

boxes and glue

TeXs algorithms re-implemented

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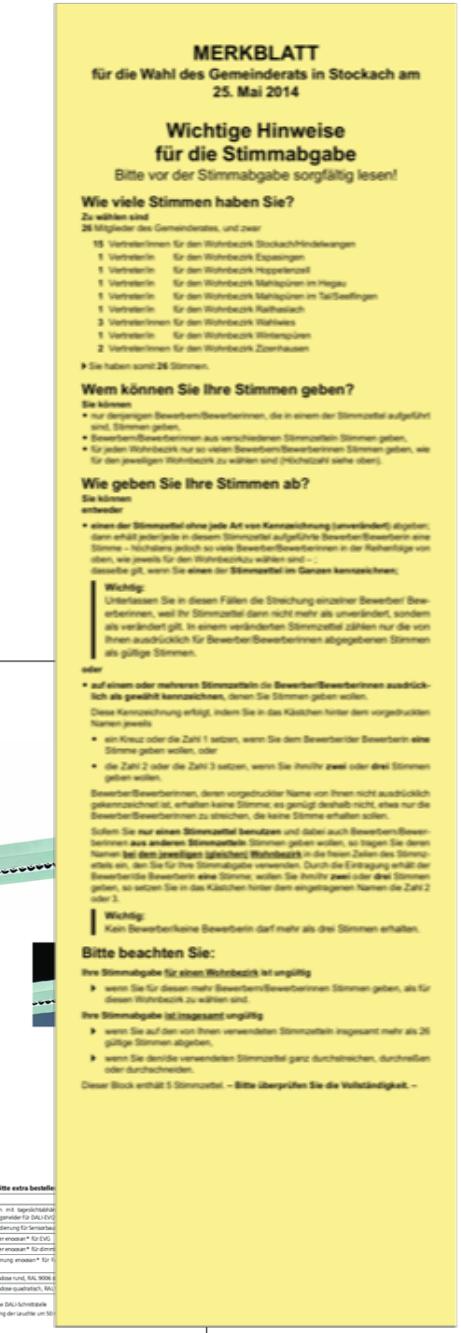
