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Monotype Introduces Helvetica Now: Reinvented to Meet the Typographical Demands of Today's Creative Professionals

New from The Monotype Studio, Helvetica Now fills the gaps of its predecessors to better meet today's rigorous branding demands



WOBURN, Mass., April 9, 2019 – Monotype (Nasdaq: TYPE) today introduced the [Helvetica Now](#) typeface, a family of fonts that have been carefully and respectfully re-drawn by the Monotype Studio for the modern era. Consisting of 48 fonts and three optical sizes, the Helvetica Now typeface has been produced from size-specific drawings and with size-specific spacing. Every character has been redrawn and refit, and a host of useful alternates have been added to help brands meet modern-day branding challenges. Espousing the simplicity, clarity, timelessness and global appeal of the typeface's storied tradition, the Helvetica Now design is more sophisticated and graceful than its predecessors.

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Perhaps the world's most popular and well-known typeface, the Helvetica family has been used by countless brands and creative professionals, in millions of designs since its inception. The typeface embodies clean and versatile design, and the Helvetica Now typeface continues the tradition established by the Helvetica and Neue Helvetica families, while introducing a number of improvements.

“Helvetica Now is the tummy-tuck, facelift and lip filler we’ve been wanting, but were too afraid to ask for,” said Abbott Miller, partner at Pentagram. “It offers beautifully drawn alternates to some of Helvetica’s most awkward moments, giving it a surprisingly, thrillingly contemporary character.”



Three Optical Sizes – Micro, Display and Text

The Helvetica Now typeface is available in three optical sizes – Micro, Text and Display. Helvetica Now Micro solves the decades-old spacing and legibility shortcomings of single-master versions of the family at the smallest sizes (4- to 7-points). Helvetica Now Micro offers more open apertures, wider forms, a larger x-height, open spacing, larger accents, optical adjustments to the shapes of complex forms, and a number of other changes to produce a highly-legible font at very small sizes.

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Helvetica Now Display offers a range of weights from Hairline to Extra Black, with appropriate spacing, for 14-point settings and up. Big, bold, attention-grabbing Helvetica no longer requires the trimming of characters, manual adjustment of spacing and kerning, or the resizing and repositioning of punctuation necessary with the legacy versions.

Helvetica Now Text is a true workhorse, and comes in a range of weights from Thin to Black with carefully combed spacing and kerning. Helvetica Now Text is easy and pleasing to read, and an ample palette for demanding, information-rich design environments.



Alternate Glyphs

Newly designed alternate glyphs have been added across the entire range of the family, including a single-story "a" and a straight-legged capital "R." Every weight and optical size offers a host of new and useful glyphs, including a suite of Helvetica arrows.

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Improved Legibility

Every letter, number, punctuation mark and symbol in the family – nearly 40,000 in all – has been redrawn, analyzed and tested for improved legibility and performance. The result is a better reading experience, as the design’s improved forms and more even spacing mean clearer communication.

Helvetica Now

Display Extrabold

Helvetica Now

Display Extrabold Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Bold

Helvetica Now

Display Bold Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Extrabold

Helvetica Now

Display Extrabold Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Bold

Helvetica Now

Display Bold Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Medium

Helvetica Now

Display Medium Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Regular

Helvetica Now

Display Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Light

Helvetica Now

Display Light Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Extralight

Helvetica Now

Display Extralight Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Thin

Helvetica Now

Display Thin Italic

Helvetica Now

Display Hairline

Helvetica Now

Display Hairline Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and

Text Black

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and

Text Black Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Extrabold

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Extrabold Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Bold

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Bold Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Medium

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Medium Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Regular

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Light

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Light Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Extralight

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Extralight Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Thin

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit,

Text Thin Italic

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit, is thought to aim at some good; and for this reason the good has rightly been declared to be that which all

Micro Extrabold

Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit, is thought to aim at some good; and for this reason the good has rightly been declared to be that which all

Micro Extrabold Italic

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Micro Bold

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Micro Bold Italic

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Micro Medium

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Micro Medium Italic

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Micro Regular

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Micro Italic

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Micro Light

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Micro Light Italic

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Micro Extralight

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Micro Extralight Italic

“Today, we’re asking Helvetica to do more than it ever has before. Previous versions of the typeface weren’t designed to be used in graphic applications that have developed over the last 30 years. As a result, older versions of the font were lacking in some important areas,” said Charles Nix, type director at Monotype. “Helvetica Now solves the legibility and style challenges that brands using Helvetica have consciously and unconsciously faced for years. The design introduces a new chapter in the Helvetica story—expanding its look and utility, while reinvigorating its heritage.”

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What creative professionals are saying about the Helvetica Now typeface

"This is the typeface Max Miedinger and Eduard Hoffmann would have designed back in 1957 if they had known about offset printing, small screens, browsers, digital design tools and UI designers." – Erik Spiekermann, founder and partner, Edenspiekermann

"I'm having fun with Helvetica Now. Bringing in alternate characters like the round 'l' dots and the straight-legged 'R' will likely annoy Helvetica purists, but I can totally get behind the flexibility and character this adds. I think the Micro cut goes a long way in making any Helvetica usable for longer texts. I wish I had Helvetica Now sooner!" – David Heasty, partner, Triboro

"I like that there are more weights and alternate characters like the 'R'. The typeface feels very familiar but to the trained eye, you can spot subtle differences - which I like!" – Chris Do, founder, The Futur

"I have been using Helvetica Now as much as I can. The updates to the glyphs really adds a more modern sensibility to the forms without them being knocked out of the Helvetica family camp - the 'a,' 'i,' 't,' and 'y' are all smartly done. It's an incredible update." – Andrew Szurly, creative director, Sole Kitchen

"Digital fonts are tools that inspire me again and again. Helvetica Now opens up new perspectives for design because it offers significantly expanded scope in terms of both functionality and form. I'm very excited about the impact Helvetica Now will have on the industry's imagination." – Markus Hanzer, corporate designer and university lecturer

Pricing and Availability

Single weights of the Helvetica Now typeface are available for \$/€35 or £30 each. The complete typeface family is available for \$/€299 or £249.

The Helvetica Now typeface can be found in [Mosaic®](#), Monotype's cloud-based font discovery, collaboration and management solution.

The typeface can be licensed through [MyFonts.com](#) at an introductory promotion of 50 percent off through May 24, 2019. Helvetica Now Display Black will be available as a free download from MyFonts.com through July 8, 2019.

To learn more about the Helvetica Now typeface, view this [video](#), narrated by Charles Nix.

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To join the conversation about the Helvetica Now typeface on social media search #HelveticaNOW on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. To have your favorite image of the Helvetica typeface in use featured on Monotype's social channels, join our #HelveticaInTheWild campaign on Instagram. Visit [here](#) for more details.

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