

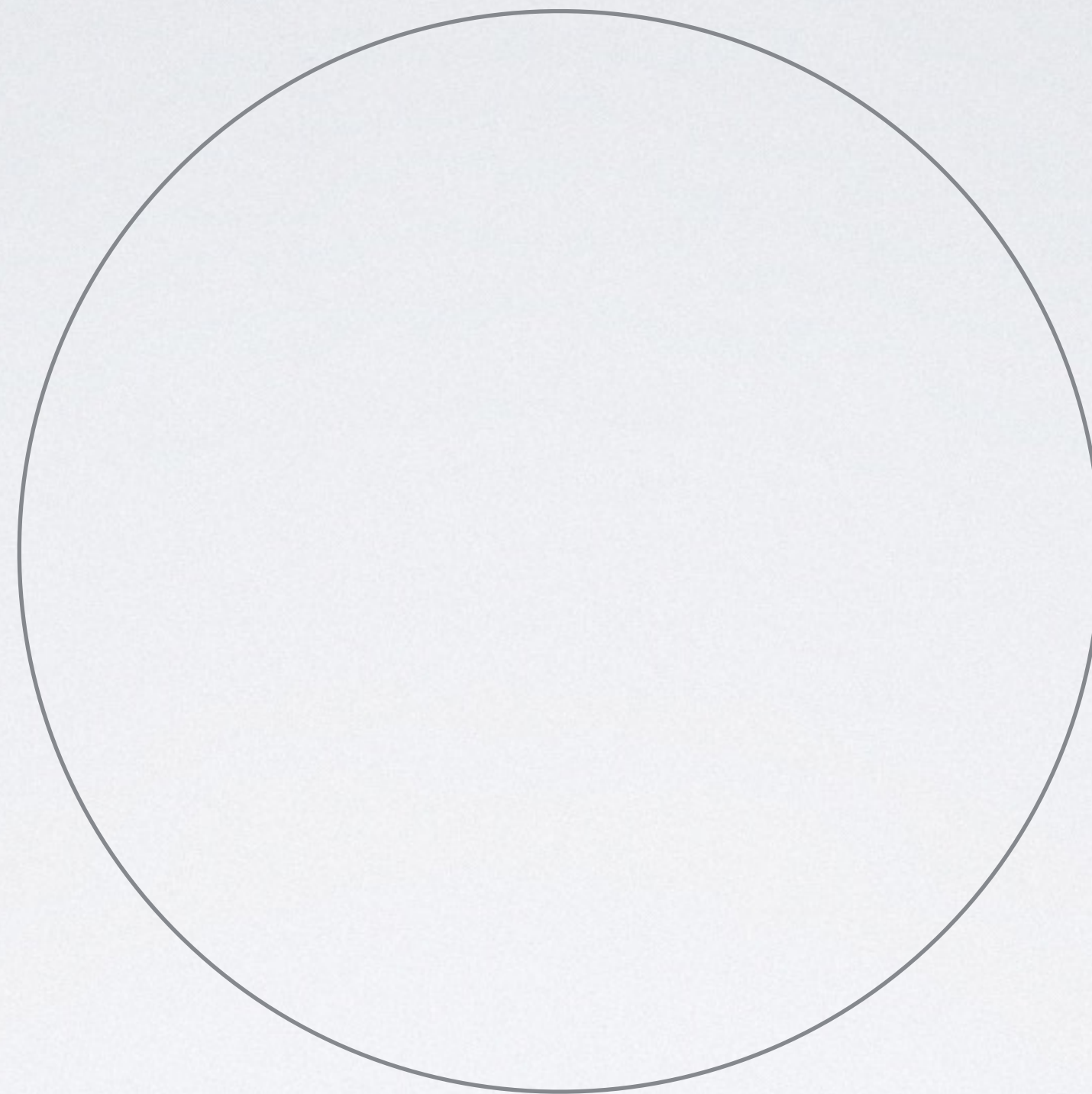
# VISUAL COMMUNICATION

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