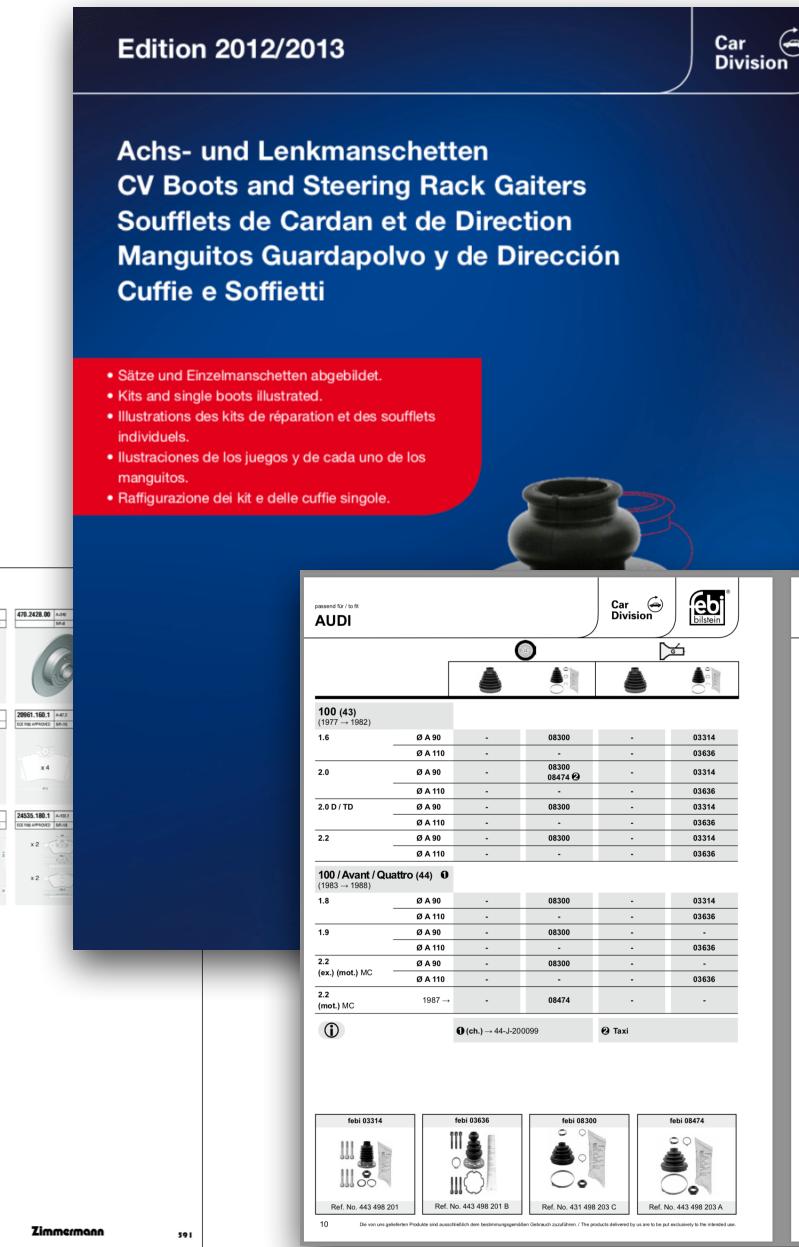
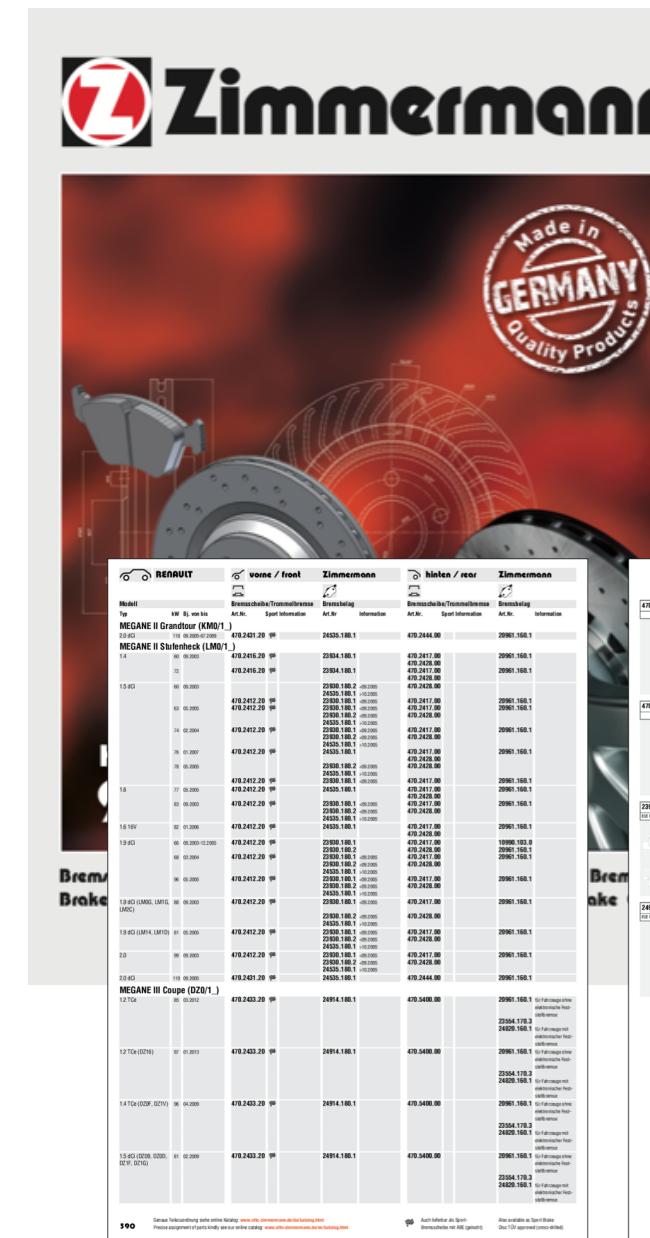
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Let's surpass the mainstream

