



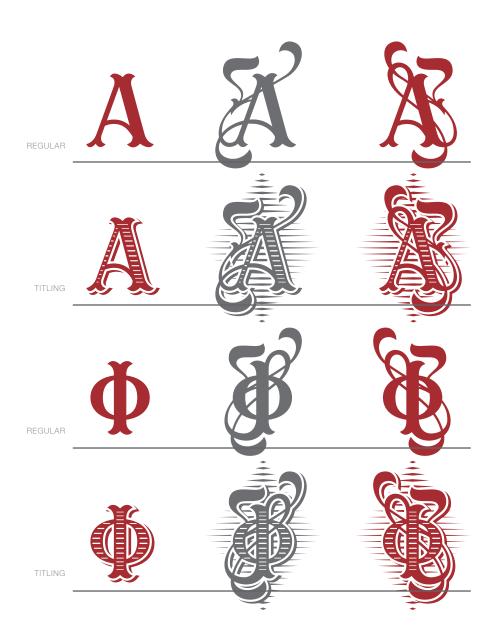
# Inspiration

The Furius typeface was inspired by a typeface choice on record cover that used a very decorative, nearly floral style of serif letters. I was intrigued by both the forms but also the choice of style, split serifs, or Tuscan serifs as some call them, that I associated more with a circus or american western. Being a style that I had truly explored, I started to research some basic ideas for letterforms. A surpirsing source was looking into the original serif styles, developed in 300-400AD that used a split serif style, especially evident in the stroke terminals. Rather than being a stylistic feature, these original form seems to simply be the result of the tool, a chisel, that when used to sculpt the straight lines would flair at the bottom as a means of ending the line. Even the Trajan column, with it's curved baseline, displays a remnant of this effect.

Probably due to it's decorative, and therefore less clear or legible style, these terminals would lose popularity in favor of the straight baseline stokes through the renaissance and later transitional forms, yet would remerge in certain type explorations of the victorian era, notably gaining use in the emerging american market. This later use seems to have sealed the connection between split serifs and entertainment, either in rolling trade shows or various circus shows, with the flamboyant style suiting the wilder themes of these shows.

I therefore decided to embark on a new typeface creation, one that would be principally aimed at display use, and that would mix, like I had done with the Halja typeface, a more regular form with a more flamboyant and decorative capital style for use in titles or other large sizes. My original source gave me a few clear solutions for some letters like the L or O, but the real exploration was in creating the lowercase forms that had not been used or available in the original style.

Having completed the base letters, I started to get to work on the decorative capitals that I imagined using to start words, yet as soon as I started applying the design, I just could not ignore the fact that an ending capital form would also be a good solution. This would allow not only an illuminated style at the beginning of words, but could also add on a terminal letterform that would be useful in setting titles or logo situations.



Whilst working on the design and doing some initial tests, a felt that I could expand the style even further by creating an even more decorative form, closer to the shadow styles found in certain woodcut letters of the last century. By adopting this approach, I could offer a typeface with a regular form, a decorative alternate for each letter but equally a more detailed and illustrated style that could be matched with the regular family. Therefore one single typeface could present a large range of forms and styles that would work together in a common theme.

Many of my recent designs have explored foreign scripts, firstly as a pure design exploration into other forms that I find very interesting but equally as a means of offering a new visual solutions to other languages that are a bit less explored. The display typeface field has been heavily explored in the basic latin script but a bit less in other scripts, maybe down to local styles or maybe simply because the larger foundries only offer more commercially viable styles. Having already started to explored the alternative letter solution on the base script, I also wanted to expand the idea to include all covered languages of the typeface, so all the offered features work both in latin or cyrillic forms.

## Weights

This typeface contains only one real weight but plays with the idea of styles by offering either a regular cut or a second, Title style that displays a 3d shadow style directly in the design. While the regular weight can be used with some flair in smaller point sizes, the Title weight is clearly better suited to large applications due to the fine details inside each letter. Both weights are then further complemented by the Opentype alternates features that offers a further two alphabets directly in the design by simply clicking on the feature.