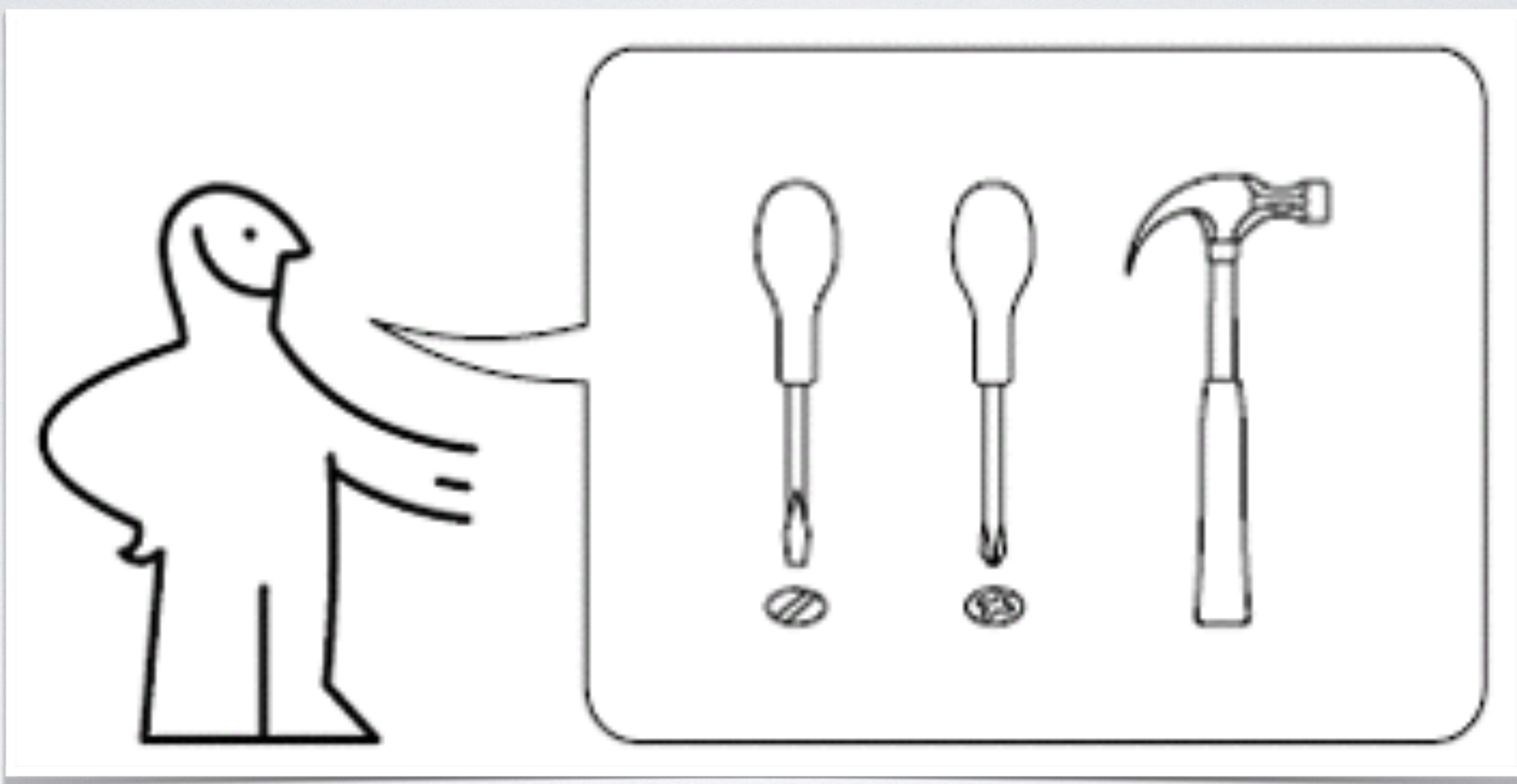
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# TYPOGRAPHY

