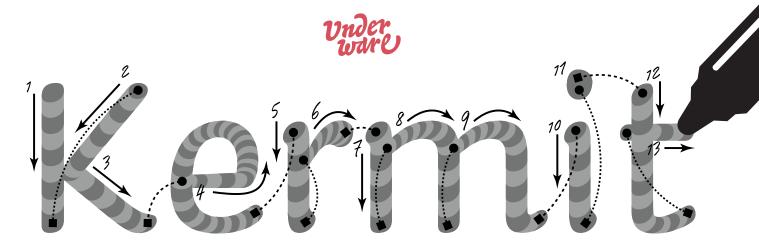
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A new typeface for Microsoft Office



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Type design today offers many more possibilities than before, is no longer limited to a two-dimensional world, but can be multi-dimensional with unlimited possibilities. Like many before them, Underware has been dreaming for years of a different way of writing, where ductus, modulation and speed variations are natively part of the design, of strokes that flow in time and space, freeing letters once again from their typographic straitjacket. Kermit is a small step in that direction.

Kermit Extrabold

Kermit Bold ellc Kermit Regular Kermit Light Kermit Thin

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Roman and Italic in 7 weights & 3 widths

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Thin Condensed Italic

Extralight Condensed Extralight Condensed Italic

Light Condensed Light Condensed Italic

Regular Condensed Italic

Semibold Condensed Semibold Condensed Italic

Bold Condensed Bold Condensed Italic

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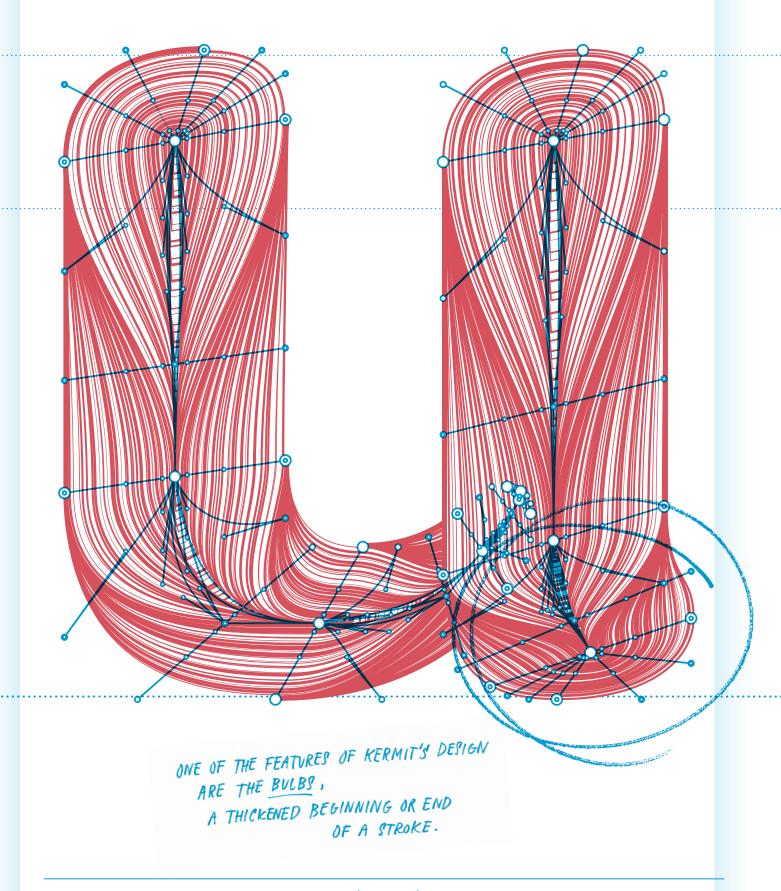
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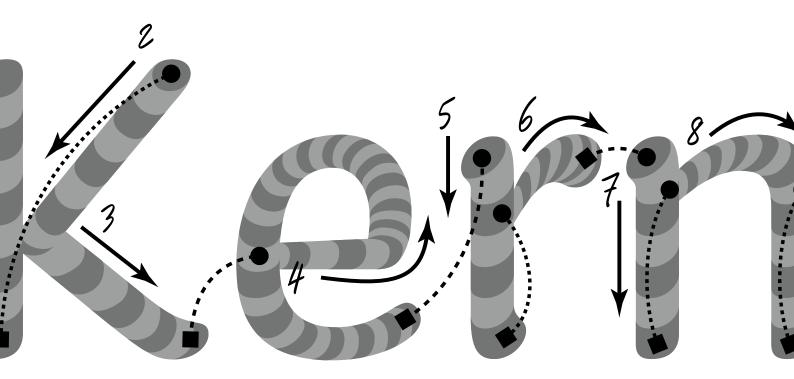
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Kermit includes a unique time axis. The advanced writing dynamics have been specifically designed and built into the font, using patented technology developed by Underware.

