

boxes and glue

T_EXs algorithms re-implemented

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Let's surpass the mainstream

What is »boxes and glue«?

boxes and glue ...

- ... is a collection of software libraries
- ... not a ready-to-run piece of software
- ... written in the Go programming language
- ... the attempt to bring T_EX's superb typesetting quality to a modern environment
- ... and of course OpenSource

Why LuaTeX in the first place?

Very fast!

all features of T_EX, but “better” programmable

flexible

contains Harfbuzz

LuaTeX limitations (subjective!)

Error handling

no https:// connections

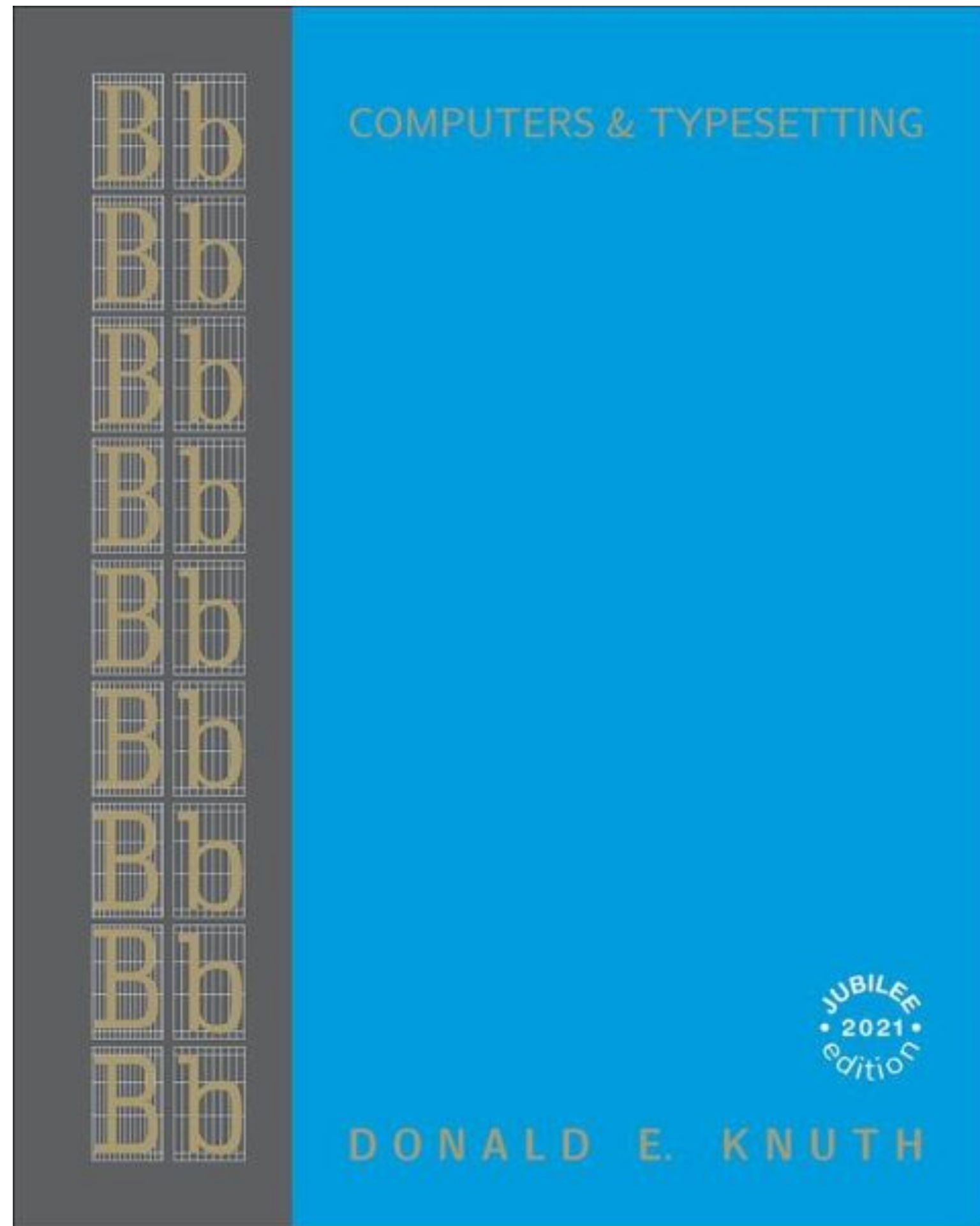
manual memory management

Lua is only suitable for smaller projects

hard to extend

... many little things mark life hard

Idea: Re-implementing T_EX



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T_EX82 §167

167. Procedure *check_mem* makes sure that the available space lists of *mem* are well formed, and it optionally prints out all locations that are reserved now but were free the last time this procedure was called.

```
debug procedure check_mem(print_locs : boolean);
label done1, done2; { loop exits }
var p, q: pointer; { current locations of interest in mem }
    clobbered: boolean; { is something amiss? }
begin for p ← mem_min to lo_mem_max do free[p] ← false; { you can probably do this faster }
for p ← hi_mem_min to mem_end do free[p] ← false; { ditto }
  <Check single-word avail list 168>;
  <Check variable-size avail list 169>;
  <Check flags of unavailable nodes 170>;
  if print_locs then <Print newly busy locations 171>;
  for p ← mem_min to lo_mem_max do was_free[p] ← free[p];
  for p ← hi_mem_min to mem_end do was_free[p] ← free[p]; { was_free ← free might be faster }
  was_mem_end ← mem_end; was_lo_max ← lo_mem_max; was_hi_min ← hi_mem_min;
end;
gubed
```

168. <Check single-word avail list 168> ≡
 $p \leftarrow \text{avail}; q \leftarrow \text{null}; \text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{false};$
while $p \neq \text{null}$ **do**
