

Presentations

This is a selection of three sets of presentations at meetings and a bunch of examples for some styles that come with **ConTExT**. In **MkIV** some of the older styles have been dropped. There are more presentations, starting mid 1990's: some are lost, others make no sense showing (or have articles instead) and I have no time anyway to collect all of them.

We show the first four pages but you can find the complete files in the **ConTExT** distribution. This file is generated automatically so it's also a snapshot. Maybe some day I find the time to add some more.

bachotex-2010-clash

TeX and Reality

Clashing Mindsets?

BachTeX, May 1, 2010

- There can be several reasons for using TeX, never an accident.
- You like the way it works, you add a document using a simple editor, add a couple of documents and start working. It's the content and structure that matter.
- You need it for academic because you have to repeat stuff and you believe that no other tool can do it better or faster.
- You found out that it can save time because it's programmable and other software programming is a pain because it's too slow.
- You like the occasional light touch of back-referenced tables and right-aligning footnotes to the level of complexity that does other wordprocessing.
- You dislike having a more program every 3 years. Or worse it would be different if not for the TeX group.

- You almost avoid Lua and use the shell based to do with it. It's to know on what can be done instead of what can't.
- I wish the disposable tools and you were lucky that TeX still can adapt to my needs.
- I like my job but only when using the current tools and looking up reasonable solutions.
- I found it fun working (after also almost) content and also use the fun.
- It is possible to use a replacement editor based on design provided by engineers, more probably only know, click and point tools for sake of their own ideas instead of TeX.

- Each project has about a few challenges, the input, the design, graphics, the boundary conditions, whatever.
- I give more time a printed product or an afterthought and coding is done by writing on the screen.
- It's more fun when writing documents. Coding is done on screen because you can see things, the content and publication can occur.
- Printed documents are a generation of design and it's fun, but to control up with a design.
- Changes are more and less project like content that is well, especially that programming has to be used. For some reason engineers have control on the design but in general.
- Almost everyone is a back-end engineer, usually people of the content solutions are not that high. They're often in a more academic.
- Unfortunately engineers were not the best that we can program content and build the problems involving the finished product.

bachotex-2010-move

Hybrids:

the evolution of ConTeXt

BachTeX, May 3, 2010

- Coding in TeX is quite natural and gives a great access to the content to test that.
- Coding in Lua makes sense when you have to manipulate or reuse your data and when TeX is just the container.
- For non-interactive graphics MetaPost provides a convenient input language. It also plays well with TeX.
- Some problems can occur occasionally, be solved in a procedural programming language and Lua perfectly fits in here.

- Of course we started with only TeX code. Functionality has been nearly split to modules.
- Front and backend code has always been separated.
- The user interface is quite convenient which provides backward compatibility as well extensibility.
- For quite some time MetaPost support has been tightly integrated, including a two-way communication between these solutions.
- When we decided on Lua as language it didn't take long before large chunks of ConTeXt were rewritten using it.

- Most first building takes place in Lua and as small with TeX we can do more than 1000 pages.
- Other extensions, like languages, input encoding, etc. is not and also more along the line to be supported by TeX.
- Lots of extensions is now central around, especially related to structure. This will present some new features.
- Names, descriptions and documentation also only in Lua.
- Complexity (including MetaPost) is all dealt with in Lua. That management is currently on the agenda.
- The backend code is completely rewritten in Lua. We've disabled the low-level printers so that third party modules can test the game (that was already the case in MetaPost).
- Essentially most management tasks will move from TeX to Lua, but we keep in place some LuaTeX development and some things to be done.

bachotex-2011-cld-and-mkvi

Finding the balance

No way back

- We have passed the point of no return already years ago.
- Most users now use MkIV, with an occasional fall-back on MkII.
- The code base is now completely split, with the exception of some modules.
- Some solutions are implemented in Lua with only a small wrapper at the TeX end.

To get an idea

- structure: sectioning, notes, descriptions, registers, synonyms
- typesetting: sectioning, notes, descriptions

Hybrid coding

- The complete ConTeXt user interface is available at the Lua end (context namespace).
- Eventually all Lua solutions will have a dual interface: Lua (all kind of namespaces) and towards TeX (the command namespace).
- Some of the support Lua modules can also be used independent from ConTeXt.

bachotex-2013-bits

Bits and pieces:

ConTeXt
MetaPost
Lua and more

Hans Hagen
EuroBachOTeX
May 2013

ConTeXt recently done	ConTeXt next on the todo list	MetaPost recently done
MetaPost next on the todo list	Lua recently done	Lua next on the todo list
LuaTeX recently done	LuaTeX next on the todo list	Fonts next on the todo list
Manuaals	Scripts	Speed

ConTeXt recently done

- some more cleanup of old left-overs
- most mechanisms now into the new level of parameter abstraction
- only a few fundamental incompatibilities (right of mechanisms, more control)
- slow introduction of hooks and extensions via setups
- first version of new multi-column routines
- replacing mechanism that have a (too) complex implementation
- exploring the mix (e.g. chemistry with Alan)
- remove some ugly left-overs from MetaPost
- normalized dynamic fonts (smoothly interfacing)

ConTeXt next on the todo list

- more definitively split between generic and context (generalist)
- some math extensions, maybe already math dictionaries
- normalize all styles and modes
- play a bit more with the Lua-purifier
- add more integrated bib layout support
- finalize experimental (auto)script code
- investigate what more is needed in the xco interface
- check multi-lingual interface translations (not entirely in sync now)

bachotex-2013-luatex

LuaTeX for dummies

(so you can still leave)

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May 2013

The TeX perspective	The Lua perspective	The hybrid perspective
The complications	The future	This workshop
Just plain	A bit less plain	Hardly plain

The TeX perspective

- it started out as pdfTeX
- then got merged with Aleph
- but we left out the ugly bits of both
- it's exclusively utf-8
- its math machinery got extended with OpenType like features
- there are no fundamental extensions as its impossible to agree in them

The LUA perspective

- it's just a Lua engine
- it has some extra libraries on board
- you don't even have to use TeX
- but there are hooks into the TeX machinery
- and we can go further by loading libraries

bachotex-2013-sense

How about those
typographic virtues:
do they still make sense?

