

The *MFB Oldstyle* Font Family

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1 Description

MFB Oldstyle is a serif font family designed for body text. This typeface design was originally created by Morris Fuller Benton and released by American Type Founders in 1909 as *Century Oldstyle*.

2 Features

The font family includes regular, *italic*, **bold** and ***bold italic*** fonts. All the fonts include superior and inferior figures, accessible both through OpenType features and the provided `mfb-oldstyle` L^AT_EX package. All the fonts in the family have small capitals, a choice of lining or old-style figures, as well as superior and inferior figures. For a view of character coverage, see the included character map PDF.

3 Usage with OpenType-capable T_EX engines

When using an OpenType-capable engine, OpenType versions of the fonts are used by default when invoking `mfb-oldstyle`. These fonts have better feature support (e.g., more ligatures) and so are preferable to the Type 1 versions. Alternatively, the font family *MFB Oldstyle* can be selected using `fontspec`.

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4 Package invocation and options

To use *MFB Oldstyle*, simply add the package to your preamble. To allow for the use of different features, various package options are available. (If you're using `fontspec`, you can access these features through that package's standard options; see its documentation.)

```
\usepackage{mfb-oldstyle}
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Option	Feature
<code>lining</code> or <code>lf</code>	Use lining figures (default)
<code>oldstyle</code> or <code>osf</code>	Use old-style figures
<code>tabular</code>	Use tabular figures (default)
<code>proportional</code>	Use proportional figures
<code>superiors=...</code>	Use superior figures: none (default), all or footnote
<code>dlig</code>	Use OpenType discretionary ligatures (<code>ct</code> , <code>st</code>)
<code>type1</code>	Force use of Type 1 fonts

Superior figures can be accessed on a one-off basis using the text command `textsu`, and inferior figures can be accessed using the text command `textin`.

5 Copying

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6 Source files and development

Source files for the *MFB Oldstyle* fonts are available on GitHub.¹ Suggestions for feature additions are welcome on GitHub (preferred) or via email.

¹<https://github.com/dbenjaminmiller/mfb-oldstyle>