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 TEX's superb typesetting quality to a modern environment
- ... and of course OpenSource

Why boxes and glue?



(Fully automatic) catalog production with *LuaTeX*

How does it work?

Baumer
Passion for Sensors

Druck- und kontinuierliche Füllstandsmessung
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Auf einen Blick

- 3-A Sanitary Standards, FDA-konform, EHEDG-zertifiziert
- Resistant gegen alle gängigen CIP-Reinigungsmedien
- SIP-fähig (150 °C max. < 30 min)
- Ausführungen für hohe Medientemperaturen erhältlich (200 °C)
- Gewindelose Montage mittels Klemmanschluss
- Optional mit Schaltausgang
- Tanklinearisierung und Volumenberechnung
- Absolutdruck-, Relativdruck- und Vakuummessung

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Technische Daten

Leistungsmerkmale	Druckart	Kompensierter Temperaturbereich	Langzeitstabilität	Max. Messabweichung	Max. Messspanne	Max. Turn-Down-Verhältnis	Messbereich	Anmerkung	Prozessanschluss	Surface roughness (in contact with medium)	Umgebungsbedingungen		
	Absolut (gegen Vakuum) Relativ (gegen Umgebung)	-40 ... 85 °C	≤ 0,1 % FS/a	± 0,1 % FS ± 0,25 % FS	40 bar	5 : 1	-1 ... 40 bar	Bei Turn-Down ist dieser Wert mit dem angewandten Turn-Down-Verhältnis zu multiplizieren Beinhaltet die Nullpunkt-, Endwert- und Linearitätsabweichung (nach Grenzpunkteinstellung) sowie Hysterese und Nichtwiederholbarkeit (EN 61298-2) (Tamb = 20 °C)		Prozessberührendes Material, Dichtung EPDM O-Ringe sind konform zu 3-A Sanitary Standard 16-03 Klasse II EPDM, optional AISI 316L (1.4435)	Membrane Ra ≤ 0,4 µm	Dauerschokken (EN 60068-2-29) Schocken (EN 60068-2-27)	100 g / 2 ms, 4000 Impulse je Achse und Richtung 50 g / 11 ms, 100 g / 6 ms, 10 Impulse je Achse und Richtung
									Prozessberührendes Material, Membrane Prozessberührendes Material, Prozessanschluss AISI 316L (1.4404) AISI 316L (1.4435)	Prozessanschluss Baumer Hygieneanschluss Prozessanschluss Tri-Clamp Prozessanschluss Varivent® Schweißnaht	Ra ≤ 0,8 µm Ra ≤ 0,4 µm Ra ≤ 0,8 µm Ra ≤ 0,8 µm	Schwingen (sinusförmig) (EN 60068-2-6) Schwingen, Breitbandrutschen (EN 60068-2-64) Schutzart (EN 60529)	1,5 mm p-p (10 ... 58 Hz), 10 g (58 Hz ... 2 kHz), 10 Zyklen (2,5 h) je Achse 0,1 g² / Hz, > 10 gRMS (20 Hz ... 1 kHz), 30 min. je Achse IP 65 , mit Steckverbindung DIN EN 175301-803 A (DIN 43650 A), 4-Pin IP 67 , mit Anschlusskopf IP 67 , mit Steckverbindung M12-A, 4-Pin IP 67 , mit Kabel, geschirmt
									Anschlussvarianten	Arbeitstemperaturbereich Lagertemperaturbereich	-40 ... 85 °C -40 ... 85 °C		

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All “things” (nodes) on a page can be created from the Lua side:

```
g = node.new("glyph")
g.char = "a"
g.font = 123
g.width = ...
g.height = ...
```

```
-- \hbox{a} in TeX
hlist = node.hpack(g)
```