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May 2013

Typesetting	In the process	But eventually
Targeting paper	Towards displays	The state of affairs
Take ligatures	Accent battles	Justification
Backslashes	Endangered features	The future of TeX

Typesetting

- somehow we turned sounds into speech into language
- and after that it may have started with writing in the sand
- followed by printing on cave walls
- or maybe carving symbols in wood
- and figuring out some writing system
- that made it possible to chisel thoughts in stone
- and eventually printing blobs on paper
- that we somehow managed to map onto pixels
- but
- typesetting only happened very lately

In the process

- mankind optimized the basic shapes (to suit the language)
 - and kept inventing new symbols
 - more and more automated typesetting and rendering and printing
 - and of course this went with all kind of silly arguments
- think of this:
- for ages scribbles were the only way to get high end artistic typesetting
 - and now we can do this mostly automatic (in good and bad way)
 - so we endangered yet another craft

bachotex-2013-speed

Speed:

can we make it any faster

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May 2013

Speed

Pages per minute

What happens

What we can do

Speed

- speed matters in a edit-run-preview cycle although this is mostly perception
- the nicer the interface, the slower it gets, but you seldom set something up
- everything you provide gets used at some point, also in inefficient ways
- lots of local (grouped) tweaks leads to many mechanisms kicking in uneven
- wrong use of functionality can have drastic and unexpected speed penalties

Pages per minute

- we try to speed up baseline performance (in pages per second)
- identify and optimize critical routines, both at the TeX and Lua end
- of course the machine (Dell 550, X513, X523, X528, 2.33 GHz T7600, Windows 8) and versions of Lua 5.2.3 (0723) and ConTeXt master

Macros	(1000)	(test)	pages
1	2	2	2
10	15	17	17
100	96	109	110
1000	185	214	259
10000	212	258	289

bachotex-2015-ligatures

the interaction between
ligatures hyphenation
and kerning

Hans Hagen
BachTeX 2015

Ligature

effe
effe
effe

Discretionary

```
\discretionary{pre}{post}{replace}  
explicit \-  
automatic -  
regular: patterns  
first: internal  
second: internal
```

Hyphenated ligature

ef fe
e [f -] [f] [ff] e
e [f -] [f] [ff] e

bachotex-2016-opentype

OPENTYPE FONTS
the generic loader

Hans Hagen - bachTeX 2016

how engines sees a font

```
TeX  
make: width, height, depth, rlsk, x-height, kern table, ligature list, of-removable, and use-punct-removable  
specification and a lot of test and math parameters  
pdfTeX  
vertical: left, protruding, right, protruding, expansion factor and parameters to control these  
LaTeXp  
vector: Basic: math top access, math bar access, coordinate, adjusted removable specification, vertical control,  
fontational control, name, table, word access, math font and extra parameters and math control and in  
the font  
XeTeX  
probably something similar
```

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font handling

```
loading opentype font data  
• alternative to read the data to fontforge loader library  
• not sure we use a remedy before Lua loader  
• not sure a similar before loader  
• in ConTeXt one can fall back to the old loader/loader  
applying opentype font features  
generic: loading font data  
ConTeXt: loading font, table, extra, dynamic  
loading opentype font fonts  
• the type of generic, available in ConTeXt  
• make: compile to generic, embedded in ConTeXt, reference in Lua  
• make: use the generic control font features  
• LuaTeX: not in generic  
• not: delivered to the local installation
```

OP

preparations

```
after loading  
• initialize fontset driver substitution  
• initialize fontset driver positioning  
• handle: number of extra properties  
• initialize additional data for engine (protrusion, expansion, vertical, shift)  
• apply: use the XeTeX engine  
• apply: initialization before and after loading  
• handle: font features  
• handle: special control fontset: theory table of opentype  
• apply: metrics and user: initialization TeX  
handle:  
• efficient access to all font properties for additional processing beforehand or afterwards
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Grandpa's toolbox

(making closets)

Dad's hobby

(cleaning closets)

Uncle's friends

(talking closets)

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- there's closets and closets
- take the ones you put stuff in ... e.g. that you buy at ikea
- you have to assemble them so you get out your toolbox
- this kid sits next to you wondering what that tool is
- what is natural for you to use might not be so for them
- but grandpa likes to carry over his knowledge and experiences

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closets

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- but ... kids get their information from the internet, not from you
- (they watch discovery channel or national geographic and know a lot)
- or they look at vloggers (no bloggers) trying to learn something
- and they keep moving on ... and on
- do gp's live long tools really make sense to them?

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interest

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- grandpa also has a vlogger, he is called knuth
- gp is as locked into tex as the kids are into apps
- he's a do-it-him-self kind of person
- will his grandkids love watching him crafting
- and hear his stories about meetings and journals

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grandpas

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bachotex-2017-emoji-demo

```

1
Font: S: [suplax] x12 # 12: [p]
features:
  Default: cursive, curly, swash, swash2,
  ascenderligatures, descender, flex, midswashes,
  ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures,
  curly, curly, curly, curly, curly, curly,
  ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures,
  ascender, ligatures, ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures,
  ascender, ascenderligatures
step 1
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 0
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 1
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 2
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 3
step 2
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'a_0', replacing single [0-100] by [0-100]
  and [0-100] [0-100]
step 3
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'a_0', table 1, replacing character [0-100] glyphs
  [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 4
step 4
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]

