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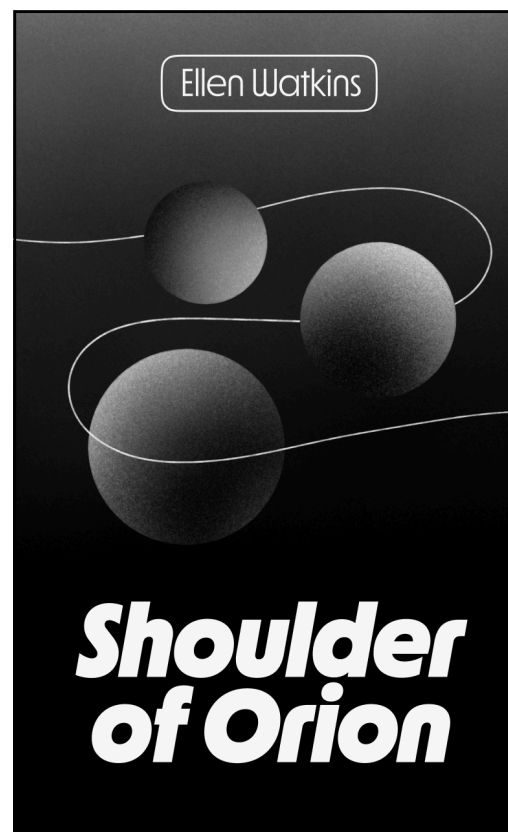
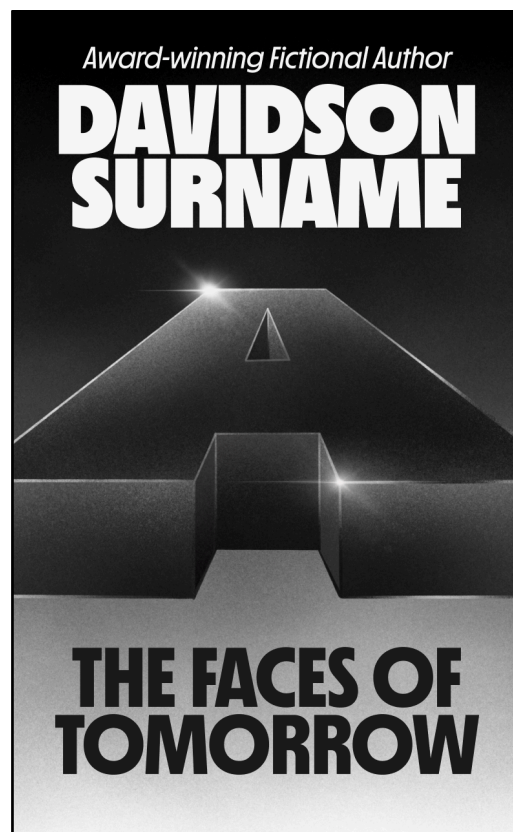
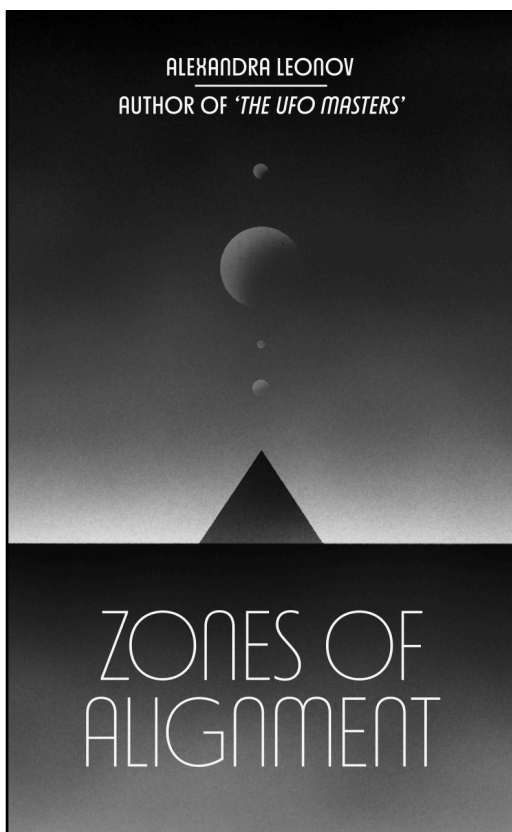
NICHROME



MD Nichrome is a display typeface referencing the typography of science fiction paperbacks from the 70s and early 80s. Many of the typefaces from this time and genre, originally drawn for dry transfer or phototypesetting, were never digitised as carefully as they deserved — MD Nichrome seeks to remedy this for modern technologies and styles, not by reviving any single typeface, but by capturing elements of many.

Across eight discrete weights, ranging from *infra-light* to *ultra-black*, the typeface's appearance shifts smoothly from an irregularly-proportioned, almost delicate hairline to a punchy, maximum-impact super-bold. With two sets of transformative stylistic alternates, designed to work in any combination, MD Nichrome is a versatile typographic palette — suited to a broad range of styles from hyper-retro to highly contemporary.