Why LuaT_EX 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

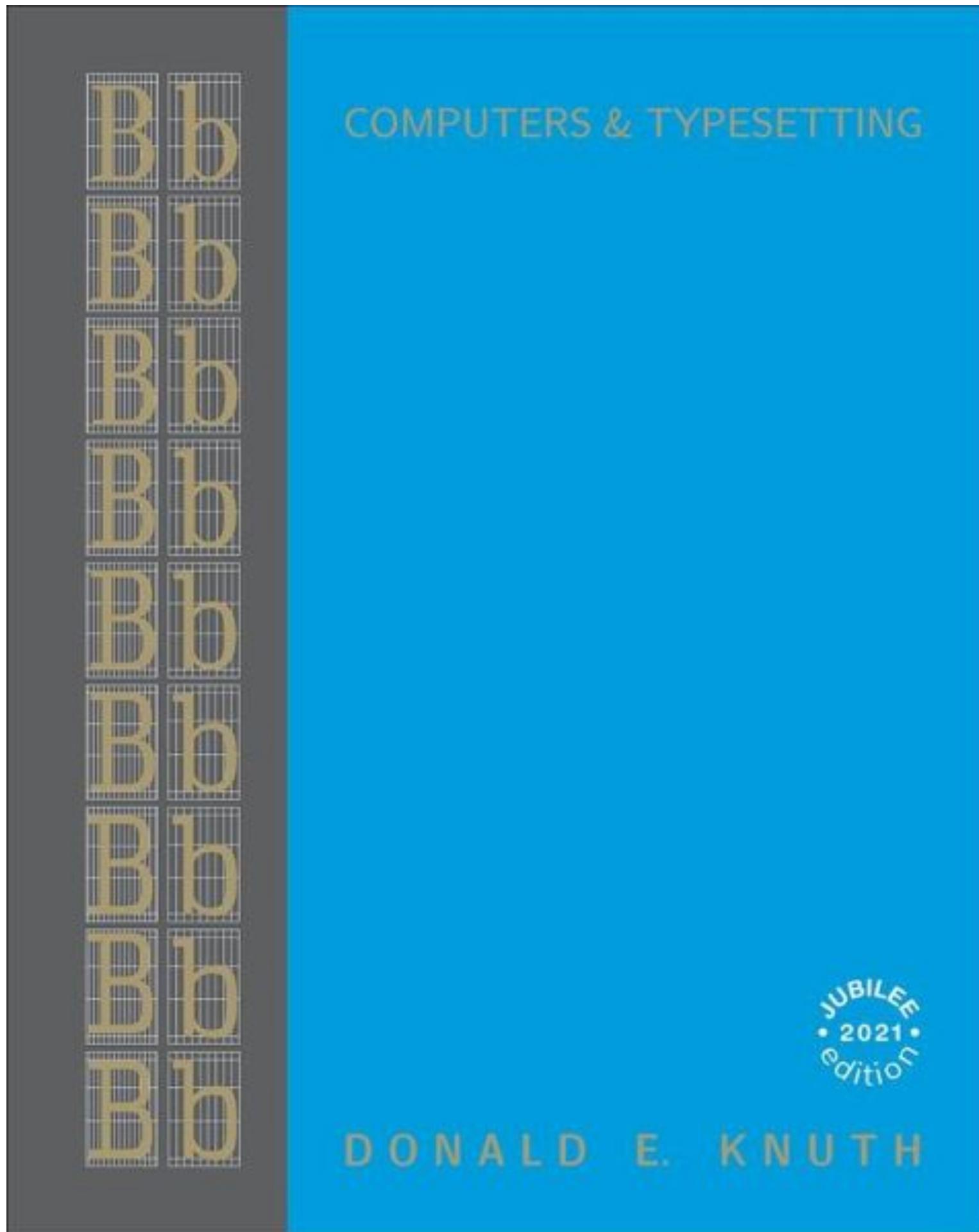
manual memory management

Lua is only suitable for smaller projects

hard to extend

... many little things mark life hard

Idea: Re-implementing TeX



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TeX82 §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  $\leftarrow$  mem_min to lo_mem_max do free[p]  $\leftarrow$  false; { you can probably do this faster }
for p  $\leftarrow$  hi_mem_min to mem_end do free[p]  $\leftarrow$  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  $\leftarrow$  mem_min to lo_mem_max do was_free[p]  $\leftarrow$  free[p];
for p  $\leftarrow$  hi_mem_min to mem_end do was_free[p]  $\leftarrow$  free[p]; { was_free  $\leftarrow$  free might be faster }
was_mem_end  $\leftarrow$  mem_end; was_lo_max  $\leftarrow$  lo_mem_max; was_hi_min  $\leftarrow$  hi_mem_min;
end;
gubed
```

168. { Check single-word *avail* list 168 } \equiv
p \leftarrow *avail*; *q* \leftarrow null; *clobbered* \leftarrow false;
while *p* \neq null **do**