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2
feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
'a_0', table 1, replacing character [0-100] glyphs
[0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 4
step 5
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'a_0', table 1, replacing character [0-100] glyphs
  [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 4
step 6
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'a_0', table 1, replacing single [0-100] by [0-100]
  and [0-100] [0-100]
step 7
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_single', lookup 'p_0',
  shifting single [0-100] by single [0-100] and up
  [0-100]
step 8
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_single', lookup 'p_0',
  shifting single [0-100] by single [0-100] and up
  [0-100]
step 9
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  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'p_0', shifting single [0-100] by single [0-100]
  and [0-100] [0-100]
step 10
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'p_0', shifting single [0-100] by single
  [0-100] and [0-100] [0-100]
feature 'stat', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
'a_0', table 1, replacing character [0-100] glyphs
[0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 4

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3
step 11
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
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  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'p_0', shifting single [0-100] by single [0-100]
  and [0-100] [0-100]
step 12
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_contextuals', lookup 'p_0',
  table 1, replacing single [0-100] by [0-100] and
  [0-100] [0-100]
step 13
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  feature 'stat', type 'gsh_contextuals', lookup 'p_0',
  table 1, replacing single [0-100] by [0-100] and
  [0-100] [0-100]
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4
Font: S: [suplax] x12 # 12: [p]
features:
  Default: cursive, curly, swash, swash2,
  ascenderligatures, descender, flex, midswashes,
  ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures,
  curly, curly, curly, curly, curly, curly,
  ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures,
  ascender, ligatures, ascenderligatures, ascenderligatures,
  ascender, ascenderligatures
step 1
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 0
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 1
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 2
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_ligatures', lookup 'a_0',
  replacing [0-100] glyphs [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 3
step 2
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
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  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'a_0', replacing single [0-100] by [0-100]
  and [0-100] [0-100]
step 3
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100] [0-100]
  feature 'comp', type 'gsh_contextuals', chain lookup
  'a_0', table 1, replacing character [0-100] glyphs
  [0-100] by ligatures [0-100] case 4
step 4
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bachotex-2017-emoji

Picture Fonts

welcome to a (beautiful) mess

Hans Hagen
BachOTUC 2017

A Summary

- the macro package's view: just a font like any other but it needs to configure some extra color related properties
- the engine's view: depending on the technology a normal font that needs a bit special treatment or needs to be dealt with as collection of graphics
- the viewer's view: regular outline glyphs or images tagged as kind of characters so that their unicode representation can be cut and paste
- the user's view: more pictures than glyphs although some people can communicate using them

So, in practice, for most TeX users it's probably not a high priority font but, more a fun one.

Technologies

As each vendor came up with something, we have to deal with a all kinds of formats. And of course, as designers publish things on the market before it's perfect we now have to deal with all of them.

- overlapping glyphs: this technique uses the colr and cpal tables and is actually a quite clean technology, you can combine in different ways
- svg graphics: this technique uses the svg table that contains a svg vector image
- binary graphics: this technique uses for instance tdx tables that can have various graphic images

The first two are already supported in the CONTEXT font loader and processor for a while, the last one was added recently.

Only the overlapping method is useable for the tens of thousands of skin tone combinations of families, (kissng) couples, and professions.

Preparation

For now one has to enable the feature:

```

\definefontfeature[overly]{default}[ccp=yes,col=yes,dist=yes]
\definefontfeature[sv] [default][sv=yes]
\definefontfeature[binax] [default][sv=yes]

```

```

\definefontfeature[colord] [default]
[ccp=yes,dist=yes,
col=yes,sv=yes,sv=yes]

```

Defining a font is not different from others

```

\definefont{MyFont}[font] [scriptus][overly]
\definefontsynonym[emoj] [scriptus][overly]

```

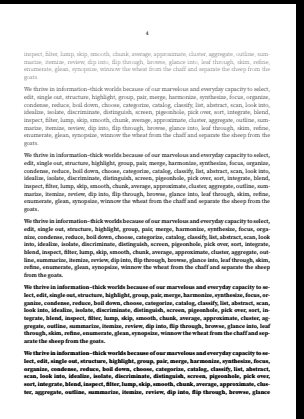
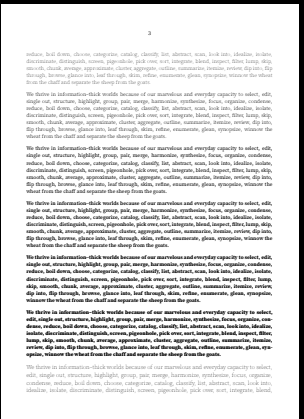
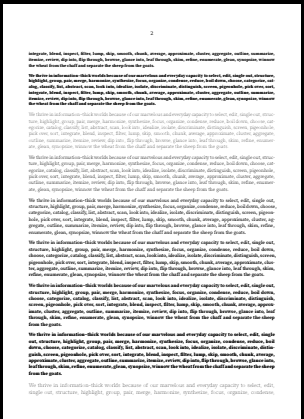
As is using:

```

{\MyFont}font\resolvemoji{\woman}
\emoji{\woman}

```

bachotex-2017-variablefonts-demo



bachotex-2017-variablefonts

Variable Fonts

we're ready for them

Hans Hagen
BachTeX 2017

A Summary

- the **macro package's view**: just a font but with many possible variations in shape (width, weight, slope, etc) and therefore a **non** max user interface
- the **engine's view**: an abstraction not different from other fonts but that needs a special treatment in the backend
- the **viewer's view**: a font to be displayed like any other with outlines in cff or if format
- the **user's view**: an openscript font with possibly surprising shapes of which you need to know a bit more than usual if you want to profit from it

So, in practice, for most TeX users it's just a font that has to be supported by TeX and friends.