STANDARD OR TITLE STYLE



FULL LATIN AND CYRILLIC SUPPORT



ALTERNATE FEATURE



ALTERNATE FEATURE IN TITLE STYLE

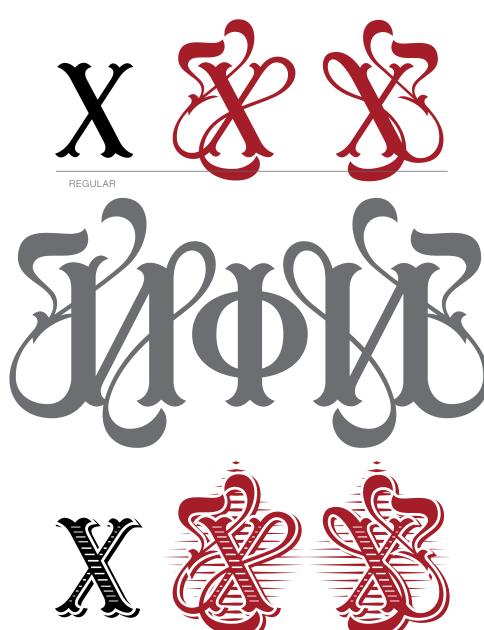
### **Features**

Furius is packed with features! The goal was to really play with the Opentype options and offer a whole host of solutions within a same font. The first feature is the use of Alternate letters to offer a different letter form at the start and ending of each capital word. These letterforms are more decorative and floral than the regular forms and where conceived as an added bonus to the basic characters. They exist in both the regular and title weight and equally in the cyrillic character set for a complete typeface.

A second feature was the addition of both standard and discretionary ligatures in the lowercase forms principally. These glyphs where created to compensate for certain clashing glyphs or conflicting junctions, so feel free to apply them in text settings.

I also wanted to add some small capital letters that are balanced in weight with the other forms and can therefore be mixed into any combination of letters or heights.

Then a last fun feature was the creation of a series of catch words in english, french, german and russian as a basic aid in type setting. Due to the retro feel of the typeface, I felt it was a pity not to play with the retro, western style. They offer a fun and lively alternative to the composition of certain layouts, play at will! A final small hidden feature is the 2 hand styles that are in the less and greater positions, these two hands offer either a clean, more refine version or then an engraved inspired form that features shading for added depth.



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LOWERCASE AND SMALL CAPITALS







ALTERNATE ARROW

TITLING FEATURE

SWASH ARROW



TABULAR NUMBERS

**FRACTIONS** 

### Features numbers

This typeface features all the required styles of numbers, these range from Oldstyle forms, to Tabular digits, numbers that are aligned on the capital height, that can be accessed through the Opentype panel. Due to their flowing alignement, the Oldstyle numbers are recommended for text based settings, however the Tabular forms will work better in capital settings. To accompany the small capital glyphs, there is also a lowercase Tabular style that fits the alignement of the smaller letters. Any designer can easily switch through each style to see what suites your layout the best.

Finally, there is the Fraction feature that can be used to easily compose any sequence of numbers into full equations. This feature also uses the superscript or subscript numbers that can be selected to layout exponential elements.

# Language support

Continuing a recent trend in my designs, I wanted to expand the typeface for a larger language support including a full latin set, for languages like turkish or polish, plus a full cyrillic character set for languages like russian or ukrainian. Having already explored some options in letterforms during the base creation, I enjoyed the added challenge that especially the cyrillic letters offer. The language support covers not only the basic glyphs but equally the extended Alternate features for the word divisions.

#### Uses

Furius was created as a versatile, complete display typeface, so principally aimed at titles or logo work. With it's legible forms but string personality, this family can be used to evoke a retro feel or for a striking text layout. The best solution is obviously to combine both styles to be able to play between the intricate detail of the Title weight but balanced with the more legible, calm form of the Regular weight.

Thanks to it's large character set, Furius will allow any designer to cover a large range of languages from english to danish, from russian to turkish, all while maintaining a large selection of features to play with in your composition.