begin if $(p > \text{mem_end}) \vee (p < \text{hi_mem_min})$ **then** $\text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{true}$
else if $\text{free}[p]$ **then** $\text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{true};$
if clobbered **then**
 begin print_nl("AVAIL_list_clobbered_at_"); **print_int**(q); **goto** done1;
 end;
 $\text{free}[p] \leftarrow \text{true}; q \leftarrow p; p \leftarrow \text{link}(q);$
end;

done1:

This code is used in section 167.

169. <Check variable-size avail list 169> ≡
 $p \leftarrow \text{rover}; q \leftarrow \text{null}; \text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{false};$
repeat if $(p \geq \text{lo_mem_max}) \vee (p < \text{mem_min})$ **then** $\text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{true}$
else if $(\text{rlink}(p) \geq \text{lo_mem_max}) \vee (\text{rlink}(p) < \text{mem_min})$ **then** $\text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{true}$
else if $\neg(\text{is_empty}(p)) \vee (\text{node_size}(p) < 2) \vee (p + \text{node_size}(p) > \text{lo_mem_max}) \vee$
 $(\text{link}(\text{rlink}(p)) \neq p)$ **then** $\text{clobbered} \leftarrow \text{true};$
if clobbered **then**
begin print_nl("Double-Avail_list_clobbered_at_"); **print_int**(q); **goto** done2;
end;
for $q \leftarrow p$ **to** $p + \text{node_size}(p) - 1$ **do** { mark all locations free }
begin if $\text{free}[q]$ **then**
 begin print_nl("Doubly_free_location_at_"); **print_int**(q); **goto** done2;
 end;
 $\text{free}[q] \leftarrow \text{true};$
 end;
 $q \leftarrow p; p \leftarrow \text{rlink}(p);$
until $p = \text{rover};$
done2:

This code is used in section 167.

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170. <Check flags of unavailable nodes 170> ≡
 $p \leftarrow \text{mem_min};$
while $p \leq \text{lo_mem_max}$ **do** { node p should not be empty }
begin if $\text{is_empty}(p)$ **then**
 begin print_nl("Bad_flag_at_"); **print_int**(p);
 end;
 while $(p \leq \text{lo_mem_max}) \wedge \neg \text{free}[p]$ **do** $\text{incr}(p);$
 while $(p \leq \text{lo_mem_max}) \wedge \text{free}[p]$ **do** $\text{incr}(p);$
end