Starting point

- The OpenType 1.8 specification at the Microsoft website defined the tables and explains bits and pieces.
- There's a few fonts that have relevant tables (not all) and implement variants as well as features.
- There are some posts on the internet that show a bit about axis and other things that go on in these fonts.
- Luckily we have ways (in CONTeXt) to explore what goes on in these fonts and how they could look.
- Condition: no tricks, no fuzzy heuristics, just the specification should be enough.

Implementation

- First try to render variants in order to see what we're dealing with. This was not too hard (starting with cff) because we have already variant font support.
- Next try to load the relevant tables and figure out what these deltas and such really mean and how axes and regions and ... have to be applied.
- Try to make it all work on a real piece of text, so not only shapes but also features and dimensions.
- Finally make sure that the font can get embedded as a normal font and not as inline (tagged) graphic.
- Also, try to generalize the helpers and methods in such ways that we can experiment with additional tricks (after all, TeX is about control).
- Todo: once there are more fonts (with the right data tables), check the code with the specification.

bachotex-2018-fonteffects

Modern Latin

BachTeX 2018 — Hans Hagen

Why oh why

- In ConTeXt we have a mechanism to apply effects to a glyph stream.
- An active user on the ConTeXt mailing list wondered if that could be applied to specific fonts.
- The particular interest concerned the possibility to hidden fonts.
- I don't really like effects and not all fonts were suitable for it.

What are effects

Normal effects are implemented using the 'effects' mechanism, which already dates way back to METAFONT times and of course is also available for METEX.

```
UsefontEffect
{outer}
[alternative=outer,
initial=character=1,style]
effect \usefontEffect{outer}effect\usefontEffect
```

effect effect effect
effect effect effect
effect effect effect

inner outer both

bachotex-2018-mp

MetaPost Extensions

A few examples

BachTeX 2018 — Hans Hagen

History

- We started using MetaPost some two decades ago and immediately used the pdf tools.
- We used special colors plus special to communicate extensions, the language could color and shade.
- This mechanism was always improved and extended. Some mechanisms, like text, needed no white space.
- When we moved to ConTeXt and again we started using pdf and postscript to carry information with the paths.
- Currently we use a lot of LaTeX files which might be convenient during the MetaPost run with ConTeXt. This prevents document iterations.

Colors

```
UsefontEffect
{outer}
{
  inner {
    fill [red] circle [radius=1cm];
    fill [cyan] circle [radius=1cm];
    fill [green] circle [radius=1cm];
    fill [blue] circle [radius=1cm];
    fill [magenta] circle [radius=1cm];
    fill [yellow] circle [radius=1cm];
  }
}
endfontEffect
```


context-2011-ebook-export

e-books

old wine in new bottles

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1 Some observations

Most ebooks are just books (or try to be).
Only a small portion has (or needs) design.
To what extent appreciation matters is hard to measure.
Vendor locking is spelling much.
10 years of low ms screens have made readers tolerant.
Publishers already lost the edge.
Eventually authors will publish themselves.

2 What is an ebook

Nicest is it being a pdf (some design).
Easiest is it being an xhtml file (with some css).
Painful is it being a flash app.
We can already provide a pdf for paper and screen for quite a while.
We can consider providing an xhtml alongside an reflowable variant.
Who knows what we can provide in the future.

3 The starting point

No output is better than the input.
Fixing bad coding is a waste of energy.
Not that many publishers want to invest in coding.
Not that many tools enforce structure.
The real good devices still have to come but we can be ready for it.
The intelligence has to be in the macro packages, not in the engine.

context-2011-mathml-update

MathML

or math in general

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1 Some developments

MathML started as an interchange format on the one hand [context] but also provides a rendering variant [presentation] and in the meantime has been merged with what is called open math we now have MathML 3 and ConTeXt has been updated a while ago to support this

2 Some history

we supported MathML right from the start
in MLT quite some data juggling takes place because we need to do some analysis
the MathML code has been upgraded a few times but is now frozen
in MLV we have rewritten all code using the first version of the new xml parser
it currently is a mixture of Lua, TeX and MetaPost
there will probably be a partial rewrite some day in the future

3 UNICODE

in the meantime Unicode has been extended with math
in the past in MathML special characters and symbols were accessed by entity but now we can exclusively use Unicode characters and forget about the entities
no matter what, we do need to do some analysis on the content (presentation) elements

context-2011-metapost-how-we-adapt

MetaPost

how we adapt

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1 Development Stage

we started with simple usage [logos] and PostScript output then we moved on to conversion to pdf using TeX macros solution this has the advantage that fonts are handled by TeX for a long time this was a generic solution (later became the MLT variant)

2 Development Stage

we added some extensions (transparency, cmxk, etc) and MetaFun showed up that extension mechanism uses special colors as signals we always collected latex ... stex in order to speed up processing in addition we added textext and similar features communication between MetaFun and ConTeXt became more advanced over time

3 Development Stage

when LuaTeX showed up a substitution based lua converter was written later when lpeg came around an experimental lpeg converter showed up some changes were made to textext processing and run management

context-2011-sorting-registers

Sorting registers

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The old way

In MBT sorting is delegated to TgSort! i.e. a multipass action ascending vectors are passed along
sort vectors depend on the language
there are the usual complications with direct characters and commands

Moving on

in MBT sorting happens during the run
we only have to deal with Unicode (utf)
sort vectors still depend on the language
sorting can be controlled by methods
there is no universal solution (conflicting user demands, mixed languages)

