

Ripley

Designer
SALE CHARACTER, (2018–2025)

About

Ripley began in 2018 as a research project focused on the challenge of legibility in digital environments. This work explored how technological variables can influence on-screen readability and led to the creation of eight adaptive axes that respond to the user's environment. The research was presented at the Swiss Design Awards in 2020.

From this investigative foundation, the design was guided by standardized proportions to ensure optimal performance with variable technology and at small sizes. Building on this groundwork, the typeface draws on the rich lineage of Times, combining references from several of its variations, including the original Roman, NR Seven, Europa, Millennium, and Titling.

From these sources, Ripley distilled the features most effective for small text: wider proportions and reinforced hairlines that preserve clarity and balance at reduced sizes. Combined with contemporary refinements, these influences shaped a design that is both precise and versatile.

In this way, Ripley asserts its own voice. While it draws on the legacy of Times, it does not seek to revive any single version. Instead, it combines historical references from multiple variations with contemporary influences to create a typeface that is both precise and versatile. Its broad range of weights makes it equally at home in formal publications and more informal contexts, uniting readability, technical performance, and a distinctly modern character.

File Format

Variable (.ttf/.woff2), Opentype (.otf), TrueType (.ttf),
Web Open Font Format 2 (.woff2)

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Ripley Thin

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Ripley Light

Ripley Light Italic

Ripley Regular

Ripley Regular Italic

Ripley Medium

Ripley Medium Italic

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Uppercase

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O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Lowercase

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Lining Figures

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Punctuation

Latin-Supplement

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Multilingual Support

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Uppercase (Diacritics)

Character Set

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Vietnamese

Ligatures / Discretionary Ligatures

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Small Caps

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Case Sensitive Forms

Stylistic Set 01 / Alternate 'G'

G / G \hat{G} \dot{G} \check{G} \bar{G} \underline{G} G / G G / G

Stylistic Set 02 / Alternate 'g'

Stylistic Set 03 / Alternate ‘\$’

\$ / \$\$

Stylistic Set 04 / Alternate ‘T’

T / T T \check{t} T T \check{t} T \dot{t} T T / T \mathbf{T} / \mathbf{T} TT / TT

Stylistic Set 05 / Alternate ‘Parantheses’

[H] / [H] (H) / (H) {H} / {H}

OFF	ON	OFF	ON
Ligature	.liga	Ligature	.liga
Protoscientific	Protoscientific	1º Primo/1a Prima	1º Primo/1^a Prima
Case Sensitive Forms	.case	Case Sensitive Forms	.case
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¿iCÓMO ESTÁS!?	¿iCÓMO ESTÁS!?	Tabular Figures	.tnum
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Automatic Fractions	.frac	1234567890	1234567890
16 79/45 × 16 10/35	16 79/45 × 16 10/35	Discretionary Ligatures	.dlig
Superscript/Subscript	.sups .subs	stratification	stratification
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78Platinum, Iron26	78Platinum, Iron ²⁶	Magic	Magic
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Small Caps	.smcp	[Fire] (Air) {Water}	[Fire] (Air) {Water}
Flamel	FLAMEL	Swashes	.swsh
		Book of Kells	Book of Kells

Hieroglyphic Figures
Magnum Opus
Ceremonial Magic
Moon, Tree & Bird
Celestial Speech

Small
Human
Being

Paracelsus
De Natura Rerum
16TH CENTURY
1529–1532

Goethe's Faust II
Johann Wolfgang
1808 & 1832

Egon Schiele
Woman with Homunculus
Expressionist gouache
55.6×36.5 cm, 1910

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Pope Gregory XII
Villa Mondragone
Frascati, Italia

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John Dee was an mathematician, astronomer, astrologer, teacher, occultist, and alchemist. He was the court astronomer for, and advisor to, Elizabeth I, and spent much of his time on alchemy, divination, and Hermetic philosophy. As an antiquarian, he had one of the largest libraries in England at the time. As a political advisor, he advocated the foundation of English colonies in the New World to form a “British Empire,” a term he is credited with...

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Dee eventually left Elizabeth's service and went on a quest for additional knowledge in the deeper realms of the occult and supernatural. He aligned himself with individuals who may have been charlatans, travelled through Europe and was accused of spying for the English crown. Upon his return, he found his home and library vandalised. He eventually returned to the Queen's service, but was turned away when she was succeeded by James I. He died in poverty in London around December 1608 or March 1609 and his gravesite is unknown.

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Dee was born in Tower Ward, London, to Rowland Dee, of Welsh descent, and Johanna, daughter of William Wild. His surname “Dee” reflects the Welsh du (black). His grandfather was Bedo Ddu of Nant-y-groes, Pilleth, Radnorshire; John retained his connection with the locality. His father Roland was a mercer and gentleman courtier to Henry VIII. John Dee claimed descent from Rhodri the Great, 9th century ruler of Gwynedd, and constructed a pedigree accordingly. His family had arrived in London with Henry Tudor's coronation as Henry VII. Dee attended Chelmsford Chantry School.

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His abilities recognised, he became an original fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge on its foundation by Henry VIII in 1546. At Trinity, the clever stage effects he produced for a production of Aristophanes' Peace earned him lasting repute as a magician. In the late 1540s and early 1550s, he travelled around Europe, studying at Louvain and Brussels lecturing in Paris on Euclid.

He studied under Gemma Frisius and became friends with the cartographers Gerardus Mercator and Abraham Ortelius. John Dee met, worked and learnt from other mathematicians, such as

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By the early 1580s, Dee was discontented with his progress in learning the secrets of nature and his diminishing influence and recognition in court circles. Failure of his ideas concerning a proposed calendar revision, colonial establishment and ambivalent results for voyages of exploration in North America had nearly brought his hopes of political patronage to an end.