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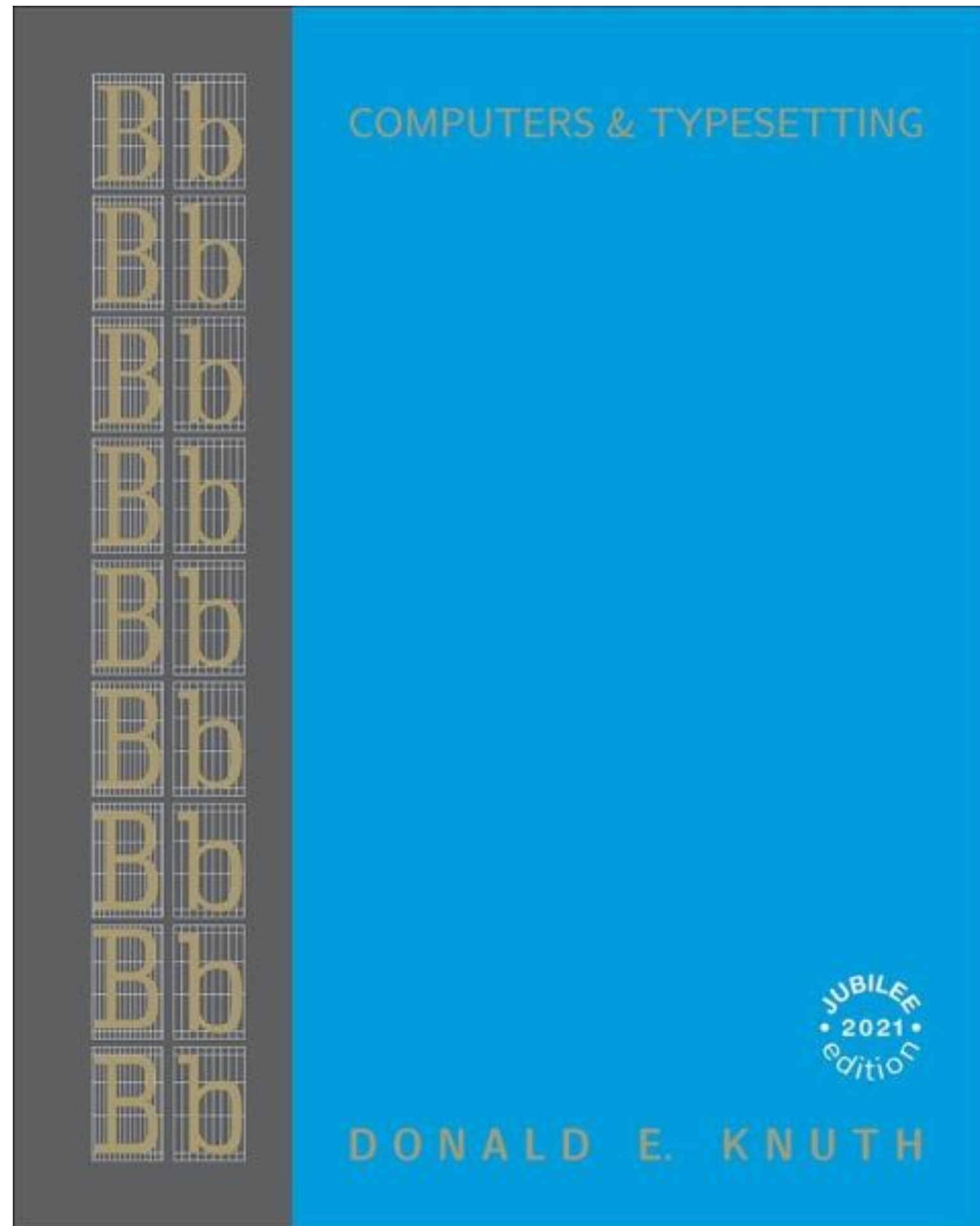
171. <Print newly busy locations 171> ≡
begin print_nl("New_busy_locs:");
for $p \leftarrow \text{mem_min}$ **to** lo_mem_max **do**
if $\neg \text{free}[p] \wedge ((p > \text{was_lo_max}) \vee \text{was_free}[p])$ **then**
 begin print_char("_"); **print_int**(p);
 end;
for $p \leftarrow \text{hi_mem_min}$ **to** mem_end **do**
if $\neg \text{free}[p] \wedge ((p < \text{was_hi_min}) \vee (p > \text{was_mem_end}) \vee \text{was_free}[p])$ **then**
 begin print_char("_"); **print_int**(p);
 end;
end

