

Hermes Wide

About Hermes Wide

With its soft curves, balanced geometry, and subtle retro charm, Hermes is a typeface that blends warmth, precision, and contemporary appeal.

Its design is a reinterpretation of a typeface sample named Epoca produced by a Hermes 3000 typewriter. Through its simple geometrical shapes and low-contrast strokes, Epoca embodied fresh modernist ideas, particularly in comparison to its contemporaries, in the age of mechanical writing machines. Notably the last typewriter Jack Kerouac owned and easily recognizable by its seafoam color, the Hermes 3000 is a lightweight portable typewriter that was manufactured in Western Switzerland from 1958 until the 1980s.

As monospaced fonts were customary on typewriters, Hermes undoubtedly keeps certain features from this original parameter. Although, Hermes has been adapted proportionally for improved texture and legibility. Its rounded ends bring a friendly touch, while its reminiscent fixed width and geometrical aspect simultaneously give it a more rational edge.

Originally designed by Gavillet & Rust in 2001, Hermes was redrawn and extended by Amélie Gallay in 2024.

→ Second release in 2025

→ First release in 2003

Designed by Gavillet & Rust

Gavillet & Rust was the partnership between Gilles Gavillet and David Rust—until Rust's tragic death in 2014. Gavillet and Rust met while studying at the École cantonale d'art de Lausanne (ECAL) and they started to collaborate on typeface designs during a stay at the Cranbrook Academy of Arts, in 1997. It was at Cranbrook where they developed their first typeface together, Detroit MM. Specializing in editorial design and visual identities, Gavillet & Rust developed many typefaces which have been used in their graphic design projects and later commercialized through Optimo Type Foundry. Additionally, both have taught at ECAL. Gavillet & Rust has received many distinctions for their work, including the prestigious Jan Tschichold Prize in 2006 for their outstanding achievements in book design and the Swiss Grand Award for Design in 2012. Their work has been featured and exhibited around the world.

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Language Support	Afrikaans, Albanian, Asu, Basque, Bemba, Bena, Breton, Bosnian, Catalan, Chiga, Cognolian, Cornish, Croatian [Latin], Czech, Danish, Dutch, Embu, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Filipino, Fijian, Finnish, Flemish, French, Friulian, Frisian, Galician, Ganda, German,Gusii, Greenlandic, Hawaiian, Hungarian, Icelandic, Inari Sami, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Jola-Fonyi, Kabuverdianu, Kalaallisut, Kalenjin, Kamba, Kikuyu, Kinyardawanda, Latin, Latvian, Lithuanian, Lower Sorbian, Luo, Luxembourgish, Luyia, Machame, Makhuwa-Meetto, Makonde, Malagasy, Malay, Maltese, Manx, Maori, Meru, Morisyen, Moldavian, North Ndebele, Northern Sami, Norwegian Bokmål, Norwegian Nynorsk, Nyankole, Oromo, Portuguese, Polish, Quechua, Provençal, Rhaeto-Romanic, Romanian, Romansh, Romanyn, Rombo, Rundi, Rwa, Samburu, Sango, Sangu, Sámi [Inari], Sámi [Luli], Sámi [Northern], Sámi [Southern], Samoan, Scottish Gaelic, Sena, Serbian [Latin], Spanish, Shambala, Shona, Slovak, Slovenian, Soga, Somali, Swahili, Swedish, Swiss German, Taita, Teso, Tagalog, Turkish, Upper Sorbian, Uzbek, Volapük, Vunjo, Walser, Wallon, Welsh, Western Frisian, Wolof, Zulu
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			Encoded Glyphs <ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic LatinLatin-1 SupplementLatin Extended-ALatin Extended-BLatin Extended Additional

OpenType Features



All Caps [cpsp]



Case Sensitive Forms [case]

This function formats the text in upper-case and adjusts spacing between all capital letters. It also applies the ‘Case Sensitive Forms’ feature which replaces certain characters with alternates that are better suited for all capital text, especially related to punctuation.

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
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
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Tabular Lining Figures [tnum–lnum]




Proportional Lining Figures [pnum–lnum]

This typeface includes lining figures available in tabular or proportional spacing formats. Lining figures have an invariable height. For contexts in which numbers need to line up such as columns or tables, the tabular setting is perfectly adapted as all numerals setting width is uniformized. Proportional setting generates numerals suitable for text; each number has an appropriate width based on its shape.

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Contextual Alternates [calt]

This feature adapts the position of a glyph after its surrounding context. For instance, a dash placed between two uppercase letters or numbers will be replaced by an uppercase version of the dash, slightly higher. This feature is usually active by default in Adobe applications.

A-B-C—D 1-2

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Standard Ligatures [liga]

Standard ligatures replaces a sequence of characters with a single ligature glyph, they are designed to improve kerning and readability of certain letter pairs.

fi fl fj ft


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Fractions [frac]

With this feature, any numbers separated by a slash will automatically turn into a fraction. To fit in fraction configuration, numerals have been designed smaller and their weights have been adjusted to suit the typeface.

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Ordinals [ordn]

This feature replaces any letter following a numeral with its matching superior letters. French language uses the ordinal indicators such as ‘er’ for 1er premier, while Spanish, Portuguese and Italian require the feminine and masculine ordinals ‘a,’ ‘o’ for 1^a, 1^o. Ordinals are designed to match the weight of the typeface.

2a 2o 1er 2ème


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Slashed Zero [zero]

Originally created to avoid the confusion between the ‘0’ and the ‘O’, this feature substitutes all zeros in a selected text by a slashed form of the zero.

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
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Numerators [numr]

This feature substitutes glyphs with their matching smaller alternates. The numerators are the same glyphs that are used to create fractions, their vertical position remains within the capital letters height. These glyphs are reduced in size and designed sBookly heavier to keep them consistent with the rest of the font.

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Denominators [dnom]

This feature substitutes glyphs with their matching smaller alternates and low position glyphs. The denominators are the same glyphs that are used to create fractions, their vertical position remains within the base line. These glyphs are reduced in size and designed sBookly heavier to keep them consistent with the rest of the font.

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Superscript/Superiors [sups]

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Subscript/Inferiors [subs]

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ss06

Stylistic Set 6 [ss06]
Lowercase math symbols

This feature activates alternate lowercase positioning of mathematical symbols.

4-7x8
up+down

H+±x÷-≈≠≤≥¬∞

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5x

Stylistic Set 20 [ss20]
Multiply sign

This feature substitutes the letter “x” into the multiplication sign.

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