He subsequently began to turn energetically towards the supernatural as a means to acquire knowledge. He sought to contact spirits through the use of a “scryer” or crystal-gazer, which he thought would act as an intermediary between himself and the angels. Dee's first attempts with several

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John Dee was an mathematician, astronomer, astrologer, teacher, occultist, and alchemist. He was the court astronomer for, and advisor to, Elizabeth I, and spent much of his time on alchemy, divination, and Hermetic philosophy. As an antiquarian, he had one of the largest libraries in England at the time. As a political advisor, he advocated the foundation of English colonies in the New World to form a “British Empire,” a term he is credited with coining.

16 Pts

Dee eventually left Elizabeth’s service and went on a quest for additional knowledge in the deeper realms of the occult and supernatural. He aligned himself with individuals who may have been charlatans, travelled through Europe and was accused of spying for the English crown. Upon his return, he found his home and library vandalised. He eventually returned to the Queen’s service, but was turned away when she was succeeded by James I. He died in poverty in London around December 1608 or March 1609 and his gravesite is unknown.

12 Pts

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8.5 Pts

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The ouroboros is an symbol depicting a serpent or dragon eating its own tail. The ouroboros entered Western tradition via ancient Egyptian iconography and the Greek magical tradition. It was a symbol in Gnosticism and Hermeticism and most notably in alchemy. The ouroboros is often interpreted as a symbol for eternal cyclic renewal or a cycle of life, death, and rebirth; the snake's skin-sloughing symbolises the transmigration...

The earliest known ouroboros motifs is found in the Enigmatic Book of the Netherworld, an ancient Egyptian funerary text in KV62, the tomb of Tutankhamun, in the 14th century BCE. The text concerns the actions of the Ra and his union with Osiris in the underworld. The ouroboros is depicted twice on the figure: holding their tails in their mouths, one encircling the head and upper chest, the other surrounding the feet of a large figure, which may represent the unified Ra-Osiris. Both serpents are manifestations of the of the deity...

In Norse mythology, Jörmungandr, also known as the Midgard Serpent or World Serpent (Old Norse: Miðgarðsormr), is an unfathomably large sea serpent or worm who dwells in the world sea, encircling the Earth (Midgard) and biting his own tail, an example of an ouroboros. As a result of it surrounding Midgard it is referred to as the World Serpent. When it releases its tail, Ragnarök will begin. Jörmungandr is said to be the middle child of the trickster god Loki and the giantess Angrboða. According to the Prose Edda, Odin took Loki's three children by Angrboða—the wolf Fenrir,

Jörmungandr and Thor meet again when Thor goes fishing with the giant Hymir. When Hymir refuses to provide Thor with bait, Thor strikes the head off Hymir's largest ox to use it. They row to a point where Hymir often sat and caught flatfish and where he drew up two whales. Thor demands to go further out to sea and does so despite Hymir's protest. Thor then prepares a strong line and a large hook and baits it with the ox head, which Jörmungandr bites. Thor pulls the serpent from the water, and the two face one another, Jörmungandr blowing poison. Hymir goes pale with fear. As Thor grabs his hammer to

kill the serpent, the giant cuts the line, leaving the serpent to sink beneath the waves and return to its original position encircling the earth. The Eddic poem Hymiskviða has a similar ending to the story, but in earlier Scandinavian versions of the myth in skaldic poetry, Thor successfully captures and kills the serpent by striking it on the head.

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The ouroboros is an symbol depicting a serpent or dragon eating its own tail. The ouroboros entered Western tradition via ancient Egyptian iconography and the Greek magical tradition. It was a symbol in Gnosticism and Hermeticism and most notably in alchemy. The ouroboros is often interpreted as a symbol for eternal cyclic renewal or a cycle of life, death, and rebirth; the snake's skin-sloughing symbolises the transmigration of souls.

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The earliest known ouroboros motifs is found in the Enigmatic Book of the Netherworld, an ancient Egyptian funerary text in KV62, the tomb of Tutankhamun, in the 14th century BCE. The text concerns the actions of the Ra and his union with Osiris in the underworld. The ouroboros is depicted twice on the figure: holding their tails in their mouths, one encircling the head and upper chest, the other surrounding the feet of a large figure, which may represent the unified Ra-Osiris. Both serpents are manifestations of the of the deity...

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Jörmungandr and Thor meet again when Thor goes fishing with the giant Hymir. When Hymir refuses to provide Thor with bait, Thor strikes the head off Hymir's largest ox to use it. They row to a point where Hymir often sat and caught flatfish and where he drew up two whales. Thor demands to go further out to sea and does so despite Hymir's protest. Thor then prepares a strong line and a large hook and baits it with the ox head, which Jörmungandr bites. Thor pulls the serpent from the water, and the two face one another, Jörmungandr blowing poison. Hymir goes pale with fear. As Thor grabs his hammer to kill the

serpent, the giant cuts the line, leaving the serpent to sink beneath the waves and return to its original position encircling the earth. The Eddic poem Hymiskviða has a similar ending to the story, but in earlier Scandinavian versions of the myth in skaldic poetry, Thor successfully captures and kills the serpent by striking it on the head.

Thor's fishing for Jörmungandr was one of the most popular motifs in Norse art. Four picture stones that are believed to depict the myth are the Altuna Runestone and the Ardre VIII mage stone in Sweden, the Hørðum stone in Denmark, and...

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