**Comic Sans**

Papyrus

**Harabara**

**Hobo Std**

*Brush Script*

**Marker Felt**

GENERALLY DISLIKED

**Helvetica**

Times New Roman

Futura

Myriad Pro

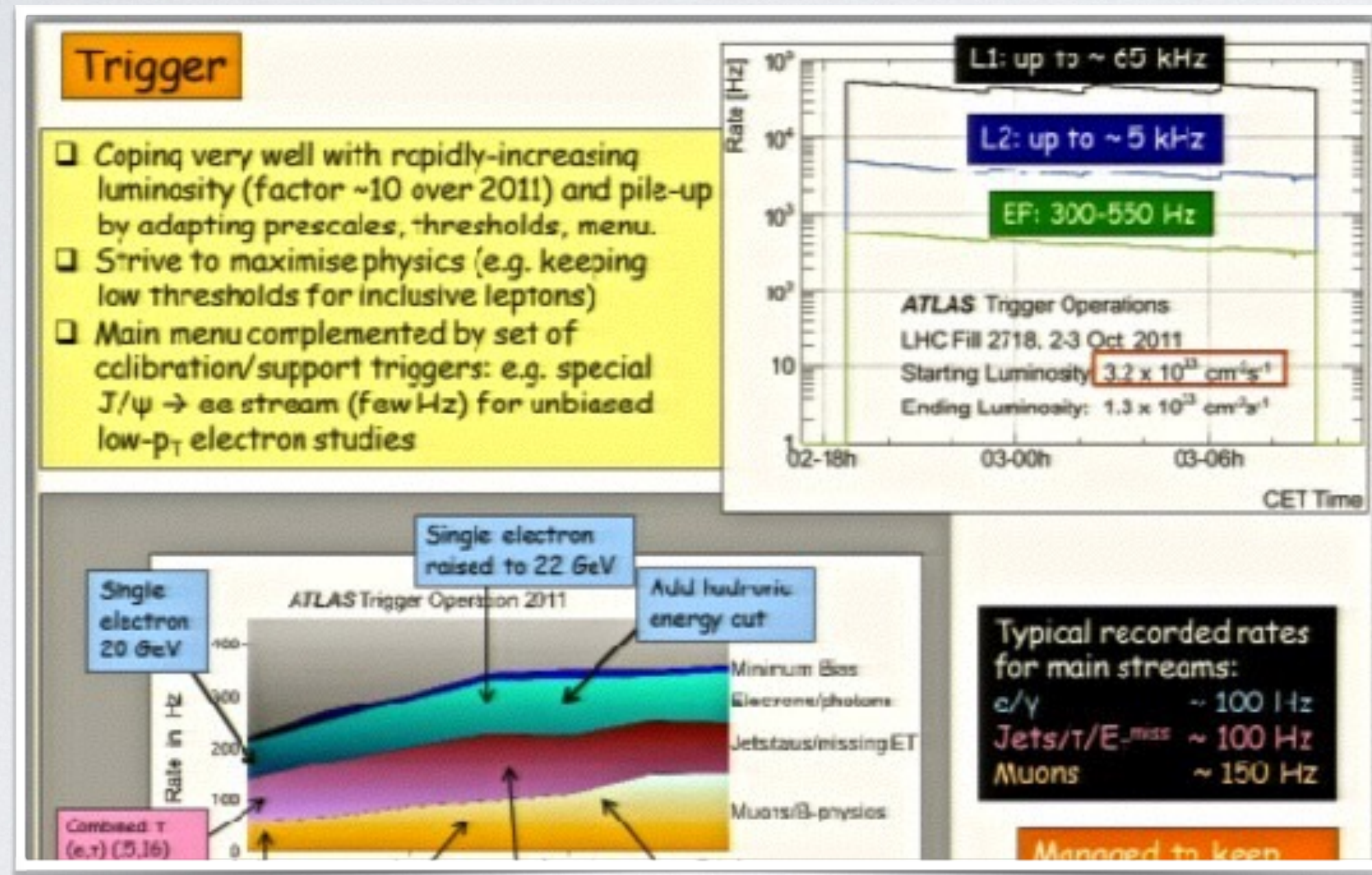
Baskerville

Garamond

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 **@gilesthomas**  
Giles Thomas