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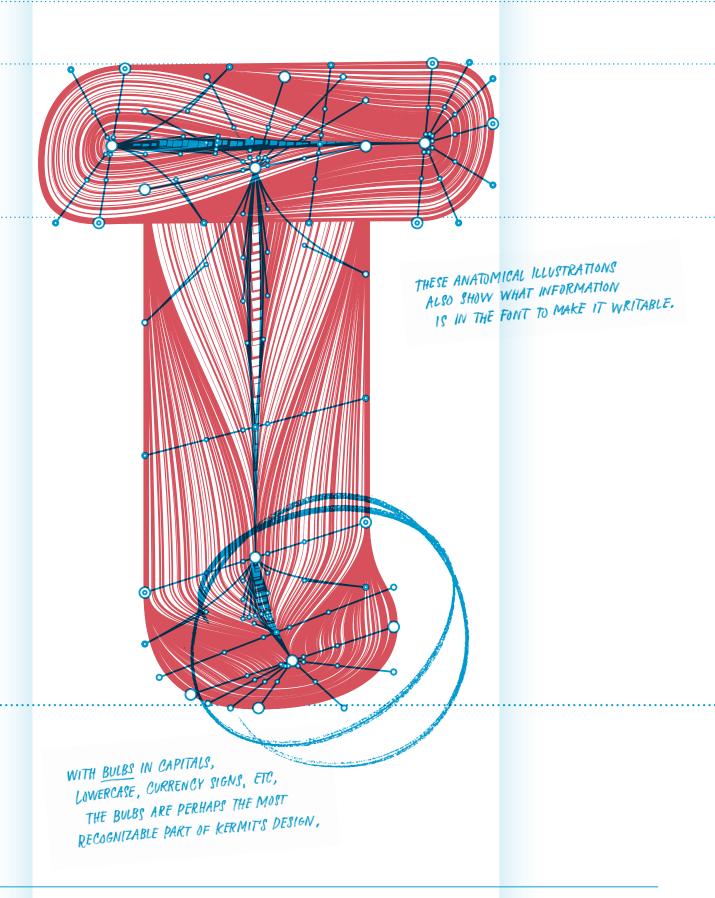
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Personal touch

Kermit Thin Italic

Unique strokes

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Kermit Regular 72 pts

Work together POSSIBILITIES

Kermit Regular 36 pts

The typeface Kermit contains AN EXTRA DIMENSION: TIME

Kermit Regular 26 pts

It would make sense for every application TO HAVE A PLAY BUTTON SO THAT A TEXT

Kermit Regular 22 pts

Software developers & type designers should WORK MORE TOGETHER

Kermit Regular 14 pts

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Kermit Regular 12 pts

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Kermit Regular Italic 22 pts

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Type designers and publishers should question typographic conventions more often, and raise with software developers WHETHER SOMETHING COULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY. IF KERMIT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED FIFTY YEARS AGO, IT WOULD

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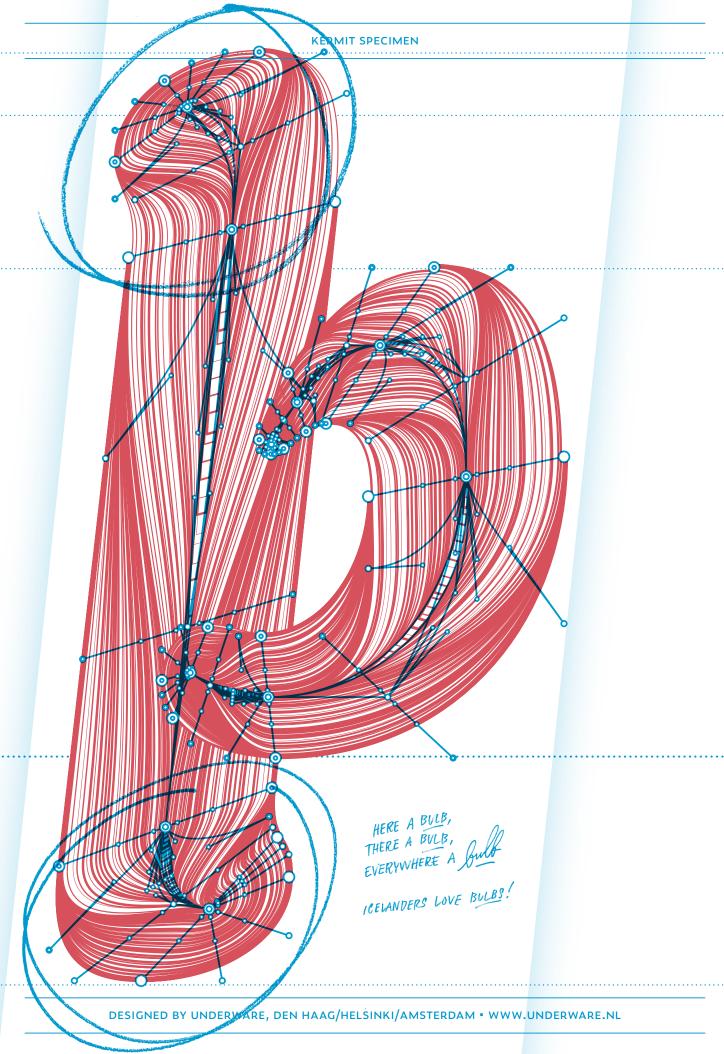
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Look how nicely Kermit and Bello work together! Apparently made by the same designers. For better legibility, go for Kermit.

