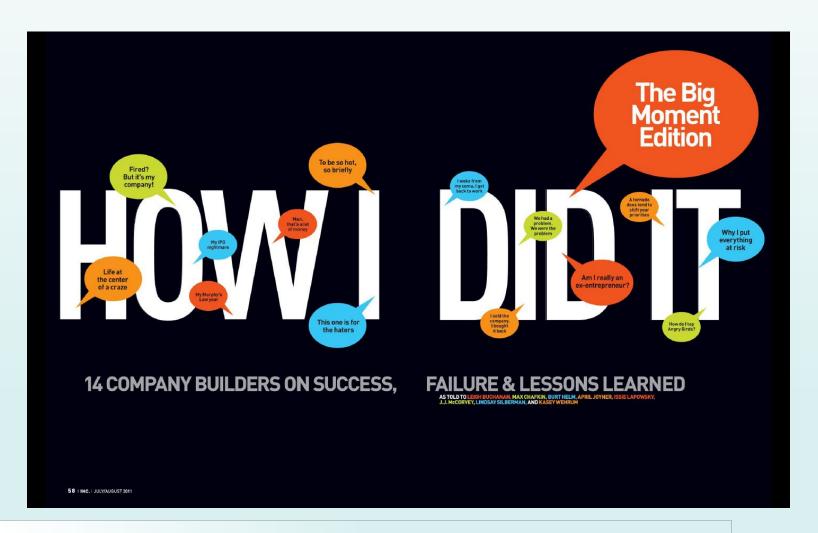
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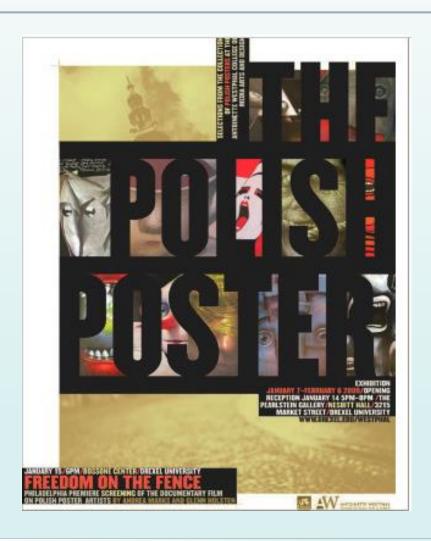
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#### **Rules draw attention**

to specific parts of copy and break it into sections. Vertical rules can be used to separate blocks of text when other means of division are neither possible nor sufficient.

Horizontal rules work well for organizing information and aiding readability.

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Construct Powerful words in tightly fitted boxes add sharp diagonals to this composition, and build an interlocked urban landscape of image and text.







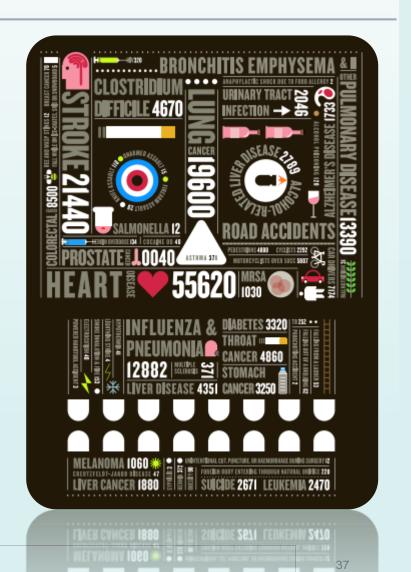


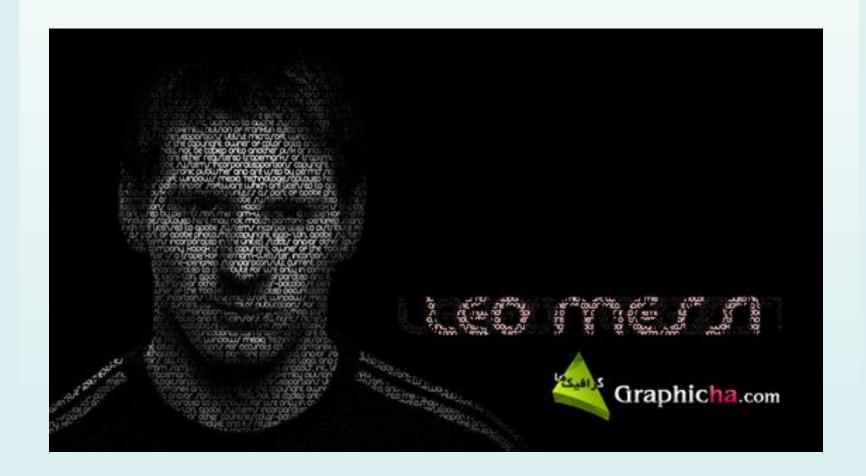
Contemporary designers know that type not only communicates specific meaning, but also possesses aesthetically powerful characteristics in its own right



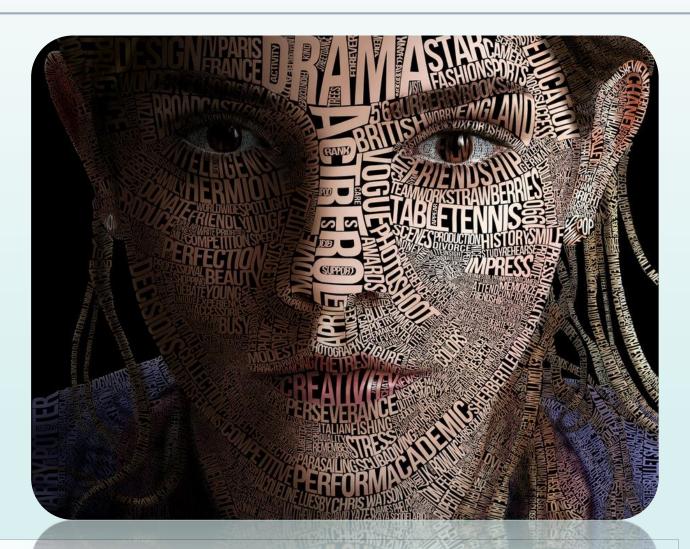


If you think about how many expressive fonts are now available, and the way in which one can apply color, weight, form, and spacing to customize and achieve specific effects, it is possible to see type functioning as an image in its own right











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