

A close-up, low-angle shot of a man's face, smiling broadly. The image is heavily filtered with a blue color, making the skin and background appear monochromatic. The man's eyes are squinted, and his mouth is open in a wide, joyful expression. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of his nose and lips.

Nikolai

# Nikolai™

“The ancients stole all our great ideas from us.”, Mark Twain complained.

“Nonsense!” we respond. Perhaps our most striking typeface to date.

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**Nikolai Bold · *Bold Italic* · SMALL CAPS · *ITALIC***

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**Nikolai Narrow Bold · *Bold Italic* · SMALL CAPS · *ITALIC***

Nikolai Condensed Light · *Light Italic* · SMALL CAPS · *ITALIC*

Nikolai Condensed Regular · *Italic* · SMALL CAPS · *ITALIC*

**Nikolai Condensed SemiBold · *SemiBold Italic* · SMALL CAPS · *ITALIC***

**Nikolai Condensed Bold · *Bold Italic* · SMALL CAPS · *ITALIC***

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Available in 24 styles.

*Alexandra*

**McKing**

Narrow Light Italic 50 pt, Bold 135 pt

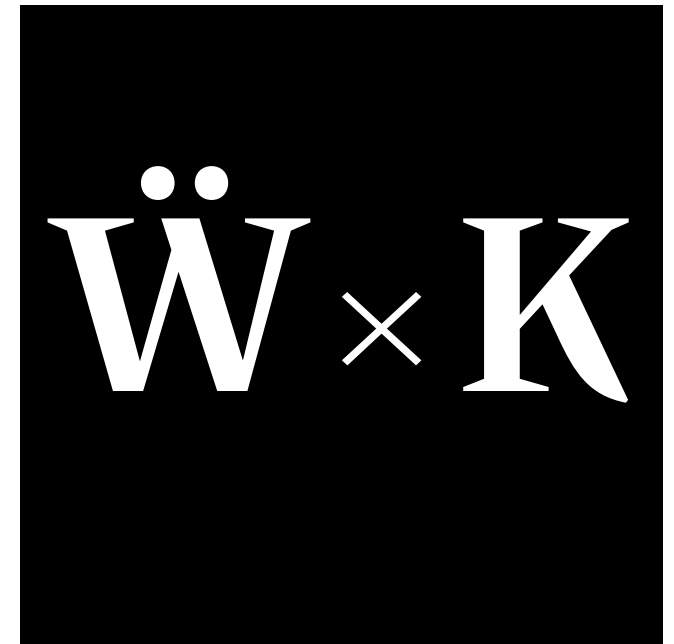
Regular All Caps 65 pt

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Regular 23 pt, Bold 23 pt, SemiBold Italic 90 pt

Narrow Bold 100 pt, Light 100 pt



# 20 Mil Léguas Submarinas

Bold 56 pt, Português

THE YEAR 1866 WAS SIGNALIZED by a remarkable incident, a mysterious and inexplicable phenomenon, which doubtless no one has yet forgotten. Not to mention rumors which agitated the maritime population, and excited the public mind, even in the interior of continents, seafaring men were particularly excited.

Narrow SemiBold 27pt, English

Kaufleute, Reeder, Schiffskapitäne, Skipper und Master in Europa und Amerika, Offiziere der Kriegsmarine aller Länder und schließlich die Regierungen der einflussreichen Staaten beider Kontinente nahmen die Vorfälle außeror-

dentlich ernst. Seit einiger Zeit schon waren mehrere Schiffe auf hoher See „*einem gigantischen Etwas*“ begegnet, einem langen, spindelförmigen Gegenstand, der bisweilen phosphoreszierte und weitaus größer und schneller war als ein Wal.

Regular 16 pt, Italic 16 pt, Deutsch

Los hechos relativos a estas apariciones, consignados en los diferentes libros de a bordo, coincidían con bastante exactitud en lo referente a la estructura del objeto o del ser en cuestión, a la excepcional velocidad de sus movimientos, a la sorprendente potencia de su locomoción y a la particular vitalidad de que parecía dotado. De tratarse de un cetáceo, superaba en volumen a todos cuantos especímenes de este género había clasificado la ciencia hasta entonces. Ni Cuvier, ni Lacepède, ni Dumeril ni Quatrefages hubieran admitido la existencia de tal monstruo, a menos de haberlo visto por sus propios ojos de sabios.