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172. The *search_mem* procedure attempts to answer the question “Who points to node p ?” In doing so, it fetches *link* and *info* fields of *mem* that might not be of type *two_halves*. Strictly speaking, this is undefined in Pascal, and it can lead to “false drops” (words that seem to point to p purely by coincidence). But for debugging purposes, we want to rule out the places that do not point to p , so a few false drops are tolerable.

```
debug procedure search_mem(p : pointer); { look for pointers to p }
var q: integer; { current position being searched }
begin for q ← mem_min to lo_mem_max do
  begin if link(q) = p then
    begin print_nl("LINK("); print_int(q); print_char(")");
    end;
  if info(q) = p then
    begin print_nl("INFO("); print_int(q); print_char(")");
    end;
  end;
for q ← hi_mem_min to mem_end do
  begin if link(q) = p then
    begin print_nl("LINK("); print_int(q); print_char(")");
    end;
  if info(q) = p then
    begin print_nl("INFO("); print_int(q); print_char(")");
    end;
  end;
  <Search eqtb for equivalents equal to p 255>;
  <Search save_stack for equivalents that point to p 285>;
  <Search hyph_list for pointers to p 933>;
end;
gubed
```

Idea: Re-implementing T_EX



Web (Pascal) code

C-code from LuaT_EX

Complete re-implementation*

Compatibility?

```

function badness(t, s : scaled): halfword; { compute badness, given  $t \geq 0$  }
  var r: integer; { approximation to  $\alpha t/s$ , where  $\alpha^3 \approx 100 \cdot 2^{18}$  }
  begin if  $t = 0$  then badness  $\leftarrow 0$ 
  else if  $s \leq 0$  then badness  $\leftarrow$  inf_bad
    else begin if  $t \leq 7230584$  then r  $\leftarrow (t * 297) \text{ div } s$  {  $297^3 = 99.94 \times 2^{18}$  }
      else if  $s \geq 1663497$  then r  $\leftarrow t \text{ div } (s \text{ div } 297)$ 
        else r  $\leftarrow t$ ;
      if  $r > 1290$  then badness  $\leftarrow$  inf_bad {  $1290^3 < 2^{31} < 1291^3$  }
      else badness  $\leftarrow (r * r * r + '400000) \text{ div } '1000000$ ;
    end; { that was  $r^3/2^{18}$ , rounded to the nearest integer }
  end;

```

$$100 \left(\frac{t}{s} \right)^3$$

100.0 * math.Pow(t/s, 3)

Algorithms in T_EX

Hyphenation

Breaking paragraphs into lines

Math typesetting

Calculation of lengths (`\hfill`, badness and so on)