Come on CERN, you're the world's largest particle physics lab, not a lemonade stand.  
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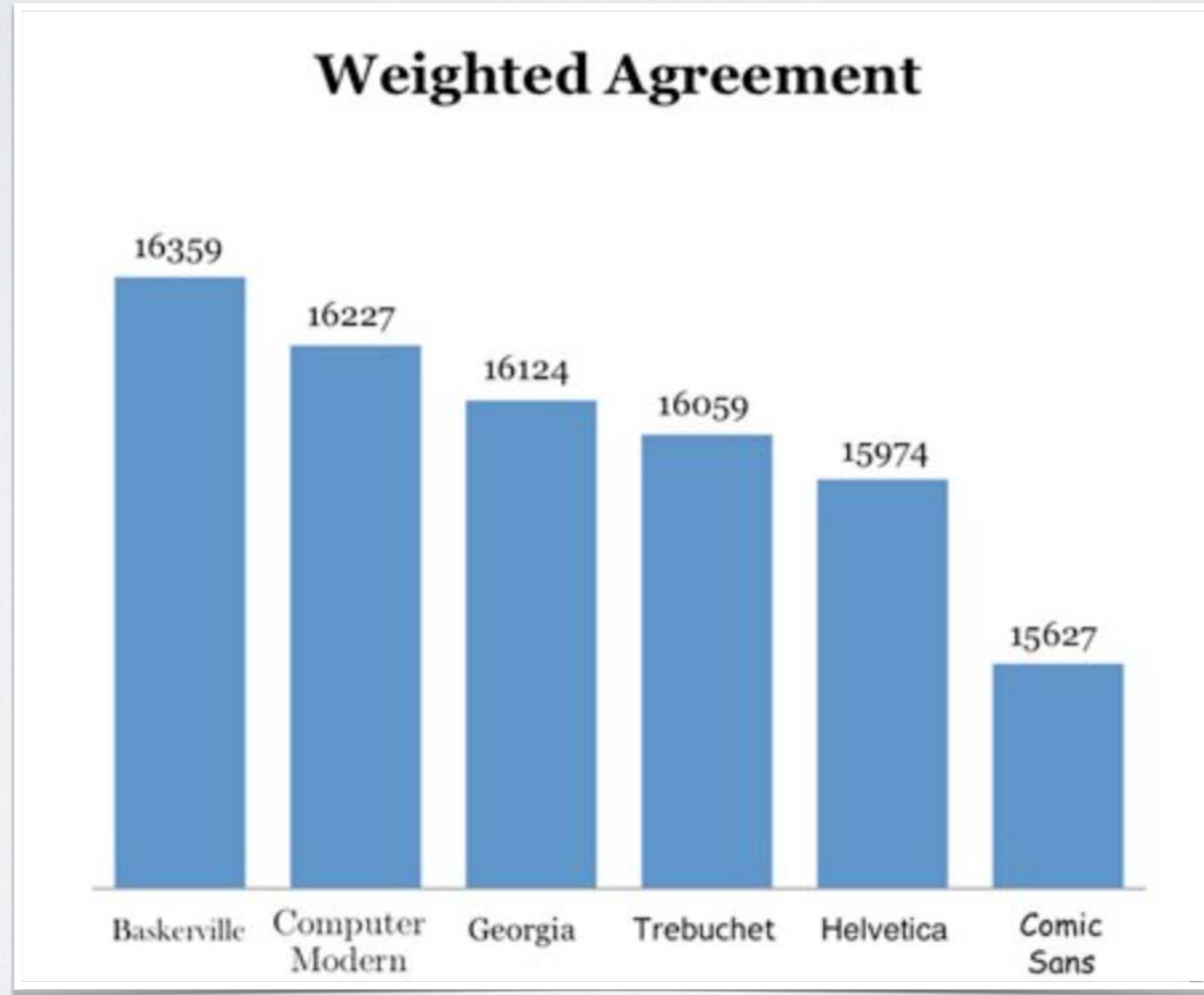
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# TYPOGRAPHY





# “TYPE CRIMES”

- ***BOLD, ITALIC, UNDERLINED CAPS!***
- TYPESETTING IN ALL CAPS HAS LOW LEGIBILITY AND LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE IS SHOUTING.
- Underlining for emphasis seems amateur (and looks like a hyperlink on the web)



# STRONG USE OF TYPEFACE

- Choose typefaces with conventional letterforms
- Use no more than two typefaces
- Left align text for best readability
- Consider what others have done already



# WHEN CHOOSING A TYPEFACE

Helvetica Neue Regular

**Helvetica Neue Medium**

Helvetica Neue Light

Helvetica Neue Thin

Helvetica Neue Ultra Light

*Helvetica Neue Italic*

*Helvetica Neue Medium Italic*

*Helvetica Neue Light Italic*

*Helvetica Neue Thin Italic*

*Helvetica Neue Ultra Light Italic*

**Helvetica Neue Bold**

***Helvetica Neue Bold Italic***

**Helvetica Neue Condensed Bold**

**Helvetica Neue Condensed Black**



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Let me list some of the considerations to be kept in mind when laying out a print advertisement, a newsletter, or anything that has a visual dimension.