Character data

unicode 0	unicode 1	unicode 2	unicode 3	unicode 4
unicode 5	unicode 6	unicode 7	unicode 8	unicode 9
unicode 10	unicode 11	unicode 12	unicode 13	unicode 14
unicode 15	unicode 16	unicode 17	unicode 18	unicode 19
unicode 20	unicode 21	unicode 22	unicode 23	unicode 24
unicode 25	unicode 26	unicode 27	unicode 28	unicode 29
unicode 30	unicode 31	unicode 32	unicode 33	unicode 34
specials	specials	specials	specials	specials
regular	accent	ligature	hangul	hangul

context-2012-after-the-cleanup

Brewners 2012 After the cleanup

The update

- The move to MBT is more than supporting an engine.
- It is a complete rewrite (parsing, extending, cleaning).
- Although somewhat crippled by the fact that we want to remain compatible.
- But sometimes we sacrifice compatibility by getting rid of old stuff.

The current state

- A lot of work, more than I had thought, so a token longer.
- Most Tg code is done (some structure and column code left).
- New extensions and helpers mostly done, but will be checked for consistency.

Brewners 2012 After the cleanup

What is there todo

- Some code might become generalized (also depends on others).
- Layer and positioning code might get a more extensive L1A and L2C interface.
- Structure related code will support syntax (some already in place).
- New page builder variables will be explored (anyway more column support and flexity).
- Mathematics (eg. Mathematical formula already in place, just needs tests).
- Math list optimization (part project).
- Generate dependencies (over counter used and more consistent code loading order).
- All error messages needs checking (some gone, some not yet translated).
- Update all test definitions (some in progress, other related to what).
- Optimize positioning system (a bit more powerful one, but also more resources).
- More support for one file (PDF) instead of more in share code.
- Modules (especially those for tracing) need to be reworked.
- Some styles (mostly private presentation, styles) needs to be fixed.
- Step up the "font and name" (CONTEXT) current project.
- Now that we have more code isolated, we can define an api.
- Some resources need to be updated (more still apply).

Brewners 2012 After the cleanup

What I have to keep in mind

- What is handy for me is not always handy for all users.

But nevertheless there will be new things

- Elements of our processing framework will show up in the distribution.
- It's not more convenient to have one installation for related things.
- This is also why support for databases has been added recently.
- Running (lib)logix Tg also needs special treatment (error management).
- It makes sense to use the well developed TgC infrastructure.

Brewners 2012 After the cleanup

Keep an eye on updates

- Rewriting the code base leads to bugs but there are often resolved quickly (thanks by Wolf Gang).
- Revisiting the mailing list helps and rewrites the wiki is adapted close to reality (contributed by Stefan).
- Changes to standards and related tools are supported and followed by those who depend on them (Leif Peter).
- Some users have demands and those end up as extensions to existing mechanisms (Aldy's elastic modules).
- Issues with platforms are often quickly dealt with (if Leif doesn't know it ...).
- And of course I add new things driven by projects, challenges (and an occasional stack of new L1A).
- New releases (and beta) are checked against a growing set of test files (L1A makes a report after each update).

context-2012-lexing-sources

Brewners 2012 Lexing sources

What is lexing

- Computer languages have mandate structure.
- You can avoid errors by checking the input.
- Efforts can help by ensuring invariant results, concept etc.
- Consistency in coloring different languages makes sense.

When did we start

- We wrote our first editor begin 90's.
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- When BOGICA was no longer fashion we moved on to PEARL: YANBERG (quick demo).
- When we ran into SCTR we start using that.
- I provided syntax highlighting for TgC and INSTANT (support for multiple formats etc.).

Brewners 2012 Lexing sources

Side effect of MBT

- SCTR got L1A based lexing (external lexing).
- I already had already written some lexers for the pretty printers.
- So I spent it up and made some more advanced lexers.
- These ship with CONTEXT, TgC, MBT, PDF, L1A, CLD, REFPOUT, text.

Characteristics

- The TgC lexer supports nested lexing of L1A and METANOTE.
- An integrational speed checking is provided.
- Unfortunately there is no lexer for SCTR on MACOSX (but that I care too much nowadays).
- It is a pity that we have no access to SCTR internal as with the regular L1A interface.
- On my good old machine hope then the answers that come (at the end).

Brewners 2012 Lexing sources

The future

- I will improve the current lexers.
- An L2C lexer will be added at some point.
- I might include an INSTANT version that supports nested L1A.

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context-2012-mixed-columns

Brendans 2012 The script

Output

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- One of the things you can do is package all collected so far in a page.

Basics

- In `LiLaTeX` we can also intercept content at more places.
- For instance before and after each paragraph is processed.

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Columns

- `%X` has no concept of columns.
- You need to fake them by fiddling with the width and spilling boxes.
- Often we use the `shallow` (no output routine).
- For some local applications we use simple columns.
- In for instance `literate` we used a mixed color and multi-column model.
- Columns are another (independent) mechanism, strongly grid based.
- Traditional multi-columnness are being replaced by a new mechanism: mixed columns.

Pitfalls

- Footnotes: page, first or last column, each column (delayed, immediate)
- Graphics: moving them around is more complex than in single columns.
- Nesting: how about columns inside columns.
- Indenting: can be hard taking all into account.

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Questions

- Do complex column mechanisms still make sense given the move to electronic paper.
- If so, what functionality should be provided.

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context-2012-the-script

Brendans 2012 The script

Some myths

- `CONTEXT` looks a lot like plain `TeX` and expects users to program macros.
- `CONTEXT` depends on `TeX`.

