

# Introducing oldstyle figures in existing virtual fonts\*

## Abstract

This paper describes a *Ruby* script *osf* that can be used to make a copy of a virtual font with its figures replaced with old style figures.

## Keywords

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## Introduction

When I was typesetting a biography I chose palatino for its font because I like palatino, especially for texts about history. I could have used the palatino package, but I don't like its math, nor its typewriter face, so I normally use the pxfonts package instead. However, both packages use table figures while, especially in palatino, old style would fit a lot better.

Reading the pxfonts documentation, I was happy to see that it contains tables with Text Companion Fonts, with old style figures. However, although the tables are there, the documentation doesn't say anything about how to get such characters in your document. Inspection of the style file pxfonts.sty, also, shows that it ignores these fonts.

So I asked the gurus: how do I get old style figures with pxfonts? And I was showered with font jargon, most of which I had heard about, but never really understood. But what I distilled from it was: have a look at virtual fonts—you can export them from the binary .vf files with vftovp, edit the resulting .vp1 file and then convert that back to .vf with vptovf.

## Virtual font files

So, for a start, I had a look at the virtual font files for the *Roman Upright* fonts, pxr.vf, with table figures, and the *Text Companion Roman Upright* fonts, pcxr.vf, with old style figures. I did so by running:

```
vftovp pxr pxr pxr
vftovp pcxr pcxr pcxr
```

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As you can read in the vftovp documentation, this converts the information in pxr.vf and pxr.tfm into the readable and editable *Virtual Property List*: pxr.vp1 in your current directory; similarly for pcxr. Here are aligned excerpts of the two files:

1 (VTITLE PXR)	(VTITLE PCXR)
2 (FAMILY PXR)	(FAMILY UNSPECIFIED)
3 (FACE F MRR)	(FACE F MRR)
4 (CODINGSHEME TEX TEXT)	(CODINGSHEME TEX TEXT CO...)
5 (DESIGNSIZE R 10.0)	(DESIGNSIZE R 10.0)
6 (COMMENT DESIGNSIZE IS IN ...)	(COMMENT DESIGNSIZE IS IN...)
7 (COMMENT OTHER SIZES ARE M...)	(COMMENT OTHER SIZES ARE
8 (CHECKSUM O 22721014137)	(CHECKSUM O 32012256317)
9	(SEVENBITSAFEFLAG TRUE)
10 (FONTDIMEN	(FONTDIMEN
11 (SLANT R 0.0)	(SLANT R 0.0)
12 (SPACE R 0.25)	(SPACE R 0.25)
13 (STRETCH R 0.2)	(STRETCH R 0.2)
14 (SHRINK R 0.1)	(SHRINK R 0.1)
15 (XHEIGHT R 0.469)	(XHEIGHT R 0.469)
16 (QUAD R 1.0)	(QUAD R 1.0)
17 (EXTRASPACE R 0.1)	(EXTRASPACE R 0.1)
18 )	)
19 (MAPFONT D 0	(MAPFONT D 0
20 (FONTNAME RPXPPLR)	(FONTNAME RPCXR)
21 (FONTCHECKSUM O 3657114...	(FONTCHECKSUM O 450707...
22 (FONTAT R 1.0)	(FONTAT R 1.0)
23 (FONTDSIZE R 10.0)	(FONTDSIZE R 10.0)
24 )	)
25 (MAPFONT D 1	(MAPFONT D 1
26 (FONTNAME RPXR)	(FONTNAME RPXPPLR)
27 (FONTCHECKSUM O 2703202...	(FONTCHECKSUM O 365711...
28 (FONTAT R 1.0)	(FONTAT R 1.0)
29 (FONTDSIZE R 10.0)	(FONTDSIZE R 10.0)
30 )	)
31 (LIGTABLE	[... no ligtable ...]
32	[... lots of lines ...]
33 [... lots of lines ...]	[... lots of lines ...]
34 )	
35 (CHARACTER O 0	(CHARACTER O 0
36 (CHARWD R 0.556)	(CHARWD R 0.332996)
37 (CHARHT R 0.686247)	(CHARHT R 0.685245)
38 (CHARDP R 0.00475)	
39 (MAP	(MAP
40 (SELECTFONT D 1)	(SELECTFONT D 1)
41 (SETCHAR O 0)	(SETCHAR O 36)
42 )	)
43 )	)
44 )	)
45	
46 [... octal 1..57 ...]	[... octal 1..57 ...]
47	
48 (CHARACTER C 0	(CHARACTER C 0

```

49  (CHARWD R 0.5)          (CHARWD R 0.5)
50  (CHARHT R 0.686247)      (CHARHT R 0.476)
51  (CHARDP R 0.017999)      (CHARDP R 0.011)
52  (MAP
53    (SETCHAR C 0)          (SETCHAR C 0)
54    )
55  )
56 (CHARACTER C 1           (CHARACTER C 1
57   (CHARWD R 0.5)          (CHARWD R 0.5)
58   (CHARHT R 0.702999)      (CHARHT R 0.476)
59   (CHARDP R 0.00475)       (CHARDP R 0.011)
60   (MAP
61     (SETCHAR C 1)          (SETCHAR C 1)
62     )
63   )
64
65 [... digits 2..8 ...]    [... digits 2..8 ...]
66
67 (CHARACTER C 9           (CHARACTER C 9
68   (CHARWD R 0.5)          (CHARWD R 0.5)
69   (CHARHT R 0.686247)      (CHARHT R 0.476)
70   (CHARDP R 0.017999)      (CHARDP R 0.237247)
71   (MAP
72     (SETCHAR C 9)          (SETCHAR C 9)
73     )
74   )
75
76 [... more characters ...] [... more characters ...]