Input language

Algorithms: Hyphenation

Start: list of hyphenation patterns

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Algorithms: Hyphenation

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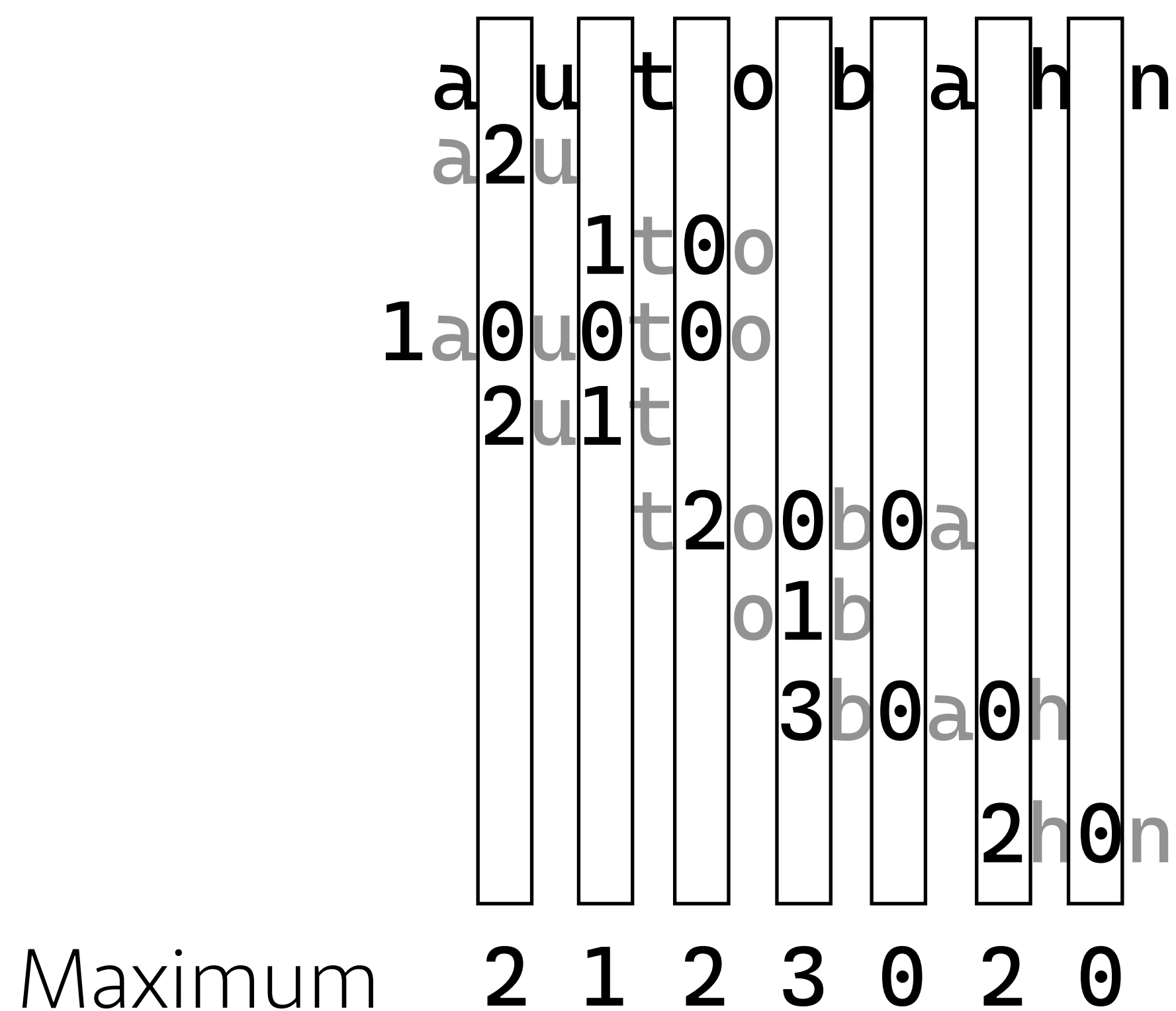
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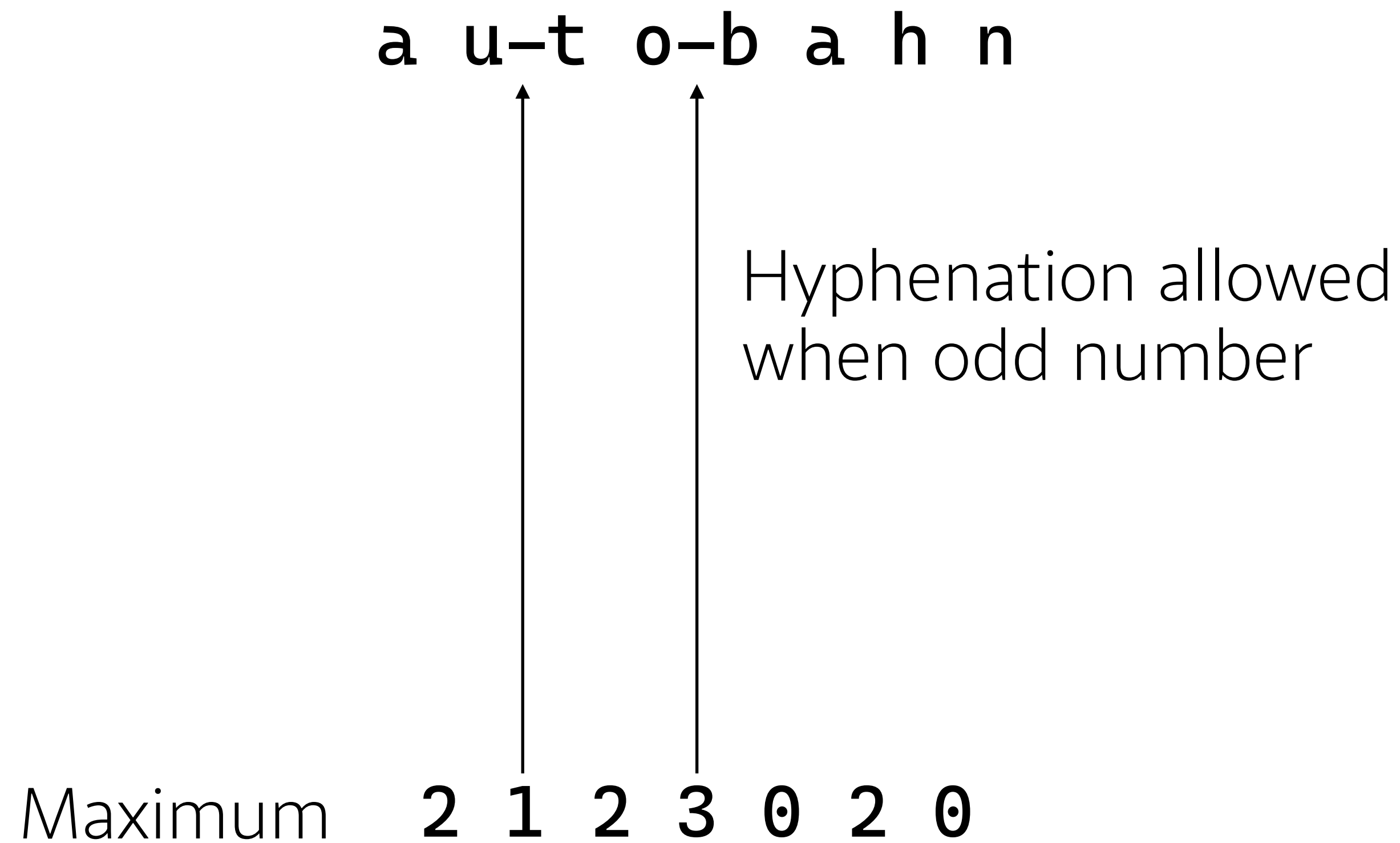
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boxes and glue: design goals

