

# Typesetting Greek with the psgreek package \*

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## Abstract

The ‘psgreek’ font package provides  $\LaTeX$  support for some popular Type 1 Greek fonts using the WinGreek encoding.

## 1 Fonts included

The psgreek package includes the following Greek fonts:

- The original WinGreek font by P. Gentry and A. Fountain.
- The *Greek Garamond* font by Carmelo Lupini, which can be downloaded from <http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Workshop/3799/download.htm>. I simply converted it to the Type 1 format and slightly modified the encoding.
- The *Greek Oxonia* font. I don’t know anything about its origin, however, I hope it can be freely distributed. I simply converted it to the Type 1 format. The three fonts mentioned above don’t contain any kerning pairs.
- Two high-quality Type 1 fonts by Ralph Hancock: Greek Old Face and Milan Greek. These fonts are copyrighted. I included them to the psgreek package from the author’s permission, however, if you regularly use them, you have to pay registration fee to the author. For copyright notices and license agreement for these fonts see the ‘greekof.txt’ and ‘milan.txt’ files, included in this package.

## 2 Encoding

Although all fonts included in this package follow the same WinGreek encoding, I decided that this encoding is not suitable for  $\TeX$  by itself, as well as any other font encoding designed for use with WYSIWYG applications. Probably you know that there are some specific features, common for all standard  $\TeX$ -specific font encodings. For example,  $\TeX$  has access to all 256 slots in the font, including first 32 positions. This means that we have additional place for some useful characters.

That’s why it could be good idea to use so-called virtual fonts, taking some glyphs from physical Type 1 fonts and rearranging their mapping according to an internal  $\TeX$  encoding. Although there is no officially supported Greek font

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encoding for  $\TeX$ , we should consider the Greek fonts designed by Claudio Beccari as a kind of standard, since Babel's Greek language support is based on this package. So I had to reencode my WinGreek fonts to this encoding (so-called LGR), and prepared a set of virtual fonts performing this task. However, there are two significant differences between Greek font encodings used in the CB Greek fonts and in my `psgreek` package:

- In the CB Greek font package Greek perispomeni is mapped to ASCII tilde (~). I think, it is very inconvenient, since in normal  $\LaTeX$  (unless we loaded the `babel` package with the `polutonikogreek` option) this character is used for non-breaking space. In the `psgreek` fonts I moved perispomeni to another slot, corresponding to the '=' sign, as in some older Greek packages. However, the '~' symbol still produces Greek perispomeni in combinations with vowels as well as the '=' sign does.
- All Greek font packages for  $\TeX$  traditionally included some ligatures for sigma, so that it is possible to type the same symbol 's' each time we need this letter, and its final form will be produced automatically in certain conditions. I think, this approach is essentially incorrect, since in some situations using of the final sigma can't be controlled by a rather simple algorithm. What's why *psgreek fonts don't include any ligatures for final sigma*; in order to produce this form you have to type it manually (this symbol corresponds to the Latin letter 'c' in the Babel's transliteration).

### 3 Moving to Omega

Although the Babel system has rather good support for polytonic Greek, still there are some problems, *which can't be resolved on any 8-bit platform*. Suppose, for example, that you have typed the pronoun  $\text{A}\text{>}\text{ut}'\text{o}\text{c}$ . Here the combination  $\text{>}\text{u}$  is a ligature, used to produce the symbol with the code `0xC`, which corresponds to *upsilon with psili* in the LGR encoding. However, using this ligature breaks kerning between capital *Alpha* and *upsilon with psili*. Of course, you can type the later symbol directly, for example:  $\text{A}^{\text{~}}\text{c}\text{e}'\text{o}\text{c}$ . In this case you will get a correct kerning, but your hyphenation will be broken, since Greek hyphenation patterns contain something like `a>u1`, but not `a^^ce1`. And even if you add such a pattern, the result will be rather unexpected, since you have to additionally set `\catcode` and `\lccode` for the `0xC` symbol, which will affect some other symbols in your multilingual texts.