MD Nichrome's oblique styles are designed with reference to the mechanical slanting found in many dry transfer and phototype faces. These designs distorted the upright styles into obliques, rather than true italics — while MD Nichrome corrects for most of this distortion, it leaves just a little. Paired with a fairly steep angle (10–12°), the result is a distinctive, dynamic appearance that leans into the typeface's existing character.



◁ Fictional book covers in the style of MD Nichrome's reference material, featuring a variety of styles and stylistic alternate forms.



Infra

Infra Oblique

Thin

Thin Oblique

Light

Light Oblique

Regular

Regular Oblique

Dark

Dark Oblique

Bold

Bold Oblique

Black

Black Oblique

Ultra

Ultra Oblique



96pt

PHOSPHORESCENT BLUE

72pt

Rounded Alternates

Neolithic Ritual Site A1 (North)
 Sub-Orbital Rocket Launches

48pt

Geometric Alternates

SATURN 1 TEST – CAPE CANAVERAL (FL), OCT. 27, 1961
 First US Apollo Program Mission [SA-1] LC 34
Hugo 1966 · Asimov's 'Foundation' (1942–50)

Cinematographer 38

CARBON-BASED FORMS OF LIFE
Museum [Ext 76¹/₂] & Galleries

NB-600 'Cultural Sites' → (4 Catalog Entries)
[2016–20] THE "UTAH MONOLITH" INVESTIGATION
Site-Specific Art, or Alien Communication?



96pt

New 25 Infrastructure

72pt

Rounded Alternates

Isolatorweg (Am. Metrolijn 51)
[0.99] GENERATORSTRAAT-ZUID

48pt

Gothic Alternates

Rocket Lab Electron [17m RP-1/LOX] Version 2
225 → 300KG PAYLOAD TO LOW EARTH ORBIT
'Research Engine Designation' (Instruction)



96pt

SPACE PHOTOGRAPHER

72pt

Rounded Alternates

USGS AREA 30–65°S, 120–180°E
Eridania Quadrangle, Mars

48pt

Gothic Alternates

Frank Herbert's "DUNE" (1965) · First Edition
MINOR BLEMISHES; BINDING IN GOOD COND.
New Classics [Science Fiction] Collection



96pt

Agena [RM/81] Stage

72pt

Geometric Alternates

LOCKHEED CORP. (1959–1987)

NASA • Gemini Target Vehicle

48pt

Geometric & Rounded Alternates

UDMH/RFNA FUEL-RICH GAS-GENERATOR CYCLE

Bell Aerosystems XLR81 (Model No. 8096)

INTRODUCED 1957; ACTIVE THROUGH 1984



96pt

Bioinformatics Dept

72pt

**CRISPR-Cas9:57; STRUCT 12
(RF.0137) Please Do Not Eat**

48pt

Geometric Alternates

**[DEPT. FOR GENETICS & MATERIAL RESEARCH]
Exclusive Property of Bene Tleilaxu (81)
New Interplanetary Sales Mechanisms**



96pt

Rounded Alternates

“PHOTO-LETTERING”

72pt

Gothic Alternates

Graphic Design Ephemera
LETRASET® TYPEFACE CORP

48pt

\$23.99 Integrated Spacing Guidelines
TRADEMARK ‘KERN-O-MATIC’ SYSTEM™
For Perfect Letter-Spacing Every Time!

96pt

Gothic Alternates

ADVENTURE SWORD

72pt

Rounded Alternates

New Supernova Discovery
OBSERVATIONS 2035 → 38

48pt

M74 [NGC 628]: THE PHANTOM GALAXY
30±6 Megalightyears from Our Planet
Recordings & Data Analysis (Pp. 761-5)



ss01
Geometric Alternates

Retaken **Retaken**

ss03
Gothic Alternates

HEAVEN **HEAVEN**

ss05
Barless Fractions

3½ km **3½ km**

ordn
Ordinals

1a 2o **1ª 2º**

sup_s
Superscript

x₂+3_y **x²+3_y**

case
Case-Sensitive Forms

«H-H» iċH **«H-H» iĊH**

loc_l
Localised Forms
(Northern Sami,* Catalan)

ŋ L·L **Ŋ L·L**

ss02
Rounded Alternates

Armoury **Armoury**

ss04
Solid Arrows

LHR→LAX **LHR→LAX**

frac
Arbitrary Fractions

528/491 **528/491**

t_{num}
Tabular Figures

€130.99 **€130.99**

subs, s_{inf}
Subscript, scientific inferiors

H₂SO₄ **H₂SO₄**

ca_{lt}
Contextual Alternates

flatfish
RESOLVE
12:30
S·P·Q·R
AVATAR

flatfish
RESOLVE
12:30
S·P·Q·R
AVATAR

*Also accessible via the cv09 character variant feature (see next page).



For finer control than the stylistic alternate sets, which affect multiple characters at once, Nichrome includes character variant (cvXX) features, which affect one character at a time (along with any accented or derived versions).

This table provides a quick reference for situations where the cvXX feature names aren't displayed, e.g. in CSS.