Regular 12 pt, Español

À prendre la moyenne des observations faites à diverses reprises, — en rejetant les évaluations timides qui assignaient à cet objet une longueur de deux cents pieds, et en repoussant les opinions exagérées qui le disaient large d'un mille et long de trois, — on pouvait affirmer, cependant, que cet être phénoménal dépassait de beaucoup toutes les dimensions admises jusqu'à ce jour par les ichthyologistes, — s'il existait toutefois. Or, il existait, le fait en lui-même n'était plus niable ...

Condensed Regular 8 pt, Français







Standard Ligatures #LIGA

ffb ffh ffi ffk fll Tv Tw Ty fb ff fh fi fj fk fl and tt included

Tycho Tycho

Case-Sensitive Forms #CASE

ı ħ • ă / \ ( ) { } [ ] - - - - - « » ‹ › ‹ › and @ included

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Small Capitals #SMCP

Burger BURGER

Small Capitals From Capitals #C2SC

Qmax Qmax

Variation: #SMCP + #C2SC

Líkes LIKES

Stylistic Set 1 #SS01 — Rounded Dots

Ä Ç È É Ğ Ğ İ İ Ķ Ľ Ľ Ń Ń Ö Ŕ Ŕ Ŧ Ŧ Ü Ŵ Ŷ Ž ž ä ç è é ğ ğ i i j k l l ñ ö ŕ ŧ ŧ ü w y ž ž ä ç è é ğ ğ i Ķ Ľ Ľ Ń Ń Ö Ŕ ŧ ŧ Ŧ Ŧ Ü Ŵ Ŷ Ž ž . , ; ; … ! i ? ä • • i ä • • ä ? ä , , “ ” ‘ ’ ! i ? ä • , , “ ” ‘ and ’ included.

Südtirol; Südtirol;

All alternative glyphs are also available via the Access All Alternates #AALT and Stylistic Alternates #SALT features

Localized Forms #LOCL

ı → ı (Turkish), L · Ll · l → L Ll l (Catalan) and Ș Ț ț ș → Ș Ț ș ț (Romanian) included

Braşov Braşov

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Lining Figures (default) #LNUM, Oldstyle Figures #ONUM

1690,2      1690,2

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Proportional Figures (default) #PNUM, Tabular Figures #TNUM

317.9      317.9

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Fractions #FRAC, Numerators #NUMR, Denominators #DNOM

34/185      <sup>34</sup>/<sub>185</sub>

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Ordinals #ORDN,

6a 2o      6<sup>a</sup> 2<sup>o</sup>

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Scientific Inferiors #SINF, Superscript #SUPS, Subscript #SUBS

O<sub>2</sub> m<sup>3</sup> I<sub>6</sub>

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Slashed Zero #ZERO

MOO      MOØ

# Supported Languages

All of Fontwerk's typefaces support at least 94 Latin-based European languages such as English, German, French, Spanish, Czech, Polish, and Turkish. Some families also support Greek and Cyrillic (e.g. Russian, Bulgarian). If you need further languages or script systems (anything from Cyrillic and Greek to Hebrew, Arabic, Thai and even Chinese, Japanese, Korean (CJK), and Devanagari), we can make custom fonts for you.

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▼ Latin	Friulian	Machame	Sango
Afrikaans	Galician	Makhuwa-Meetto	Sangu
Albanian	Ganda	Makonde	Sena
Asu	German	Malagasy	Serbian
Basque	Gusii	Maltese	Shambala
Bemba	Hungarian	Manx	Shona
Bena	Icelandic	Meru	Slovak
Breton	Inari Sami	Morisyen	Slovenian
Catalan	Indonesian	North Ndebele	Soga
Cornish	Irish	Northern Sami	Somali
Croatian	Italian	Norwegian Bokmål	Spanish
Czech	Jola-Fonyi	Norwegian Nynorsk	Swahili
Danish	Kabuverdianu	Nyankole	Swedish
Dutch	Kalenjin	Oromo	Swiss German
Embu	Kamba	Polish	Taita
English	Kikuyu	Portuguese	Teso
Esperanto	Kinyarwanda	Quechua	Turkish
Estonian	Latvian	Romanian	Upper Sorbian
Faroese	Lithuanian	Romansh	Uzbek
Filipino	Lower Sorbian	Rombo	Volapük
Finnish	Luo	Rundi	Vunjo
French	Luxembourgish	Rwa	Walser
	Luyia	Samburu	Welsh

