

Fonts & Licensing

Art & Design

The formats a typeface ships in, and what the licence lets you do.

Educational reference on the common formats and licence types.

Item	What it means
OTF and TTF	Desktop formats; OTF adds features
WOFF2	Compressed web format, standard now
Variable font	One file, continuous weight axes
Desktop licence	Install on a set number of machines
Web licence	Usually priced by monthly page views
App or embed licence	Separate, and often overlooked
Open licence, OFL	Free to use, modify and bundle

Educational reference, not legal advice. A font licence is a contract: read the one attached, not a summary of it.