```

These virtual property listings look like lisp code. Their structure is described in the source of Donald Knuth's vptovf program; you can generate the documentation with:

```
weave vptovf.web
pdftex vptovf
```

You can find vptovf.web on the TeXLive Collection's DVD in the directory ctan/systems/knuth/etc.

The virtual property listings start with some general comments and dimensions (lines 1–18), followed by one or more font mapping sections (lines 19–30), a ligature table (lines 31–35, not in pcxr.vpl) and finally one section for each defined character, starting with octal 0 (line 36–44) and potentially ending with octal 377. Characters are identified with their octal number (like CHARACTER 0 0 on line 36), except for the digits and letters, which are identified by themselves (like CHARACTER C 0 for the digit 0 on line 48).

A character section defines width, height and depth for the corresponding glyph (lines 37–39 for octal 0 for example) and it tells from which font it is taken (line 41) and from which position in that font (line 42). Thus the glyph for character octal 0 in pxr is taken from position 0 of font 1, which points to the font rpxr on line 26 in the second font mapping section. Similarly, the glyph for octal 0 of pcxr is taken from font rpxpplr, position 0.

Now what we are interested in is the glyphs for the digits. In both virtual fonts, pxr and pcxr, these are taken from the default font, because there is

no SELECTFONT statement in their character sections. This default is the first font, which means rpxppplr for pxr and rpcxr for pcxr. This made me think that what I probably had to do was to take the first MAPFONT section (pointing to rpcxr) from the old style virtual font pcxr, and add it to the pxr virtual font to give it a third MAPFONT section. I simply appended it to the end of the .vpl file. Of course, it needed a new unique identifier, so I changed MAPFONT D 0 into MAPFONT D 2. Furthermore, I removed the character sections of the digits, and appended the (old style) digit character sections taken from pcxr.vpl. These had of course to point to the new MAPFONT section, so I added SELECTFONT D 2 to each of them.

Finally, I converted the new pxr.vpl back into pxr.vf and pxr.tfm:

```
vptovf pxr pxr pxr
```

and I made a little test file:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{pxfonts}
\begin{document}
Hello number 0123456789!
\end{document}
```

And it worked!

## Editing .vf files with a script

Editing a .vf file as described takes quite some time. Moreover, we need to edit more than a single file if we want old style figures to appear not only in roman upright text, but also in bold, sans serif, slanted, italic and so on. In the case of pxfonts, this means editing 16 files, in the case of txfonts even 42 files!

Therefore I made a *Ruby* script to take over the work. The script is listed at the end of this article.<sup>1</sup> Its heart is a subroutine *convert\_font*, which takes two arguments: the name of the font to be converted (say pxr) and the name of the font containing old style digits (say pcxr). In essence, it does te following:

- convert the table font to .vpl, saving it in a new .vpl file, pxr.vpl removing the digits on the fly and remembering the highest mapfont identifier in it.
- convert the old style font to .vpl, isolating it's map font and digit sections.
- append these to the new pxr.vpl file after fixing the map font identifier.
- convert the new pxr.vpl file to pxr.vf and pxr.tfm with vptovf.

The rest of the script handles the command line argument to give you some options:

**with two arguments**, the first should be a font to be converted, the second a font from which the old style digits should come from. So you can say:

```
osf pxr pcxr
```

which would create two files in the current directory: `pxr.vf` and `pxr.tfm`.

**with one argument**, it should be a font to be converted. The old style font from which the digits are to be taken will be searched in the directory where the converted font occurs. You will be presented a list of those fonts from which you can make your choice. There will be a default which the script thinks is most likely on the basis of its name. So the following would be a possible dialog:

```
osf pxr
I found 10 fonts with old style digits:
 1 3 pcxb
 2 4 pcxbi
 3 5 pcxbsl
 4 3 pcxi
 5 1 pcxr
 6 4 pcxsl
 7 4 pxbmi
 8 5 pxbmi1
 9 3 pxmi
10 4 pxmi1
My guess is 5 (pcxr)
Your guess [5]:
```

**with no arguments** you can make use of predefined combinations of fonts and their old style companions. Currently, two combinations are defined in the DATA section of the script: `pxfonts` and `txfonts`. The following would be a possible dialog:

```
osf
2 font conversions have been predefined
1 pxfonts
2 txfonts
Please make your choice [1]:
Converting pxfonts
p1xb      pcxb
p1xbi     pcxbi
p1xbsc    pcxb
p1xbsl    pcxbsl
p1xi      pcxi
p1xr      pcxr
p1xsc     pcxr
p1xsl     pcxsl
pxb       pcxb
pxbi     pcxbi
pxbsc    pcxb
pxbsl    pcxbsl
pxi       pcxi
```

pxr	pcxr
pxsc	pcxr
pxsl	pcxsl

As a result, you would find `.vf` and `.tfm` files for all faces of `pxfonts` that may need conversion to old style.

Of course, storing all these files together with your `LaTeX` document is not very elegant, although you might go for this option occasionally. Another option would be to store these files in your user tree, or even in the local tree. But that would mean that you would get old style figures in *all* your documents, which is not necessarily what you want. A better alternative is to give your font a new name.

## Renaming the font

This section will be dedicated to `pxfonts` and will describe how to create a new font, `osf-pxfonts`, from it, including a style file, `osf-pxfonts.sty` which gives you access to the same font families, series and shapes as does `pxfonts`, but with oldstyle figures for the roman and sans serif families. The encoding will be T1. It's easy to translate what you read here to other font collections.

You can give your font another name by adding a prefix (say `osf-`) to all names, and moving them to a new directory. However, you now have a problem: since you have changed the name, you cannot use the style file (`pxfonts.sty`) anymore. But fortunately, there is a solution for this: you can make a new style file (say `osf-pxfonts.sty`) which imports the original style file and then tweak it a little, like this:

```
\RequirePackage{pxfonts,t1enc}
\AtBeginDocument{%
  \usefont{T1}{osf-pxr}{m}{n}
  \renewcommand{\sfdefault}{osf-pxss}
}
```

This defines a style file which uses T1 encoding and oldstyle figures for the roman (`osf-pxr`) and sans serif (`osf-pxss`) fonts. However, this is not enough: `LaTeX` uses font definition (`.fd`) files, one for each font family, to map fonts to various series (weights and widths) and shapes (normal, italic, slanted, small caps). These font definition files are named after, and refer to, the fonts we just renamed, so we need renamed copies of these files and we also need to rename the font references inside them.

This is not really complicated. We need new font definition files for only two families: roman and sans serif. Since we used the T1 encoding for our style file, we can confine ourselves to `t1pxr.fd` for the roman

fonts and `t1pxss.fd` for the sans serif fonts. We rename these to `t1osf-pxr.fd` and `t1osf-pxss.fd`<sup>2</sup>.

If you have a look inside `t1pxr.fd`, you easily recognize the font names that have been listed when you ran the script to convert the pxfonts and for which new font files were produced with osf-prefixed names. So all there is to be done is to add osf- before all these names; and since all names start with pxr or p1x we can simply replace pxr with osf-pxr and p1x with osf-p1x everywhere.

The same can be done for `t1pxss.fd`; here however, we see that the sans serif fonts are actually borrowed from the txfonts. This means that for the pxfonts we need to convert the txfonts as well if we want to have oldstyle figures in sans serif. And, of course, we need to substitute pxss with osf-pxss and t1x (not p1x) with osf-t1x in the .fd file.

Now the good news is that for pxfonts and txfonts, predictable as it is, you don't have to do this editing yourself: the script does it for you and creates the necessary .fd files.

## Switching between oldstyle and table figures

Although you may like oldstyle figures, there are occasions, even within one document, where you might like to switch back to table figures. For example, a table listing many numbers does not look very good with oldstyle figures.

As the style file presented above already suggests, it is easy to make switching between oldstyle and table figures possible, either by defining options to the package or, for switching on the fly, by defining switching commands. The following example does both. In addition, instead of boldly switching fonts with `\usefont`, it first checks which family is currently in effect and changes the font accordingly, so that one can say, for example, `\bfseries\itshape\osfigures` without the `\osfigures` resetting series and shape to the defaults:

```
\RequirePackage{pxfonts,t1enc}

\def\tb@rm{pxr}
\def\tb@sf{pxss}
\def\osf@rm{osf-pxr}
\def\osf@sf{osf-pxss}

\newcommand{\osfigures}{%
  \renewcommand{\rmdefault}{\osf@rm}%
  \renewcommand{\sfdefault}{\osf@sf}%
  \ifx\f@family \tb@rm \rmfamily\fi
  \ifx\f@family \tb@sf \sffamily\fi}

\newcommand{\tbffigures}{%
```

```
\renewcommand{\rmdefault}{\tb@rm}%
\renewcommand{\sfdefault}{\tb@sf}%
\ifx\f@family \osf@rm \rmfamily\fi
\ifx\f@family \osf@sf \sffamily\fi

\DeclareOption{osfigures}{%
  \osfigures
  \let\@Fam\osfigures
}
\DeclareOption{tbffigures}{%
  \tbffigures
  \let\@Fam\tbffigures
}
\ExecuteOptions{osfigures}
\ProcessOptions
\AtBeginDocument{\@Fam}
```

For the predefined fonts, the script creates this style file also for you.

## Configuration

Once having created a full-blown set of files for oldstyle pxfonts and txfonts, I thought I could as well let the script move the files to directories in the TeX-tree where LaTeX expects them. So when converting predefined fonts, that is: when run with no arguments, the script will store the files in the usual subdirectories in the user tree (`$HOME/texmf`). And before finishing, the script will run `mktexlsr`, so that the files will be found.

## Testing

You will probably want to test your newly created font and verify that the series- and shape-switching commands work. Here is a test source that does so for you—just change the second line if you want to test other fonts:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{osf-txfonts}
\parindent0pt
\def\text{Hello Wörl! 0123456789 }
\newcommand{\test}[2]{%
  \def\F{Sans}\def\Arg{#2}
  \ifx\Arg\F\let\F\sf\else\let\F\relax\fi
  \begin{tabular}{ll}
    \multicolumn{2}{l}{\#1 \#2}\\\hline
    normal: &\F\text\\
    slanted: &\F\textsl{\text}\\
    italic: &\F\textit{\text}\\
    small caps: &\F\textsc{\text}\\
    bold normal: &\F\textbf{\text}\\
    bold italic: &\F\textit{\textbf{\text}}\\
    bold slanted: &\F\textsl{\textbf{\text}}\\
  \end{tabular}
```

```

bold small caps:&\F\textbf{\textsc{\text{}}}\\
\end{tabular}\[2ex]
}
\pagestyle{empty}

\begin{document}
\test{Oldstyle}{Roman}
\test{Oldstyle}{Sans}
\tbffigures
\test{Table} {Roman}
\test{Table} {Sans}
\end{document}

```

Here is its output:

#### Oldstyle Roman

normal:	Hello Wörl! 0123456789
slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789
bold normal:	<b>Hello Wörl!</b> 0123456789
bold italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789