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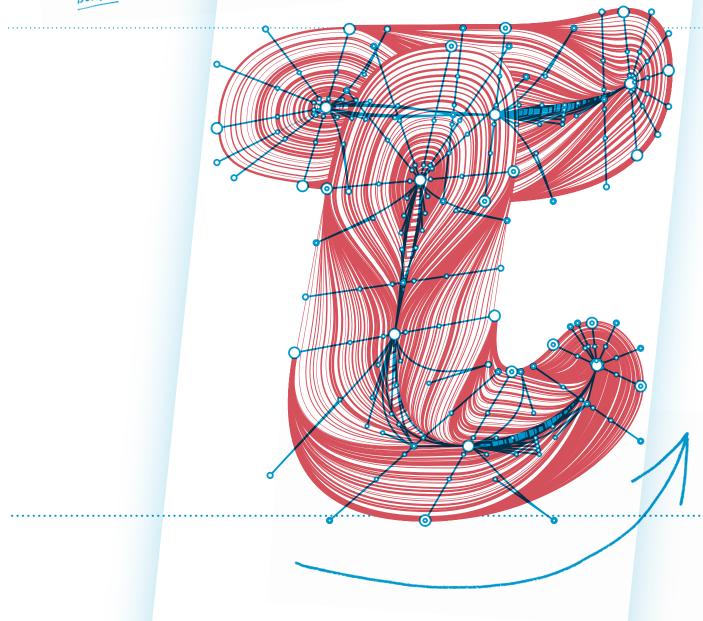
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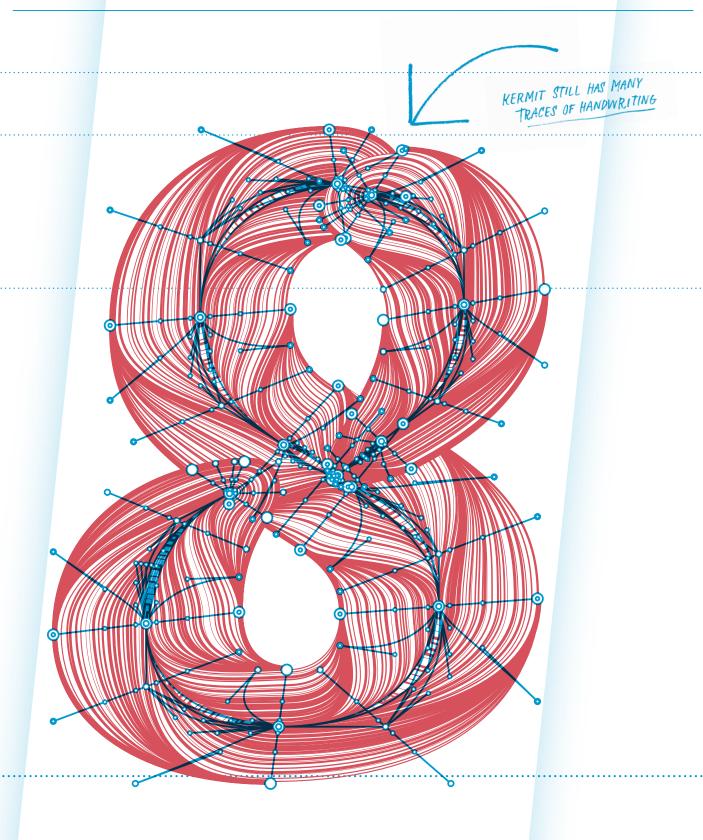
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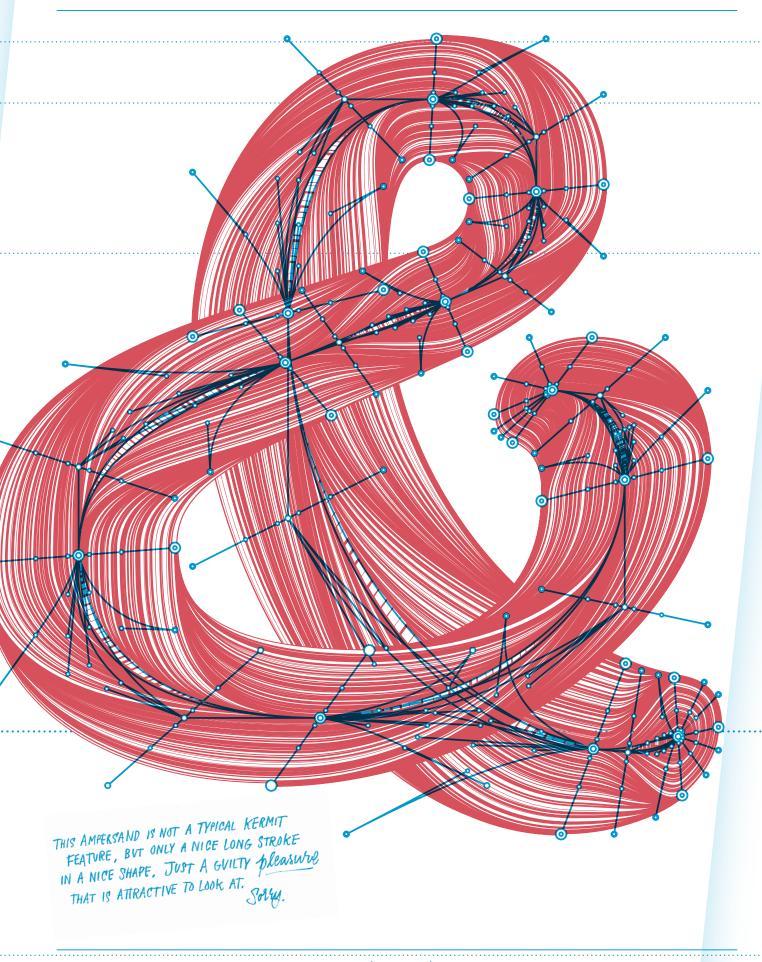
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Are you on the hunt for the real printed specimen?



