Fonts & Typefaces

A typeface is a set of characters designed with a consistent visual style. A font is a typeface of a particular size (e.g., 12-point) and style (e.g., normal, bold or italic).

Serif vs. Sans-serif Typefaces

A serif typeface has decorative marks at the end of many strokes.

A sans-serif typeface does not have these extra marks. "sans" = without.

Proportional vs. Monospace Typefaces

In a proportional typeface, each glyph is as wide or narrow as it needs to be:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{m} \\
\text{i}
\end{array}
\]

In a monospace typeface, each glyph is the same width:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{m} \\
\text{i}
\end{array}
\]

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