The truth

- On the average users don't have to program. Configuring is not programming.
- As `TeX` has a conventional heading and job control, helpers are provided.
- Of course users can still program a lot, but not all need that.
- Of course users can directly run `CONTEXT`, but why should they.

A few facts

- The `CONTEXT` distribution provides a sort of ecosystem.
- As `TeX` is not too new (except for some job control).
- But in many ways it is of course! done in `LiLaTeX`.
- New scripts play an important role: `context` and `context`.

Brendans 2012 The script

The 'intarum' script

- `intarum` and `run` scripts, have a lot of helpers provided.
- It is in fact my `LiLaTeX` runner on top the `TeX`LiLa.
- It knows about files and the environment we run in.
- It has some features that makes it easier to integrate in services.
- The way we don't need make (and avoid potential conflicts as well)

The 'context' script

- It runs `CONTEXT` and keeps track of how many runs are needed.
- Contrary to `TeX` `CONTEXT` is not needed for auto setting etc.
- It has a few extensions that are loaded on demand: `extra`.

Brendans 2012 The script

A regular run

```
context [-run] filename
```

Running from an editor

```
context --autooff filename
```

Running from an service

```
strun --path=filepath -script context filename
```

Brendans 2012 The script

Controlling the rendering

```
--stylesheet=list  
--myresource=list  
--media=list  
--argument=list  
--pdf=list
```

Controlling with cix files

```
--cix=xxx
```

Also in proamble

```
<-context-directive job cxtfile shell cix >
```

context-2012-visual-debugging

Brendans 2012 Visual debugging

How it started

- Some 15 years ago I wanted some more feedback.
- So I figured out a way to visualize boxes, lines, glom, etc.
- Some aspects were tricky: the stretch and shrink (the `%x` and `%y`), fillers, leaders, etc.
- I gave some presentations and it was nice to see the puzzled faces.
- As debugging does not work, it is somewhat interesting.
- When not enabled there is no overhead but we did disable it at some places.

Do we need it

- I wonder if anyone ever used it.
- Some of the helpers are quite handy, like `ViLaDiBla`.
- So there had to be provided anyway, so: where to stop?

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All kind of debugging

- We have more debugging, much shows up when writing new code.
- Think of fonts, math, graphics, characters, etc.
- Some make no sense in `LiLaTeX`, so they are gone, but some stays there.
- In due time this will all be normalized (as most loves in modules).

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Why we kept it

- When cleaning up the code I had to decide to keep it or redo it as it could be done `TeX`ish.
- But as we already had some `LiLa` based extra it made sense to redo it.
- The old code is still there as module (also because I had some more funerals).

How it worked

- In `TeX` primitives are overlaid.
- So effectively, when enabled, `TeX` run main become macros.
- We use rules (and leaders) to visualize properties.
- Some constructs interfere so we need to compromise side effects.

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How it works

- The basics were a rather trivial quick job as we had a lot in place already.
- Interpreting the code (and outputting visualizers).
- We use colors, rules and text but much can be overlaid.
- Control over what gets visualized at the `TeX` end.
- Control over what gets shown by extra layers.
- As usual most time went into visualizations (choices and optimization).
- Some structures interfered with hierarchical representations in the backend.
- When I decided to use layers I had to adapt some other code (mostly out of efficiency).
- There is even for more (but first I want the drink of size 5.5).

context-2012-xml-news

Breakdown 2012 Processing XML, some basics

Topics

- processing
- indexing
- building
- testing
- insurance

Breakdown 2012 Processing XML, some basics

Processing

```

\processfile (name) (filename) (setup)
\processbuffer (name) (filename) (setup)
\loadonly (name) (filename) (setup)

Loading
\load (name) (filename) (setup)
\loadbuffer (name) (buffername) (setup)
    
```

Breakdown 2012 Processing XML, some basics

Injecting elements

```

\forallnull (mode) (pattern)
\forallfirst (mode) (pattern)
\foralllast (mode) (pattern)
\forallflush (mode)

\forallraw (mode) (pattern)
\forallcontext (mode) (pattern)
\foralltrip (mode) (pattern)
\foralltag (mode)
\foralltext (mode) (pattern)
    
```

Breakdown 2012 Processing XML, some basics

Injecting attributes

```

\forallatt (mode) (name)
\forallattdef (mode) (name) (default)
\forallattr (mode) (pattern) (name)
\forallattrdef (mode) (pattern) (name) (default)

Injecting properties
\forallcount (mode) (pattern)
\forallname (mode)
\forallnamespace (mode)
    
```

context-2013-math

Math:
progress or standing still

Hans Hagen
ConTeXt Meeting
September 2013

Math as script	Alphabets	Heavy bold	Radicals
Primes	Accents	Stackers	Fences
Directions	Structure	Italic correction	Big
Macro	Unscripting	Combining fonts	Tracing

Math as script

- math can be input using the `\TeX` syntax, MetaML, calculator like sequences, ...
- but apart from content MetaML all stay close to good old `\TeX`
- although not officially a script, ConTeXt treats it as such, but without control

$$B \cdot \left(\frac{a + 1}{a + 1} \right)^2 = \frac{(a - 1)}{b} B$$

$$B \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a}{a + 1}} + 1 \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{a(a - 1)} b$$

```

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</fenced>

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</math>
    
```

There is recognition of math as a proper (but not standardized) script.