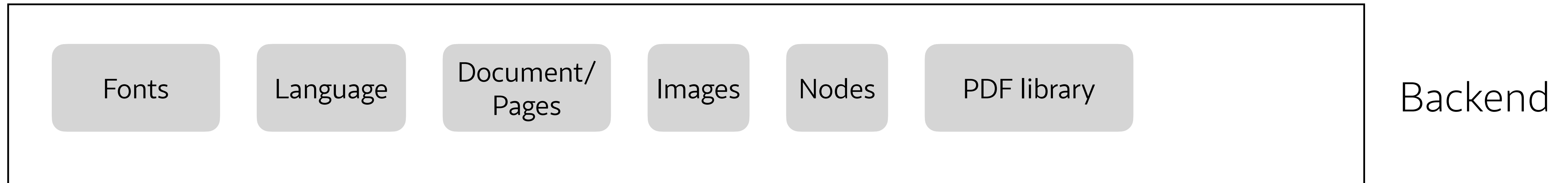
- ▣ T_EX alike typography and output quality
- ▣ Performance
- ▣ T_EX's data structures
- ▣ Arabic et. al. (Unicode, LTR/RTL, Bidi)
- ▣ PDF standards

boxes and glue: non design goals

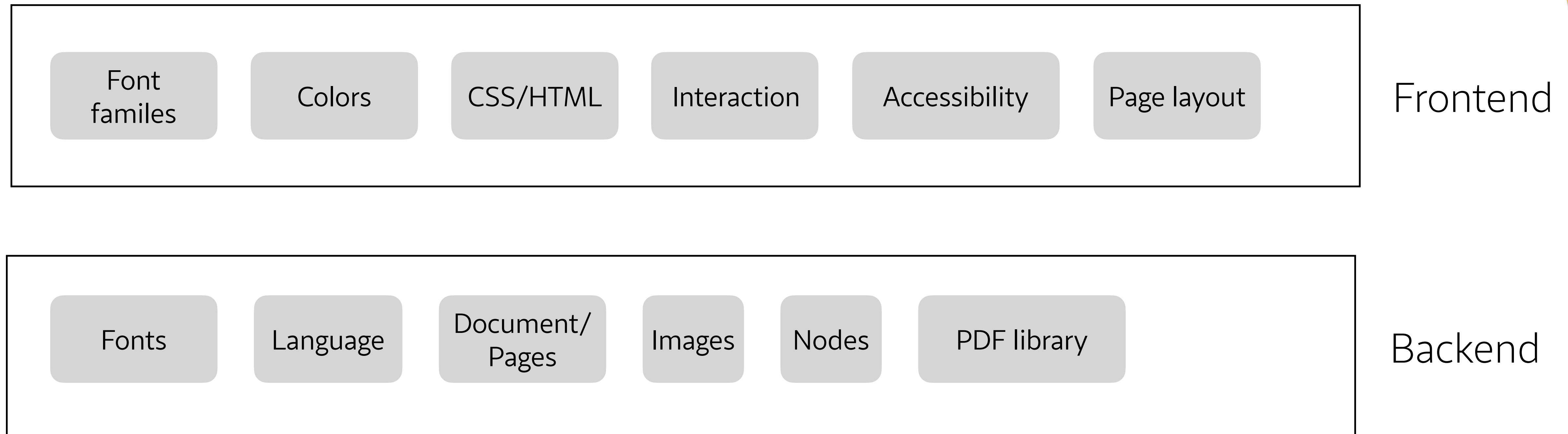
- ▣ Compatibility with T_EX
- ▣ 8-bit fonts, tfm, dvi
- ▣ Input language (macros)