#### Oldstyle Sans

normal:	Hello Wörl! 0123456789
slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789
bold normal:	<b>Hello Wörl!</b> 0123456789
bold italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789

#### Table Roman

normal:	Hello Wörl! 0123456789
slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789
bold normal:	<b>Hello Wörl!</b> 0123456789
bold italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789

#### Table Sans

normal:	Hello Wörl! 0123456789
slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789
bold normal:	<b>Hello Wörl!</b> 0123456789
bold italic:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold slanted:	<i>Hello Wörl!</i> 0123456789
bold small caps:	HELLO WÖRLD! 0123456789

## The script

This section presents a listing of the Ruby script. The first 100 lines are comment lines in rdoc format. You can convert those into html by running:

```
rdoc osf
```

This creates a subdirectory doc. Point to the file index.html inside it in your browser and you will see a nicely formatted page, which will also contain separate sections for all methods defined in the script. Clicking in the headers of those section shows their sources in a popup window.

```

1  #!/usr/bin/ruby
2
3 =begin rdoc
4
5 =osf - convert digits in virtual font files to oldstyle
6
7 ==Synopsis
8
9 osf [virtual_font_name [replacing_font_name]]
10
11 ==Description
12
13 *osf* converts one or more virtual font (<tt>.vf</tt> and
14 <tt>.tfm</tt>) files, replacing the digits with old style
15 variants.
16
17 There are two ways to run the script: with one or two arguments
18 or with no arguments at all.
19
20 ===Running with argument(s)
21
22 The first argument, if any, is the name of the virtual font file
23 to be converted. If a second argument is present, it is assumed
24 to be the name of the virtual font file containing old style
25 digits. If no second argument is present, the directory where the
26 first argument's virtual font file lives is searched for other
27 virtual font files containing old style digits and you are
28 presented a list of those from which you can make a choice.
29
30 The converted virtual font (<tt>.vf</tt>) files are stored in
31 your working directory, together with the corresponding
32 <tt>.tfm</tt> files. As a result, TeX documents compiled in that
33 directory using the converting fonts (for example by using
34 \usepackage{pxfonts}) will produce output with old style digits.
35
36 ===Running without any arguments
37
38 If the script is run without arguments, a list is presented of
39 predefined virtual font sets from which you can make your choice.
40 Currently these are either the txfonts or the pxfonts.
41
42 In this case, the new font collection is renamed by prefixing
43 file names with <tt>osf-</tt> and a new style file is created,
44 together with the necessary font definition (<tt>.fd</tt>)
45 files; these files, too, are named after the original files by
46 prefixing them with <tt>osf-</tt>.
47
48 The new style file has two options to switch to oldstyle or
49 table figures:
50
51 osfigures:: start with oldstyle figures (this is the default)
52 tbfigures:: start with table figures
53
54 The style file also creates two commands with the same goal:
55 \osfigures:: switch to oldstyle figures
56 \tbfigures:: switch to table figures
57