Alphabets

- the shape (style) of a character determines its meaning
- but in most cases an type is entered an `accu` character
- and tagged with some rendering directive, often indicating a font style
- in traditional `\TeX` we have alphabets in different fonts, so we're talking switches
- in `Unicode` and `ConTeXt` we have alphabets with standardized code points (but gaps too)
- this has big advantages for communicating, transferring data etc
- but a math engine still has to deal with `accu` input as well
- multiple axis: types, alphabets, styles, variants, shapes, modifiers

We're off better but the gaps are an anomaly.

context-2013-speed

Speed:
why it matters
and why we care

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Speed	Pages per minute
What happens	What we can do

Speed

- speed matters in a edit-run-preview cycle although this is mostly perception
- the more the interface, the slower it gets, but you seldom set something up so that it is not much of a burden
- everything you provide gets used at some point, also in insufficient ways, so best know your weak spots
- lots of local (grouped) tweaks leads to many mechanisms kicking in unseen, grouping matters
- wrong use of functionality can have drastic and unexpected speed penalties

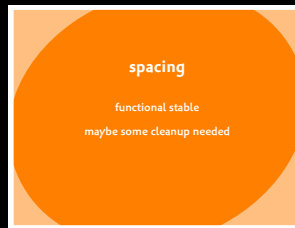
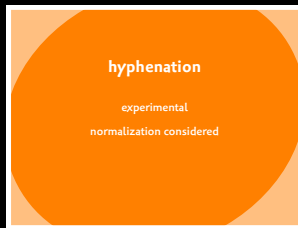
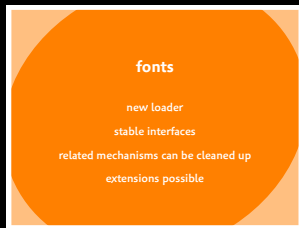
Pages per minute

- we have speed up the baseline performance (in pages per second) as much as possible
- we try to identify and optimize critical routines, both at the `\TeX` and `Lua` end
- of course the used hardware machine and versions of `LuaTeX` and `ConTeXt` matter

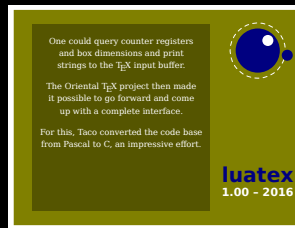
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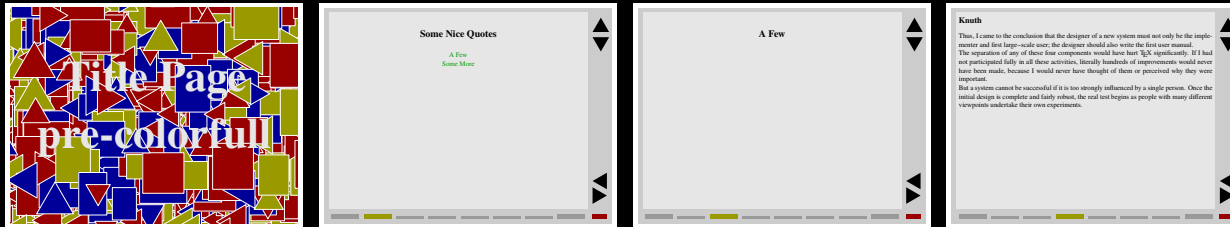
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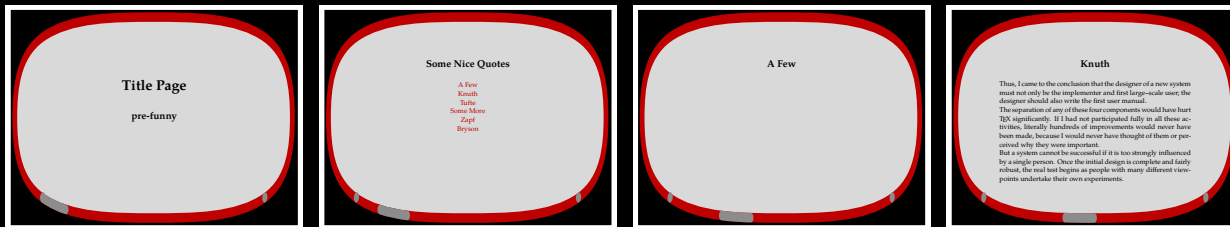
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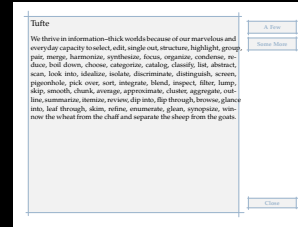
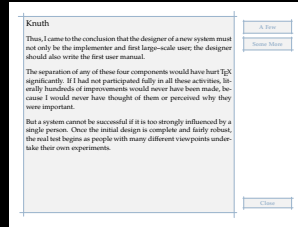
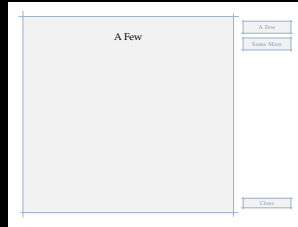
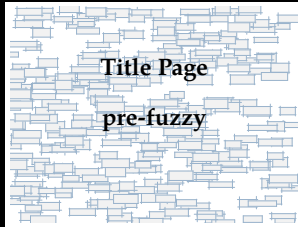
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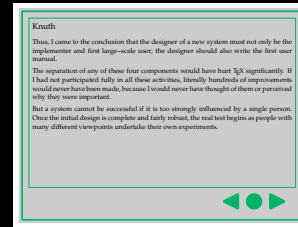
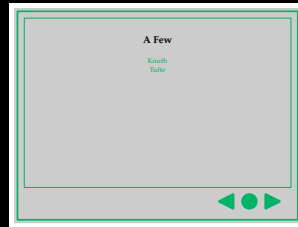
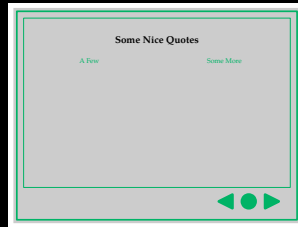
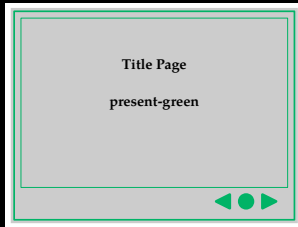
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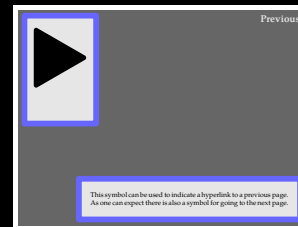
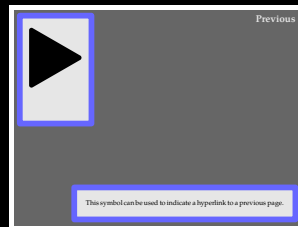
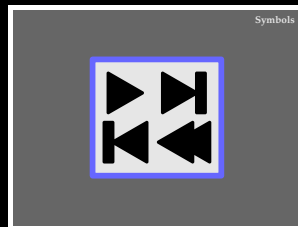
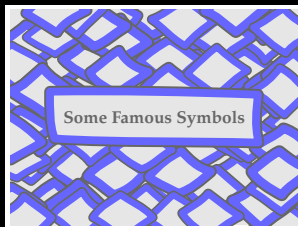
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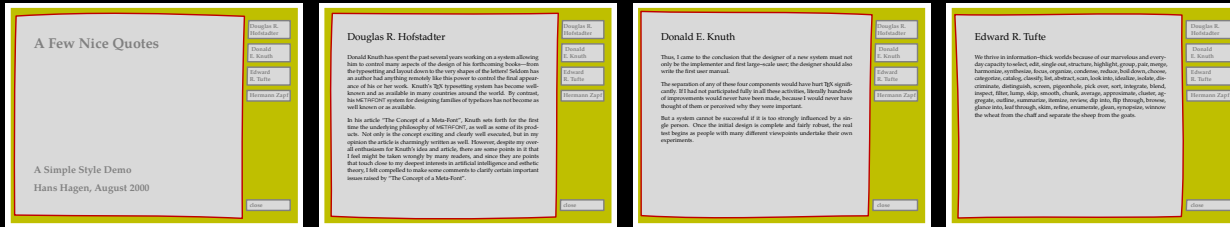
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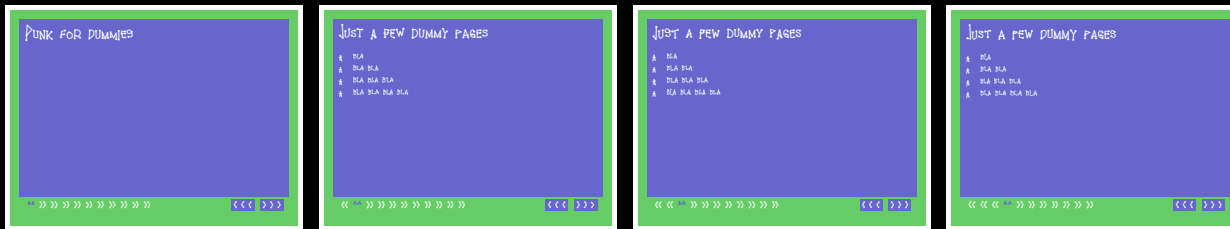
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Examples