Variant tag*	Name
cv01	Rounded A
cv02	Gothic A
cv03	Gothic E
cv04	Geometric K
cv05	Rounded M
cv06	Gothic M
cv07	Rounded N
cv08	Gothic N
cv09	Sami Eng (Ŋ)
cv10	Geometric R
cv11	Gothic V
cv12	Rounded W
cv13	Gothic W
cv14	Rounded X
cv15	Rounded Y
cv16	Geometric Ampersand (&)
cv17	Geometric a
cv18	Gothic e
cv19	Geometric j
cv20	Geometric k
cv21	Rounded m
cv22	Rounded n
cv23	Rounded r
cv24	Geometric t
cv25	Rounded u
cv26	Rounded w
cv27	Rounded y

*Example usage: `.geo-ampersand { font-feature-settings: "cv16" on; }`



Showing 159 of a total 424 supported languages. You can view the complete list at mass-driver.com/typeface/md-nichrome.

Afrikaans	Galician	Luba-Katanga	Rwa	Walloon
Akan	Ganda	Luo	Samburu	Walser
Albanian	German	Luxembourgish	Samoan	Welsh
Asturian	Guarani	Luyia	Sango	Western Frisian
Asu	Gusii	Machame	Sangu	Wolastoqey
Azerbaijani	Hausa	Makhuwa-Meetto	Sardinian	Wolof
Bafia	Hawaiian	Makonde	Scottish Gaelic	Xhosa
Bambara	Hungarian	Malagasy	Sena	Yangben
Basque	Icelandic	Malay	Shambala	Yoruba
Bemba	Ido	Maltese	Shona	Zarma
Bena	Igbo	Manx	Sicilian	Zulu
Bosnian	Inari Sami	Māori	Slovak	
Breton	Indonesian	Mapuche	Slovenian	
Catalan	Interlingua	Meru	Soga	
Cebuano	Irish	Meta'	Somali	
Chickasaw	Italian	Mi'kmaw	South Ndebele	
Chiga	Javanese	Mohawk	Southern Sotho	
Cognian	Jju	Morisyen	Spanish	
Cornish	Jola-Fonyi	Nheengatu	Sundanese	
Corsican	Kabuverdianu	Nigerian Pidgin	Swahili	
Croatian	Kaingang	North Ndebele	Swati	
Czech	Kako	Northern Sami	Swedish	
Danish	Kalaallisut	Northern Sotho	Swiss German	
Duala	Kalenjin	Norwegian Bokmål	Taita	
Dutch	Kamba	Norwegian Nynorsk	Taroko	
Embu	Kikuyu	Nyanja	Tasawaq	
English	Kinyarwanda	Nyankole	Teso	
Esperanto	Koyra Chiini	Occitan	Tongan	
Estonian	Koyraboro Senni	Oromo	Tsonga	
Ewondo	Kurdish	Polish	Tswana	
Faroese	Kwasio	Portuguese	Turkish	
Filipino	Latvian	Quechua	Turkmen	
Finnish	Lingala	Rejang	Tyap	
French	Lithuanian	Romanian	Upper Sorbian	
Friulian	Lojban	Romansh	Uzbek	
Fula	Low German	Rombo	Vietnamese	
Ga	Lower Sorbian	Rundi	Vunjo	

For languages with multiple scripts or writing systems, only the Latin is supported (unless noted otherwise).

While we take care to ensure our language support is as complete and accurate possible, we can't guarantee that every regional or language-specific variation of a glyph is included. Please get in touch if you need a custom version to better fit your language.



Styles / Instances

Style	wght ¹	slnt ²	OS/2 width/weight class
Infra	100	0	5 / 100
Infra Oblique	100	-10	5 / 100
Thin	200	0	5 / 200
Thin Oblique	200	-10	5 / 200
Light	300	0	5 / 300
Light Oblique	300	-10	5 / 300
Regular	400	0	5 / 400
Regular Oblique	400	-10	5 / 400
Dark	500	0	5 / 500
Dark Oblique	500	-10	5 / 500
Bold	700	0	5 / 700
Bold Oblique	700	-10	5 / 700
Black	800	0	5 / 800
Black Oblique	800	-10	5 / 800
Ultra	900	0	5 / 900
Ultra Oblique	900	-10	5 / 900

¹ Equivalent to the CSS font-weight attribute.

² Example usage: `.italic { font-variation-settings: "slnt" -10; }`

MD Nichrome Variable (Available on request)

Axis	Min	Max
Weight (wght)	100	900
Slant (slnt)	0	-10

Formats / Sizes

Style	Filesize	Contour Type
OTF	179–197 KB	Cubic (CFF)
WOFF2	47–58 KB	Cubic (CFF)
WOFF	52–67 KB	Cubic (CFF)
Variable TTF	317 KB	Quadratic (TTF)
Variable WOFF2	105 KB	Quadratic (TTF)
Variable WOFF	126 KB	Quadratic (TTF)

General Information

Credits	Designed by Rutherford Craze.
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