```

```

58 == Testing your font
59 Here is a LaTeX source that can be used to test your changes to
60 the txfonts and the pxfonts:
61
62 \documentclass{article}
63 \usepackage{osf-pxfonts}
64 \parindent0pt
65 \def\text{Hello World! 0123456789 äëïöéééé}
66 \newcommand{\test}[2]{
67   \def\fam{\fam}\def\arg{\#2}
68   \ifx\arg\fam\let\fam\sf\else\let\fam\relax\fi
69   \begin{tabular}{@{}p{4em}l@{}}
70     #1 & normal: & \fam\text\\
71     #2 & slanted: & \fam\textsl{\text}\\
72     & italic: & \fam\textit{\text}\\
73     & small caps: & \fam\textsc{\text}\\
74     & bold normal: & \fam\textbf{\text}\\
75     & bold italic: & \fam\textit{\textbf{\text}}\\
76     & bold slanted: & \fam\textbf{\textit{\text}}\\
77     & bold small caps: & \fam\textbf{\textsc{\text}}\\
78   \end{tabular}\vfill
79 }
80 \pagestyle{empty}
81
82 \begin{document}
83 \test{Oldstyle}{Roman}
84 \test{Oldstyle}{Sans}
85 \tbffigures
86 \test{Table} {Roman}
87 \test{Table} {Sans}
88 \end{document}
89
90 $$ y = x^{123} \mathrm{text}$$
91
92 \end{document}
93
94 ==Version
95 $Id: osf,v 1.5 2004/05/06 20:35:20 wybo Exp $
96
97 ==Author
98 Wybo Dekker (<tt>wybo@servalys.nl</tt>)
99
100 =end
101
102 require 'ftools'
103
104 class Hash
105   # return the sum of squares of the values of a hash
106   def sum_of_squares
107     s = 0
108     self.each { |x,y| s += y*y }
109     return s
110   end
111 end
112
113 # Check if a file has oldstyle digits
114 # Typically, table digits have equal heights and zero depth
115 # Oldstyle digits 0, 1, 2, 6, and 8 have zero depth,
116 # while 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 have significant depths
117
118 def has_oldstyle_digits(file)
119   indigit = false
120   ht = dp = 0
121   dif = Array.new
122   open("|vtovp #{file}").readlines.each { |line|
123     case line
124     when /CHARACTER C (\d+)/ then indigit = $1.to_i
125     when /CHARHT.* ([\d.]+)/ then ht = $1.to_f
126     when /CHARDP.* ([\d.]+)/ then dp = $1.to_f
127     when /MAP/ then
128       if indigit
129         dif[indigit] = ht-dp
130         indigit = false
131       end
132     end
133   }
134   if dif.size > 0
135     if (dif[3]+dif[4]+dif[5]+dif[7]+dif[9])/
136       (dif[0]+dif[1]+dif[2]+dif[6]+dif[8]) > 0.9
137       return false
138     else
139       return true
140     end
141   else
142     return false
143   end
144 end
145
146 # print a message, then exit with a fatal error
147
148 def die(message)
149   puts 'fatal: ' + message
150   exit 1
151 end
152
153 # find basename and directory of a virtual font file
154
155 def findfont(name)
156   font = `kpsewhich #{name}.vf`.chomp
157   die "Could not find #{name}.vf" if font == ''
158   return File.basename(font,'.vf'), File.dirname(font)
159 end
160
161 # from a virtual font, isolate the digit sections and the mapfont
162 # section defining them. Renumber the mapfont to fontnr and
163 # change the SELECTION commands in the digits to point to it
164
165 def find_mapfonts_and_digits(font,fontnr)
166   vpl = open("|vtovp #{font}.vf")
167   mapfonts = Array.new          # one of these is returned
168   digits = Array.new           # all returned
169   sel = -1                     # font used for digits
170   while line = vpl.gets
171     case line
172     when /MAPFONT D (\d+)/ then    # mapfont section?
173       i = $1.to_i
174       mapfonts[i] = line
175       while l = vpl.gets
176         mapfonts[i] += l
177         break if l =~ '/^ \)'
178       end
179     when /CHARACTER C (\d+)/ then  # digit?
180       i = $1.to_i
181       digits[i] = line
182       while l = vpl.gets
183         if l =~ '/SELECTFONT D (\d)/'
184           sel = $1.to_i
185           l.sub!(/(\d+/,fontnr.to_s)
186         end
187         digits[i] += l
188         break if l =~ '/^ \)'
189       end
190     end
191   end
192   if sel == -1 then # no SELECTONT found?
193     sel = 0          # use the default
194     # insert SELECTFONT command in the digits
195     digits.each { |d|
196       d.sub!(/MAP/, "MAP\n      (SELECTFONT D #{fontnr})")
197     }
198   end
199   # renumber the mapfont
200   mf = mapfonts[sel].sub(/MAPFONT D.*/, "MAPFONT D #{fontnr}")
201   return mf,digits
202 end
203