**Admittedly at the very beginning of the conception of Nikolai was the attempt to reinterpret an old idea. At the end is something that has rarely been seen before, in terms of character and typographical impact. The best ideas are almost always only the best ideas of their time.**

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THE DESIGNER, FRANZISKA WEITGRUBER, was entrusted with the task of designing a revival of the Monotype typeface, Veronese, during her TypeMedia master's degree at KABK in The Hague. Veronese is a mechanized version of the Golden Type by William Morris from 1925, which in turn was a rough interpretation of Nicolas Jenson's earlier Print types of the 1470s. However, she was not entirely satisfied with the result and found her interpretation too cool and too rigid.

Driven by her own aspirations and ambition, she later tried to reinterpret another Jenson Model from the Renaissance. She found Nebiolo's Jenson in an almost 90-year-old specimen from the legendary Turiner Foundry. Beguiled by the wild and liveliness of

the typeface, she began to digitize the bold weight. Very soon, however, she abandoned her revivalist approach and developed the design and forms in a more emancipated and contemporary direction. In doing so, the typeface began to evolve into a display family full of character. And so Nicolas became Nikolai with the crucial letter 'k' which is so important in its design. The original Renaissance-DNA is now barely recognizable in the design owing to the clear stroke contrast.

The font was initially published on the *Future Fonts* platform. Renowned for showcasing refreshing and rebellious designs at an early stage, the young platform offered Franziska the ideal space to develop Nikolai into a modern extended family. The expansion

into different widths, as well as the design of the italics, ornaments and alternative forms, such as round instead of square dots, are due in part to direct user feedback on *Future Fonts*. All these characteristics make the typeface a highly versatile headline, poster and logo font.

Now with its publication on Fontwerk, Nikolai has reached its optimum level of maturity. The angular and pointed shapes are full of character and fully developed. Overall, it exudes a typographic hardness, which when combined with a sans-serif, especially a geometric one, will command your full attention.

When all your best ideas just lay ahead of you, tease them out with a typeface that knows how to do it.

## DESIGNER

# Franziska Weitgruber

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It is in the middle of two mountain ranges that Franziska Weitgruber designs her typefaces. The letterforms that she designs are just as striking as the South Tyrolean Alps where she lives.

Fascinated by the interaction of analog and digital technologies, she explores the limits of these tools and materials in her work. She works intensively with manual printing techniques and high-quality coatings, such as gold leaf, enamel paint, risography and screen printing.

Franziska Weitgruber received her Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design with a focus on type from the *New Design University St. Pölten* (typography, calligraphy, hand lettering, typeface design). Later she also

worked there as a lecturer. The TypeMedia Master at the *Royal Academy of Fine Arts in The Hague* manifested her way to type design. Franziska is currently working as a freelance type designer and graphic designer. She is also a regular guest mentor at *Type Clinic Slovenia*.

In addition to Nikolai, she also initially published early versions of her fonts Gig and Roba on the Future Fonts platform. Aside from the world of letters, she loves bicycles and the Rietveld Schröder House in Utrecht.



📍 Latsch, Italy

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SemiBold 40 pt, Regular 10 pt, Narrow Bold Small Caps 14 pt,  
SemiBold 8.5 pt, Regular 8.5 pt, SemiBold All Caps 10 pt

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## Pairing Suggestions

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# Pangea Text Case

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# McQueen Grotesk

God save the McQueen! Designed by Loris Olivier, Noheul Lee and Katja Schimmel as part of a superfamily along with McQueen Display. Like a pair of modern sneakers – in it for the long run.

# Case

Please move along! There isn't another Helvetica to see here. Designed by Erik Spiekermann, Anja Meiners and Ralph du Carrois as part of a superfamily along with the optical sizes Case Text and Case Micro, Case is a modern Neo-Grotesque made for the new Twenties.

# West

A compelling mix of conciseness and pragmatism. Daniel Perraudin reinterprets the geometric sans serifs concept in a contemporary and original way.

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