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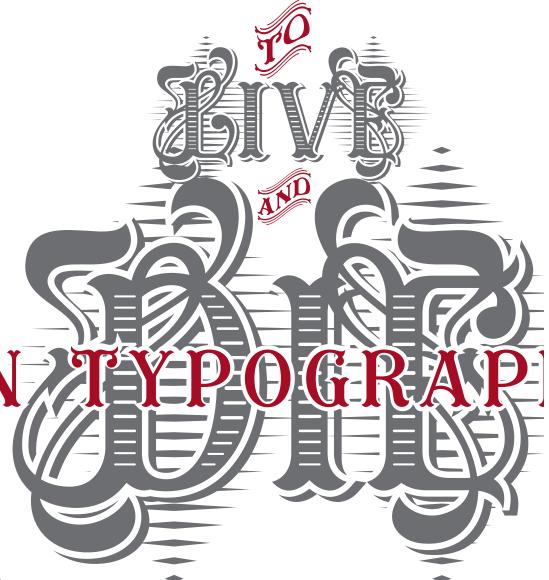
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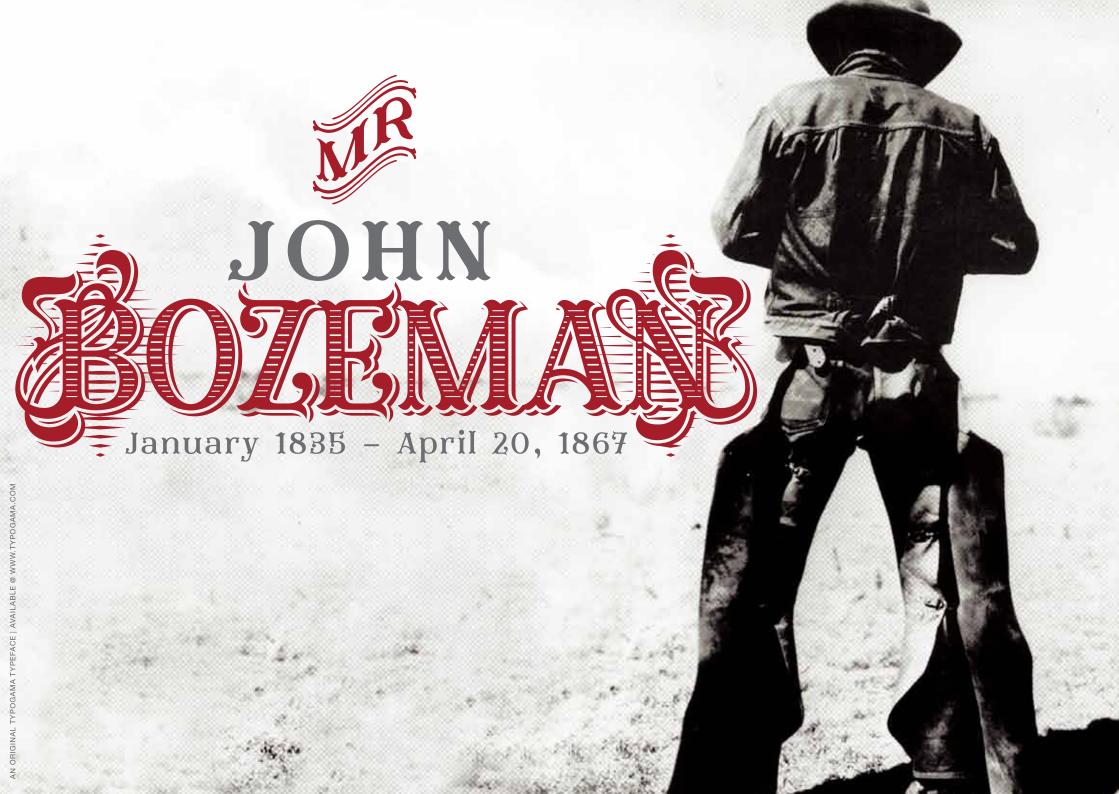
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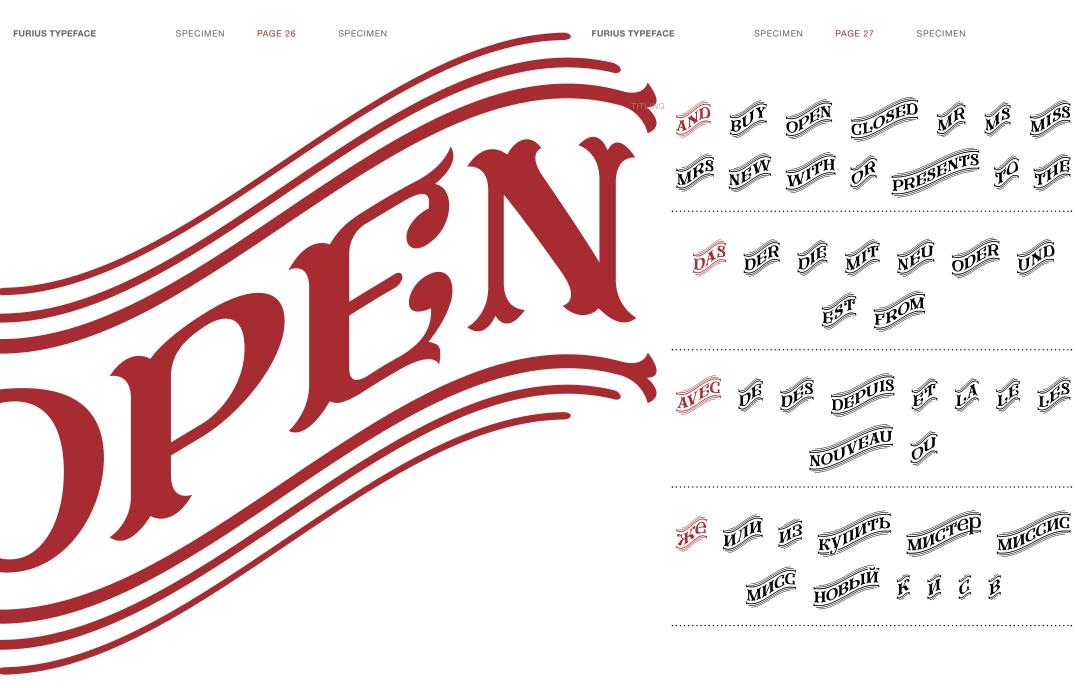
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