### A. The Typeface

It has already been suggested that the choice of typefaces is important, since different typefaces have distinctive personalities. Each typeface is a means of managing impressions in the minds of readers. And the typeface must be coordinated with any drawings or photographs being used in the visual field. In the case of advertisements, for example, the typefaces must fit with the "image" of the product that is to be created or reinforced.

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### B. The Size of the Face

We are also affected by the size of a given typeface, since size affects the way we respond to the design of individual letters.

The material discussed to this point was applied to visual fields in general and to specific kinds of visual materials – advertisements, brochures, manual, magazines, etc. The topics mentioned can be subsumed under some more general principles of design, many of which have been mentioned or alluded to in various places in this book. They

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FIGURE 7.9

Here is a poorly designed page. What's wrong with it? Why doesn't it work?

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Good Contrast



Bad Contrast





# DESIGN PRINCIPLE: REPETITION





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**Darn Honor Form**

Heresy rheumatic starry offer former's dodder, Violate Huskings, an wart hoppings darn honor form.

Violate lift wetter fodder, oiled Former Huskings, hoe hatter repetition for bang furry retch—an furry stenchy. Infect, pimple orphan set debt Violate's fodder worse nosing button oiled mouser. Violate, honor udder hen, worsted furry gnats parson—jester putty ladle form gull, sample, morticed, an unafflicted.

Wan moaning Former Huskings nudist haze dodder setting honor cheer, during nosing.

**Nor symphony**

VIOLATE! sorted dole former, Watcher setting darn fur? Yore canned gat retch setting darn during nosing? Germ pup otter debt cheer!

Arm tarred, Fodder, resplendent Violate warily.

Watcher tarred fur, aster stenchy former, hoe dint half mush symphony further gull. Are badger dint doe mush woke disk moaning! Ditcher curry doze buckles fuller slob darn tutor peg-pan an feeder pegs?

**Vestibule guardings**

Yap, Fodder. Are fetter pegs. Ditcher mail-car caws an swoop otter caw staple? Off curse, Fodder. Are mukt oiler caws an swapped otter staple, fetter checkings, an clammed upper larder inner checking-horse toe gadder oiler aches, an wen darn tutor vestibule guarding toe peck oiler bogs an warms offer vestibules, an watched an earned yore closing, an fetter hearses an...

Ditcher warder oiler hearses, toe? enter-ruptured oiled Huskings.

Nor, Fodder, are dint. Dint warder mar hearses? Wire nut?

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Consistent double rule on all pages.

Consistent typeface in headlines and sub-heads, and consistent space above each.

This single rule repeats across the bottom of each page.

Page numbers are in the same place (the bottom outer corners) and in the same typeface on each page.



# DESIGN PRINCIPLE: ALIGNMENT

## **Good**

Our eye is trained to read from left to right (at least in Western countries). Avoid the urge to center all your text! Make sure that other elements on the page are aligned as well.

## **BAD**

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# DESIGN PRINCIPLES

## Bahama Sailing Adventures



Free lunch  
Bonefishing  
203-123-1223  
sailing@yahoo.com



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fj;sdjfkjsdfk;jask;djfk;ajsdkfjaksjdfkjasd  
kfjasjdfkjas;ljklajsdklfjskdjfkajf;ljasdk

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# COLOR

- Optimal legibility requires black text on a white background.
- Legibility suffers much more for color schemes that make the text any lighter than pure black, especially if the background is made any darker than pure white.
- A user's browser, system resolution, and other factors may affect a given display (i.e., expect color shifting)



# IMAGES: DO





# IMAGES: DON'T