Architecture of boxes and glue

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Application

Font families

Colors

CSS/HTML

Interaction

Accessibility

Page layout

Frontend

Fonts

Language

Document/
Pages

Images

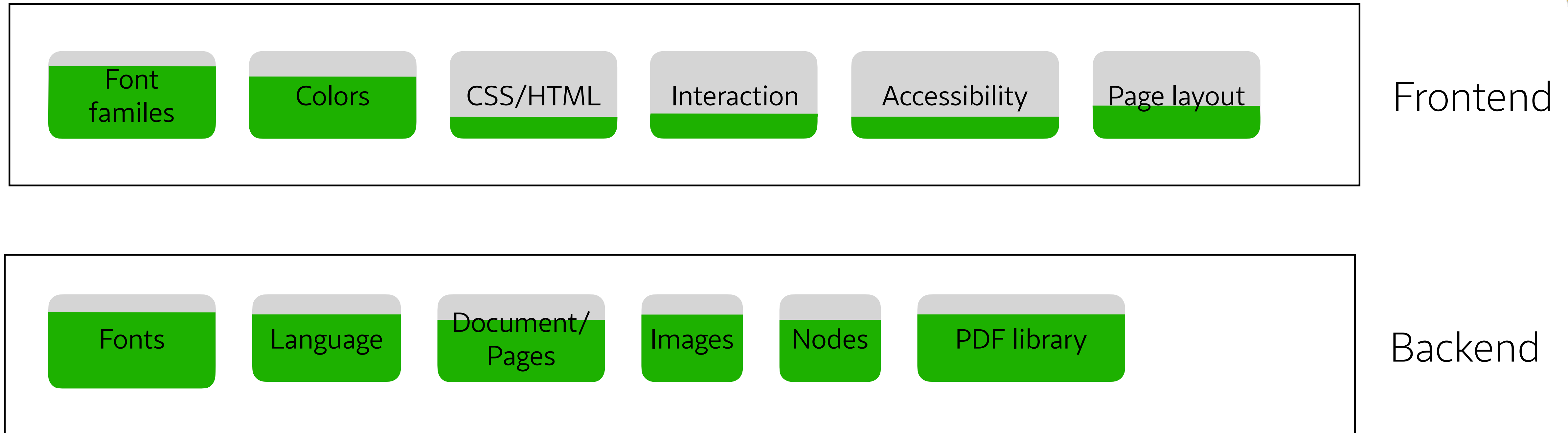
Nodes

PDF library

Backend

Architecture of boxes and glue

Application



Example for similarity

In olden times when wishing still helped one, there lived a king whose daughters were all beautiful; and the youngest was so beautiful that the sun itself, which has seen so much, was astonished whenever it shone in her face. Close by the king's castle lay a great dark forest, and under an old lime-tree in the forest was a well, and when the day was very warm, the king's child went out into the forest and sat down by the side of the cool fountain; and when she was bored she took a golden ball, and threw it up on high and caught it; and this ball was her favorite plaything.

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Todo...

- ▣ Input language (or an application)
- ▣ Output routine with headers and footers, footnotes
- ▣ Math typesetting
- ▣ Documentation
- ▣ ... and much more

...done

- ▣ Fonts, font families
- ▣ PDF-output
- ▣ T_EX-algorithms (except for math)
- ▣ Image inclusion
- ▣ ...

Next steps

- ▣ Experiment with the algorithms
- ▣ Optimizations for page break and paragraph break
- ▣ Parallel tasks

(My) Conclusion

TEX is dead, long live TEX

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