204 # convert digits in virtual font file to old style
205 # collection: name of the font collection (like 'pxfonts')
206 # font:          font with table figures to be converted
207 # oldstylefont: font containing oldstyle figures

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208
209 def convert_font(collection,font,oldstylefont)
210   # collection undefined: save in current dir
211   prefix = ''
212   vmdir = tfmdir = '.'
213   # if collection is defined, save files in user tree
214   if collection
215     prefix = 'osf-'
216     d = "{$textree}/fonts/@/osf-#${collection}"
217     vmdir = d.sub(/@/, 'vf')
218     tfmdir = d.sub(/@/, 'tfm')
219     File.mkpath(vmdir) or
220       die "Could not create directory #{dir}"
221     File.mkpath(tfmdir)
222   end
223   # the new vpl file:
224   newvpl = open("/tmp/#{$$.vpl}", "w")
225   maxfont = 0
226   # read the vpl file to be corrected:
227   vpl = open("|vftovp #{font}")
228   while line = vpl.gets
229     case line
230     when /MAPFONT D (\d+)/ then
231       # remember the maximum font ident
232       maxfont = [maxfont, $1.to_i].max
233       newvpl.print line
234     when /CHARACTER C \d/ then      # digit?
235       while l = vpl.gets          # skip to...
236         break if l =~ /\)/      # ... end of digit
237       end
238     next
239   else
240     # print everything else to the new vpl:
241     newvpl.print line
242   end
243 end
244 # append map font and digits from the old style virtual font
245 newvpl.print find_mapfonts_and_digits(oldstylefont,maxfont+1)
246
247 vpl.close
248 newvpl.close
249 name = prefix + font
250 system <-EOF
251   vptovf /tmp/#{$$} \
252   #{vmdir}/#{name} \
253   #{tfmdir}/#{name} >/dev/null
254 EOF
255 end
256
257 # define the style file in terms of the names of:
258 # arg 1: the font collection (pxfonts, txfonts, ...)
259 # arg 2: the roman font (pxr, txr, ...)
260 # arg 3: the sans font (pxss, txss, ...)
261
262 def style(collection,roman,sans)
263   return <-EOF.gsub(/\`/,'')
264     \\\RequirePackage{#{collection},t1enc}
265
266     \\\def\\tb@rm{#{roman}}
267     \\\def\\tb@sf{#{sans}}
268     \\\def\\osf@rm{osf-#(roman)}
269     \\\def\\osf@sf{osf-#(sans)}
270
271     \\\newcommand{\\osfigures}{%
272       \\\renewcommand{\\rmdefault}{\\osf@rm}%
273       \\\renewcommand{\\sfdefault}{\\osf@sf}%
274       \\\ifx\\f@family \\tb@rm \\rmfamily\\fi
275       \\\ifx\\f@family \\tb@sf \\sffamily\\fi
276
277     \\\newcommand{\\tbfigures}{%
278       \\\renewcommand{\\rmdefault}{\\tb@rm}%
279       \\\renewcommand{\\sfdefault}{\\tb@sf}%
280       \\\ifx\\f@family \\osf@rm \\rmfamily\\fi
281       \\\ifx\\f@family \\osf@sf \\sffamily\\fi
282
283     \\\DeclareOption{osfigures}{%
284       \\\osfigures
285       \\\let\\@Fam\\osfigures
286     }
287     \\\DeclareOption{tbfigures}{%
288       \\\tbfigures
289       \\\let\\@Fam\\tbfigures
290     }
291     \\\ExecuteOptions{osfigures}
292     \\\ProcessOptions
293     \\\AtBeginDocument{\\@Fam}
294 EOF
295 end
296
297 # list the fonts for which the DATA section contains ready input
298 # this is used if no fonts are given on the command line
299
300 predef = %w{pxfonts txfonts}
301 $textree = "#{ENV['HOME']}/texmf"
302
303 if ARGV.size > 0 # one or two arguments, say pxr (and pcxr):
304   font,dir = findfont(ARGV[0])
305   # pxr, .../vi/public/pxfonts
306   has_oldstyle_digits("#{dir}/#{font}.vf") and
307     die "#{font} has oldstyle digits already"
308
309 if ARGV[1]
310   osfont,osdir = findfont(ARGV[1])
311   # pcxr, .../vf/public/pxfonts
312   has_oldstyle_digits("#{osdir}/#{osfont}.vf") or
313     die "#{osfont} has no oldstyle digits"
314 else
315   # no oldstyle font given: propose one
316   osdir = dir
317   osf = Array.new
318   Dir["#(dir)/*.vf"].each { |fontfile|
319     f = File.basename(fontfile,'.vf')
320     next if f == font
321     osf.push(f) if has_oldstyle_digits(fontfile)
322   }
323   # osf array contains all oldstyle fonts found
324   case osf.size
325     when 0 then puts "I found no accompanying fonts with " +
326               " old style digits in #{dir}"
327     when 1 then osfont = osf[0]
328     else
329       # more than 1 found: find best matching name:
330       nearest = distance = 1000
331       puts "I found #{osf.size} accompanying fonts with " +
332         "old style digits:"
333       for i in 0..osf.size do
334         f = osf[i-1]
335         h = Hash.new
336         for j in f.split('') do
337           h[j] = (h[j] || 0) + 1
338         end
339         for j in font.split('') do
340           h[j] = (h[j] || 0) - 1
341           h.delete(j) if h[j] == 0
342         end
343         printf("%2d %2d %s\n", i, h.sum_of_squares, f)
344         if h.sum_of_squares < distance
345           nearest = i
346           distance = h.sum_of_squares
347         end
348       end
349       puts "My guess is #{nearest} (#{osf[nearest-1]})"
350       print "Your guess #[nearest]: "
351       i = STDIN.gets.chomp
352       i = i == '' ? nearest : i.to_i
353       osfont = osf[i-1]
354     end
355   end
356   convert_font(nil,font,osfont)
357 else

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358      # no arguments: use DATA section          433 pxbsc    pcxb
359      puts "#{predef.size} font conversions have been predefined" 434 pxbsl    pcxbsl
360      (1..predef.size).each { |i|               435 pxi     pcxi
361          puts "#{i} #{predef[i-1]}"
362      }
363      choice = 0
364      until choice > 0 && choice <= predef.size   436 pxr     pcxr
365          print "Please make your choice [1]: "
366          choice = STDIN.gets.to_i
367          choice = 1 if choice == 0
368      end
369      collection = predef[choice-1]
370      puts "Converting #{collection}"
371      latexdir = "#{$textrree}/tex/latex/osf-#{collection}"
372      File.mkpath(latexdir) or
373          die "Could not create directory #{latexdir}"
374      DATA.each { |line|
375          break if line.chomp == collection
376      }
377      roman_sans = Array.new # will names of roman and sans families
378          # used for the style file
379      DATA.each { |line|
380          line.chomp!
381          case line
382              when '' then break
383              when /^fd\b/ then
384                  dummy,fd,*pat = line.split
385                  # fd commands: roman must come first, sans second
386                  # first pattern must be the name of roman/sans family
387                  roman_sans.push(pat[0])
388                  fd =~ /^t1/ or
389                      die ".fd filename must start with 't1'"
390                  infd = `kpsewhich #{fd}.fd`.chomp
391                  die "Could not find #{fd}.fd" if fd == ''
392                  out = open("#{latexdir}/#{fd.sub(/^t1/,'tiosf-')}.fd",
393                               'w')
393                  open(infd).each { |l|
394                      # put prefix before all patterns:
395                      for p in pat do
396                          l.gsub!(/(#{p})/, 'osf-\1')
397                      end
398                      out.print(l)
399                  }
400                  out.close
401                  else
402                      puts line
403                      font,osfont = line.split
404                      # if the .vf exists from a previous run delete it,
405                      # and its .tfm companion:
406                      if FileTest.exist?("#{font}.vf")
407                          File.delete("#{font}.vf")
408                          File.delete("#{font}.tfm")
409                      end
410                      end
411                      convert_font(collection,font,osfont)
412                  end
413      }
414      out = open("#{latexdir}/osf-#{collection}.sty",'w')
415      out.print style(collection,*roman_sans)
416      system('mktexlsr')
417  end
418
419  __END__
420  pxfonts
421  fd      t1pxr pxr pix
422  fd      t1pxss pxss tix
423  p1xb    pcxb
424  p1xbi   pcxbi
425  p1xbsc  pcxb
426  p1xbsl  pcxbsl
427  p1xi    pcxi
428  p1xr    pcxr
429  p1xsc   pcxr
430  p1xsl   pcxsl
431  pxb    pcxb
432  pxbi   pcxbi

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## Notes

1. The *osf* script can be downloaded from [www.servalys.nl/tex/](http://www.servalys.nl/tex/)
2. the T1 must stay in front, because LaTeX expects it there

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