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Fira Sans

Project History: Fira Sans

In **2012**, Fira was designed as a typeface for the **Mozilla** OS in cooperation with Erik Spiekermann and – of course – Mozilla.

Over the next years, Fira covered more and more languages and provided further weights and styles.

In **2016** (with version 4.2), Mozilla decided not to put effort into the project anymore and in fact quit. Please also note that their Git is not up to date anymore.

Since 2016, we encourage the project on our own and therefor introduced a new Git: <https://github.com/carrois/Fira>
Also, recent font files can always be downloaded at:
<http://bboxtype.com/typefaces/FiraSans>

Fira Sans **4.3** will be the **last version** of Fira Sans (except from bug fixing). We decided to go on with a new branch:
FiraGO.

Status Quo: Fira Sans 4.3

Family structure:

Fira Sans <i>Two</i> to Ultra	16 weights
<i>Fira Sans Twoltalic</i> to Ultraltalic	16 weights
Fira Sans Condensed <i>Two</i> to Heavy	15 weights
<i>Fira Sans Condensed Twoltalic</i> to Heavyltalic	15 weights
Fira Sans Compressed <i>Two</i> to Heavy	15 weights
<i>Fira Sans Compressed Twoltalic</i> to Heavyltalic	15 weights
Fira Mono Regular Medium Bold	3 weights

Script Support:

Latin Extended/IPA, Cyrillic Extended, Polytonic Greek

~ 2600 glyphs per font

FiraGO

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In **2016**, the geo data provider **Here** chose Fira Sans as their corporate typeface. Their need for a broader language coverage especially in map applications lead them to commission us with a **global script extension**.

Thanks to our great team of designers, consultants and technicians, the project was completed by mid 2017.

We decided to introduce **FiraGO** as a new product.*
That way, users of Fira Sans can install both branches in parallel.

With the current script support, FiraGO catches up to other global OpenSource typefaces such as Noto.

* Please read [page 8](#) for detailed argumentation.

Why is FiraGO a new product?

As you might have noticed comparing the family structure overviews on page 5 and 7, the major reason is that the script support for FiraGO was not realized for the Condensed, Compressed and Mono branch of Fira Sans for now.

To avoid inconsistency and chaos, it was a better choice to go for a new family name.

Another reason is that line height changed through different vertical metrics behaviour of the added scripts. Problems in existing designs would have occurred with simply updating Fira Sans and not introducing a new product.

FiraGO includes all glyphs and functionalities of Fira Sans. Thus it makes sense to develop FiraGO further, not both of them in parallel which would be error-prone.

Where FiraGO goes ...

We have plenty of ideas!

- _ Add more script support, e.g. for further Indic scripts, such as Tamil or Bengali, or for Burmese, Khmer, ...
- _ Enlarge the FiraGO family to the extend of Fira Sans 4.3, thus add a Condensed, Compressed and a Mono.
- _ Extend the FiraGO family beyond this scope, e.g. add a Serif

Feel free to contact us with your ideas on improvements and extensions. Let's make the story continue.

With all enthusiasm, such a large project can not be maintained and processed completely pro bono. As for that, **funding is always welcome!** Sponsoring and advancing an OpenSource project can be an attractive investment for companies.

Let's move things!

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