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Stepwise
Refinement

Topics

Female Artists And Some More

Male Composers

Female Artists

- Fiona Apple
- Tori Amos
- Kate Bush
- Heather Nova
- Alanis Morissette
- Suzanne Vega

Male Composers

- John Adams
- Steve Reich
- Louis Andriessen
- Olivier Messiaen

present-steps-001

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1 Step Set 1

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STEP TWO

present-tiles-001

Whatever We
Want Here

Whatever We
Want There

Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3
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Topic 1

We thrive in information-thick worlds because of our marvelous and everyday capacity to select, edit, single out, structure, highlight, group, pair, merge, harmonize, synthesize, focus, organize, condense, reduce, boil down, choose, categorize, catalog, classify, list, abstract, scan, look into, identify, isolate, discriminate, distinguish, screen, separate, pick over, sort, integrate, blend, inspect, filter, lump, skip, smooth, chunk, average, approximate, cluster, aggregate, outline, summarize, itemize, review, flip into, flip through, browse, glance into, leaf through, skim, refine, enumerate, glean, synthesize, winnow the wheat from the chaff and separate the sheep from the goats.

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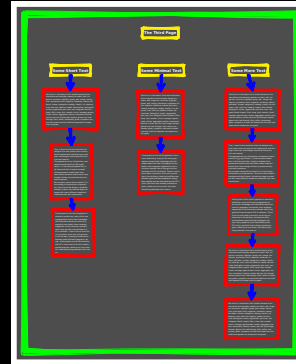
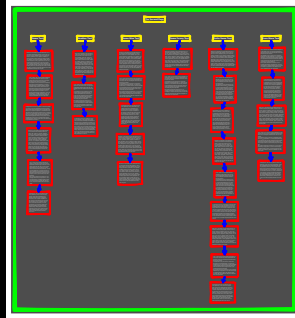
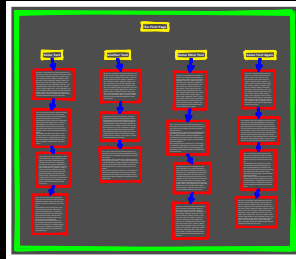
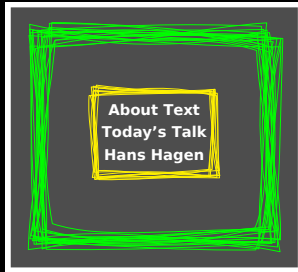
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