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3 articles by Rob McKaughan (Microsoft), Underware & Gerry Leonidas 120 pages, 3 different papers, 4 different colours, 5 sections

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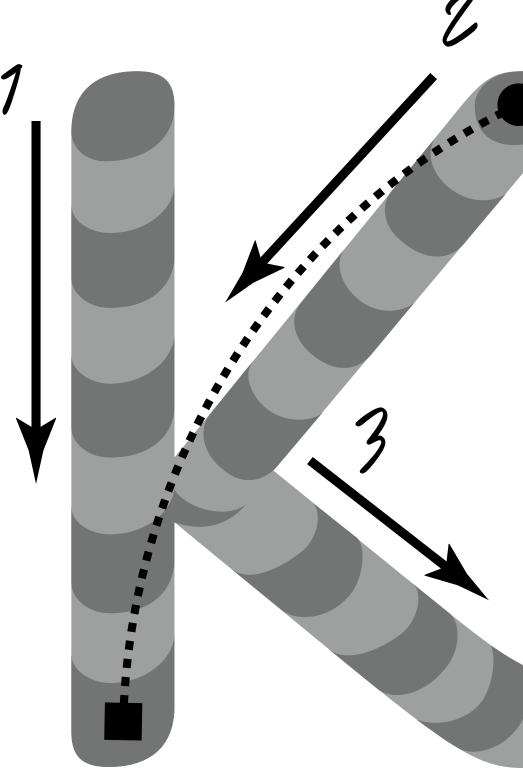
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ABOUT UNDERWARE

Zealotry wouldn't be an inappropriate collective noun for Underware. They not only design typefaces, they live type – they educate about type, they publish about type, they talk about type, they want (and organise) others to talk about type.

There is an inherent honesty to their enthusiasm that betrays no snobbery - they simply think that type is very interesting and that everyone, given the chance, might think so too. Their work is among the most popular of independent type foundries - happy-go-lucky, high-quality, text-friendly typefaces for both display use and comprehensive typesetting. Underware's typefaces stand out thanks to unique aesthetics, finished quality, and a considered collective presence. Underware is a refreshing and intelligent collective who, while taking what they do seriously, manage to not take themselves too seriously.

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THE STUDIO

These three designers have been the moving forces behind Underware since the beginning in 1999: Bas Jacobs, Sami Kortemäki & Akiem Helmling (from left to right). They operate from Amsterdam, Helsinki and Den Haaq.

The studio is personal and small scale, but prepared to scale up for large projects through their network of specialists world-wide. They don't hesitate to cooperate with external specialists if required, but the creative spirits of these 3 designers are the essential backbone of the studio.

They speak English, German, Finnish & Dutch, and are happy to have a personal dialogue about any problem, project, issue or question you might have. *Come and say hoi!*

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