begin if (*p* $>$ *mem_end*) \vee (*p* $<$ *hi_mem_min*) **then** *clobbered* \leftarrow true
else if *free*[*p*] **then** *clobbered* \leftarrow true;
if *clobbered* **then**
begin *print_nl*("AVAIL_list_clobbered_at_"); *print_int*(*q*); **goto** *done1*;
end;
free[*p*] \leftarrow true; *q* \leftarrow *p*; *p* \leftarrow *link*(*q*);
end;
done1:
This code is used in section 167.

169. { Check variable-size *avail* list 169 } \equiv
p \leftarrow *rover*; *q* \leftarrow null; *clobbered* \leftarrow false;
repeat *if* (*p* \geq *lo_mem_max*) \vee (*p* $<$ *mem_min*) **then** *clobbered* \leftarrow true
else if (*rlink*(*p*) \geq *lo_mem_max*) \vee (*rlink*(*p*) $<$ *mem_min*) **then** *clobbered* \leftarrow true
else if \neg (*is_empty*(*p*) \vee (*node_size*(*p*) $<$ 2) \vee (*p* $+$ *node_size*(*p*) $>$ *lo_mem_max*) \vee
(*link*(*rlink*(*p*)) \neq *p*)
if *clobbered* **then**
begin *print_nl*("Double-AVAIL_list_clobbered_at_"); *print_int*(*q*); **goto** *done2*;
end;
for *q* \leftarrow *p* $+$ *node_size*(*p*) $-$ 1 **do** { mark all locations free }
begin if *free*[*q*] **then**
begin *print_nl*("Doubly_free_location_at_"); *print_int*(*q*); **goto** *done2*;
end;
free[*q*] \leftarrow true;
end;
q \leftarrow *p*; *p* \leftarrow *rlink*(*p*);
until *p* = *rover*;
done2:
This code is used in section 167.

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170. { Check flags of unavailable nodes 170 } \equiv
p \leftarrow *mem_min*;
while *p* \leq *lo_mem_max* **do** { node *p* should not be empty }
begin if *is_empty*(*p*) **then**
begin *print_nl*("Bad_flag_at_"); *print_int*(*p*);
end;
while (*p* \leq *lo_mem_max*) \wedge \neg *free*[*p*] **do** *incr*(*p*);
while (*p* \leq *lo_mem_max*) \wedge *free*[*p*] **do** *incr*(*p*);
end
This code is used in section 167.

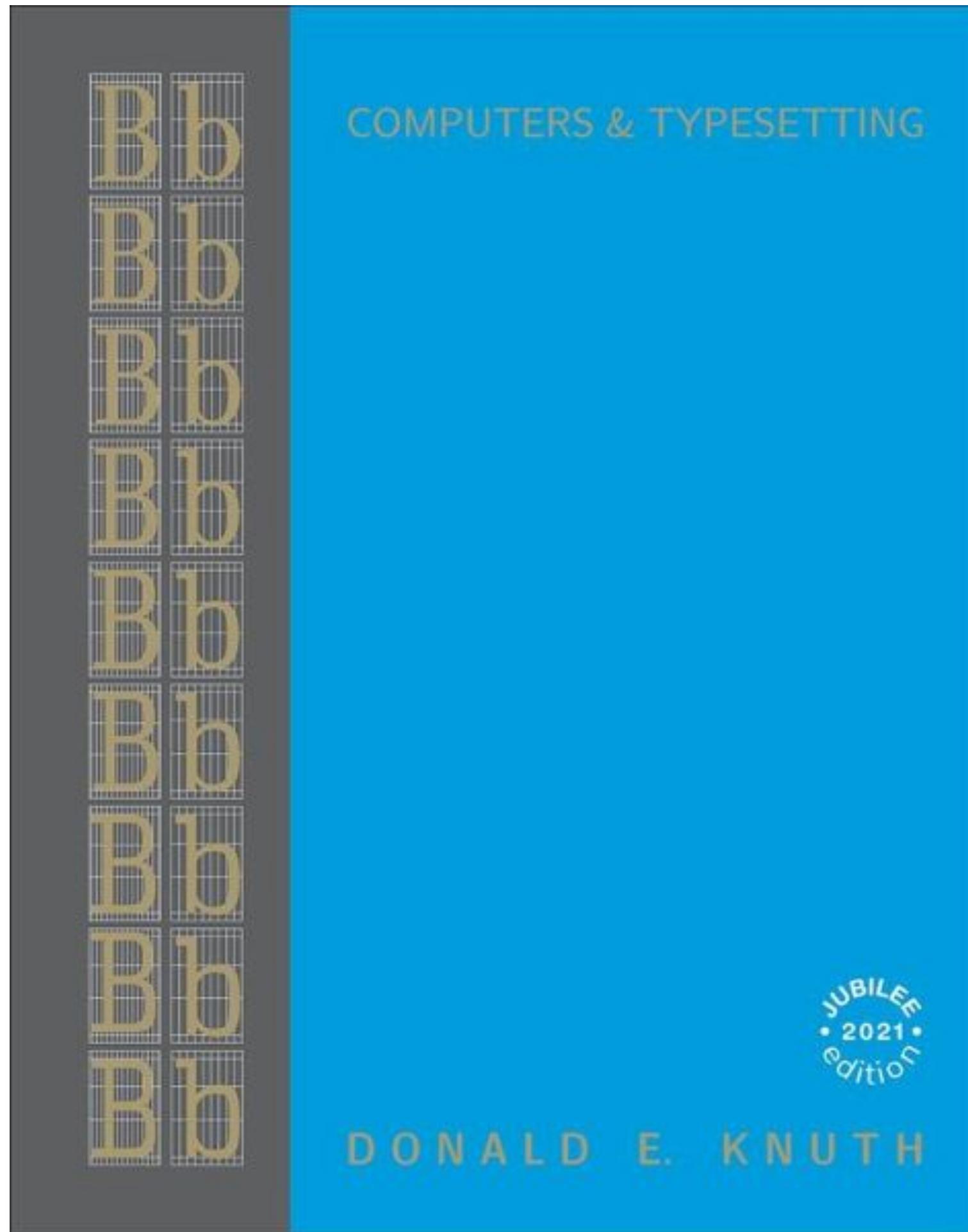
171. { Print newly busy locations 171 } \equiv
begin *print_nl*("New_busy_locs:");
for *p* \leftarrow *mem_min* **to** *lo_mem_max* **do**
if \neg *free*[*p*] \wedge ((*p* $>$ *was_lo_max*) \vee *was_free*[*p*]) **then**
begin *print_char*('U'); *print_int*(*p*);
end;
for *p* \leftarrow *hi_mem_min* **to** *mem_end* **do**
if \neg *free*[*p*] \wedge ((*p* $<$ *was_hi_min*) \vee (*p* $>$ *was_mem_end*) \vee *was_free*[*p*]) **then**
begin *print_char*('U'); *print_int*(*p*);
end;
end
This code is used in section 167.

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  $\leftarrow$  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;
for q  $\leftarrow$  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 TeX



Web (Pascal) code

C-code from LuaTeX

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 ≤ 0 then badness  $\leftarrow \text{inf\_bad}$ 
    else begin if t ≤ 7230584 then r  $\leftarrow (\text{t} * 297) \text{ div } s$  {  $297^3 = 99.94 \times 2^{18}$  }
      else if s ≥ 1663497 then r  $\leftarrow \text{t div } (\text{s div } 297)$ 
        else r  $\leftarrow \text{t};$ 
      if r > 1290 then badness  $\leftarrow \text{inf\_bad}$  {  $1290^3 < 2^{31} < 1291^3$  }
      else badness  $\leftarrow (\text{r} * \text{r} * \text{r} + 400000) \text{ div } 1000000;$ 
    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 TeX

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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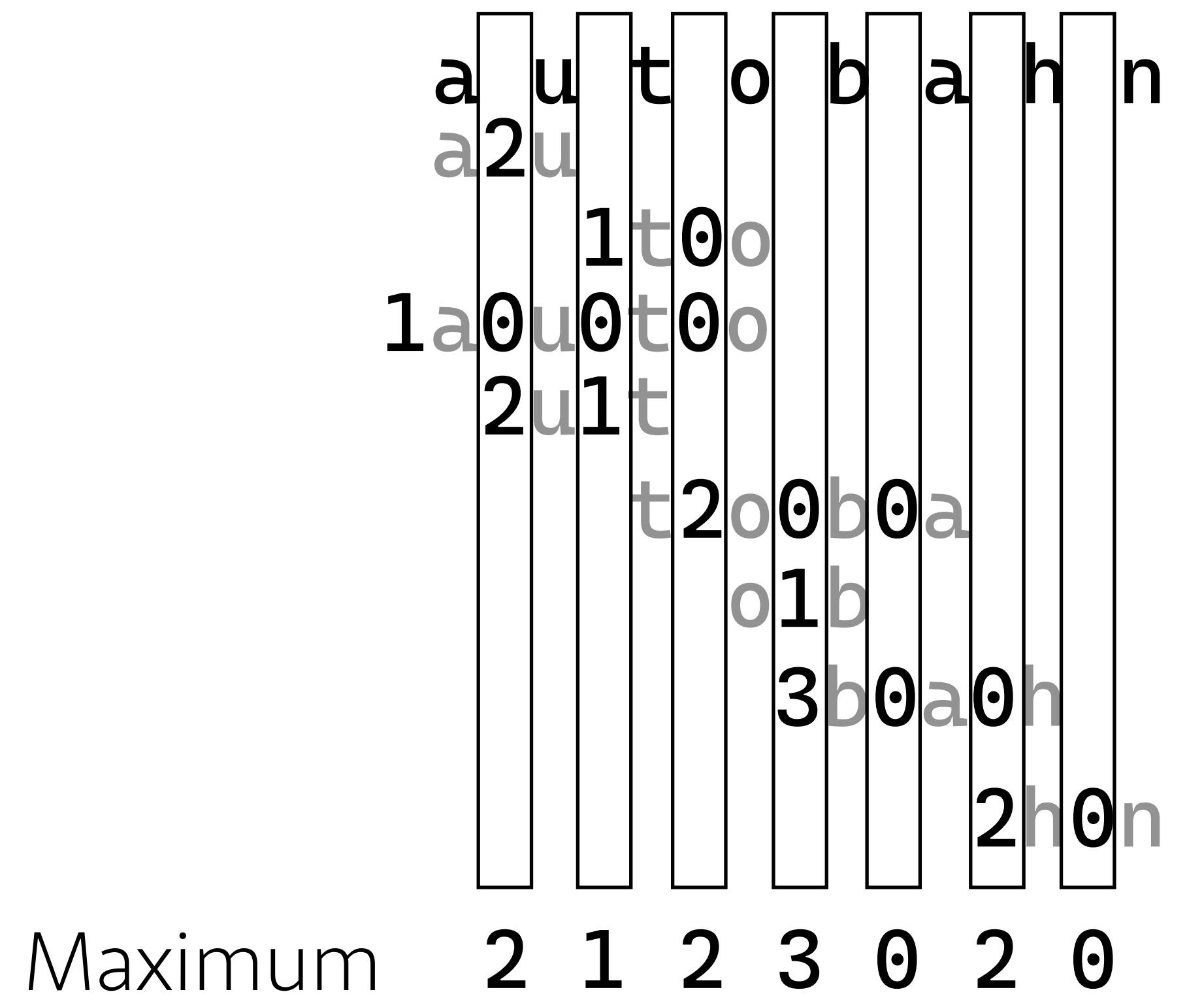
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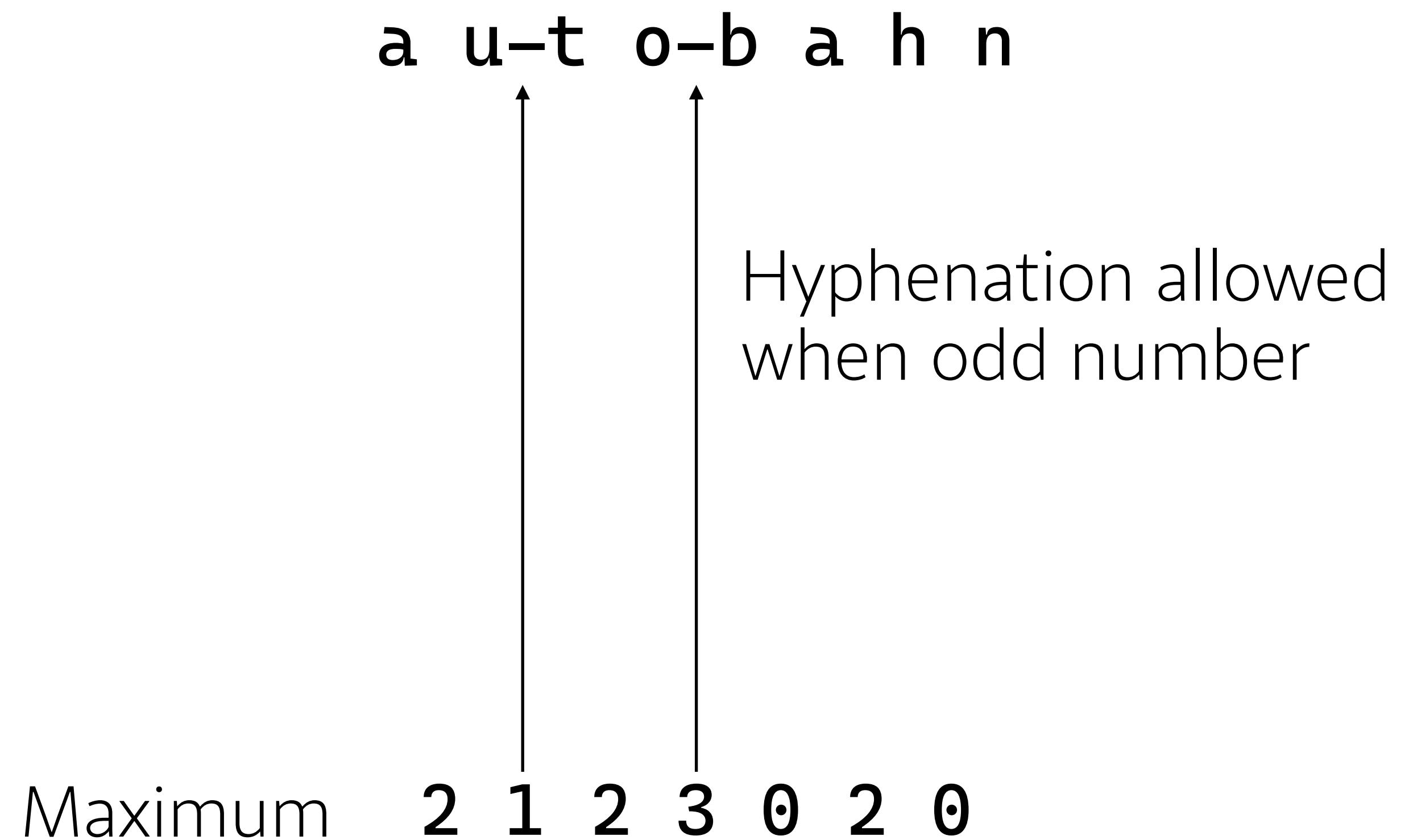
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boxes and glue: design goals

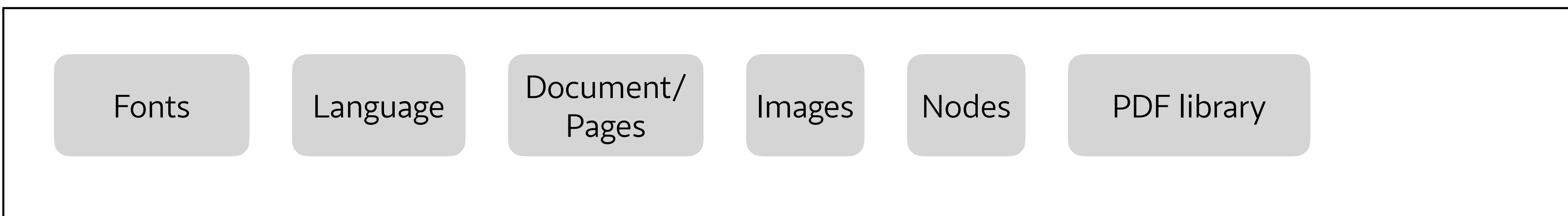
- T_EX alike typography and output quality
- Performance
- T_EX's data structures
- Arabic et. al. (Unicode, LTR/RTL, Bidi)
- PDF standards

boxes and glue: non design goals

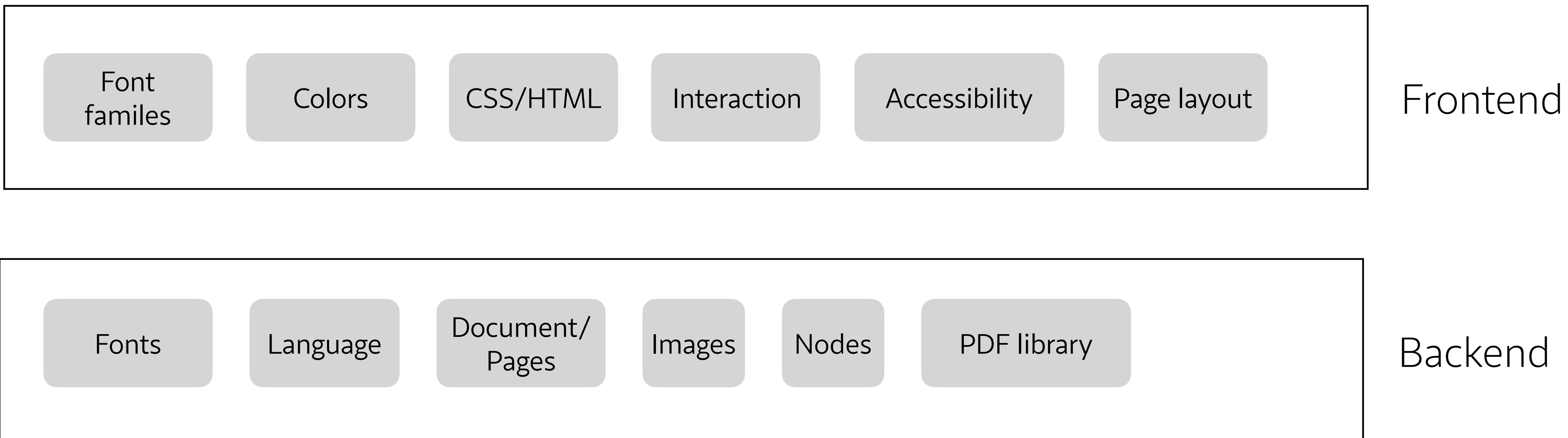
- Compatibility with T_EX
- 8-bit fonts, tfm, dvi
- Input language (macros)

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

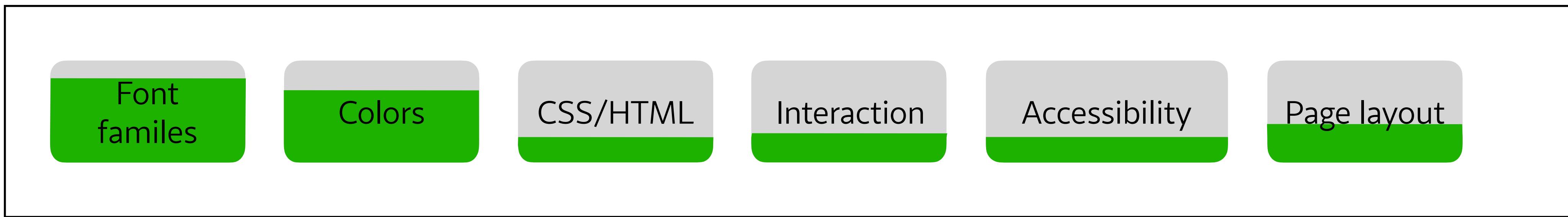
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PDF library

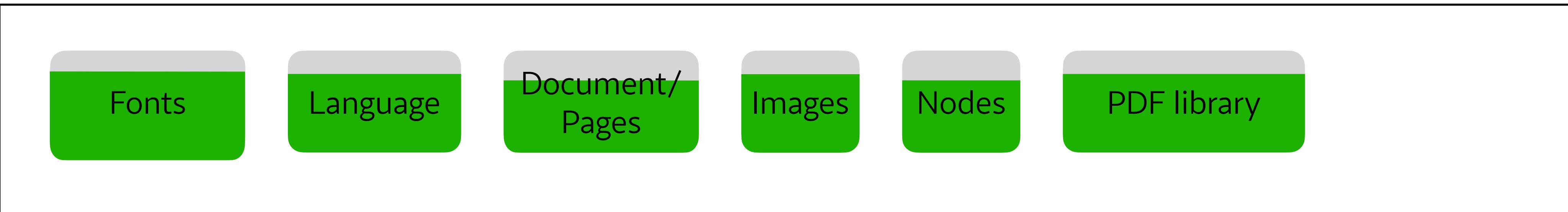
Backend

Architecture of boxes and glue

Application



Frontend



Backend

Example for similarity

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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

T_EX is dead, long live T_EX

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