With Omega we haven't such problems. First, we needn't any ligatures, since Omega either takes all Greek accented letters directly from a \*.tex file using utf-8 or ucs-2 encoding, or produces them with its own translation processes. Second, we can use Unicode hyphenation patterns, and set `\catcode` and `\lccode` for our Greek letters as necessary. That's why in this release of the `psgreek` package I included Unicode virtual fonts for Omega in the Omega's `ovf` format. However, these fonts are not compatible with Yannis Haralambous' default `omlgc` font, since they use more strict Unicode encoding. If you wish to use `psgreek` package with Omega, download my `antomega` package from `/systems/omega/contrib` and load it instead of the default `omega.sty` file.

## 4 Installation

Below, we assume that your TeX system is compliant to the TDS (TeX Directory Structure) standard. If it is not so, refer to documentation of your TeX system for the proper locations of files of various types.

To install the `psgreek` font package in teTeX, fpTeX, MikTeX or VTeX/Free systems:

1. Copy all `*.pfb`, `*.afm`, `*.tfm`, `*.vf`, `*.ofm` and `*.ovf` files to the appropriate subdirectories in your `.../texmf/fonts` directory.
2. Create a subdirectory called `psgreek` in your `.../texmf/tex/latex` directory and put all `*.fd` files and the `psgreek.sty` file here. Note that all `*.fd` files having the ‘ut1’ prefix in their names are needed only for Omega, and so you can put them to `.../texmf/omega/lambda/psgreek` instead.
3. Put the `dvips/config/psgreek.map` file to your `.../texmf/dvips/config` directory.
4. (for VTeX/Free) Copy the `vtex/config/psgreek.ali` file to your `.../texmf/vtex/config/` directory.
5. Instruct your TeX (`pdftex`, `vtex`, etc.) or drivers (`dvips`, `dvipdfm`, etc.) to use your new fonts. To accomplish this, do one of the following points which corresponds to your TeX system (if it is not listed here, please refer to the documentation).
  - (a) (on teTeX, fpTeX and MikTeX) Instruct `dvips` and `pdftex` to use these fonts:
    - i. edit the file `.../texmf/web2c/updmap.cfg` and add the following line:  

```
Map psgreek.map
```
    - ii. run the `updmap` script.
  - (b) If your TeX system does not have tools like `updmap` for maintaining global MAP files (e. g. older MikTeX versions), you can instead configure each program which uses the Type 1 fonts:
    - i. Edit the file `.../texmf/dvips/config/config.ps` and add the following line:  

```
p + psgreek.map
```
    - ii. If you use `pdftex`, edit the file `.../texmf/pdftex/pdftex.cfg` and add the following line:  

```
map +psgreek.map
```
  - (c) (for VTeX/Free only) Edit the files `.../texmf/vtex/config/ps.fm` and `.../texmf/vtex/config/pdf.fm`, and add the following line into the TYPE1 section:  

```
cm-super.ali
```

- (not for VTeX/Free) Update the filename search database: run "mktexlsr" on teTeX, TeX Live, or fpTeX; run "initexmf.exe -u" on MikTeX (or do the same via a menu item).

## 5 Usage

The `psgreek` package requires `babel` to be loaded either with 'greek' or 'polutonikogreek' option. So, put in your preamble something like

```
\usepackage[polutonikogreek,english]{babel}
```

**After** loading `babel` you can load `psgreek`, as most L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages, with the `\usepackage` command.

`psgreek` supports the following package options: `regular`, `garamond`, `oxonia`, `oldface`, `milan`, `kerkis`, `cmr`, `cmss`, and `cmtt`. These options correspond to the Greek fonts that are supported by `psgreek` by default; using these options will make `psgreek` use a certain Greek font as roman font family whenever Babel switches to Greek text.

In addition, it is now possible to use package options in `keyval` syntax. With these options it is possible to change the Greek sans serif or typewriter fonts. The keys used are `rmfont` (roman font), `sffont` (sans serif font) and `ttfont` (typewriter font). So the user can now say something like `\usepackage[sffont=oxonia,garamond]{psgreek}` (or equally `\usepackage[sffont=oxonia,rmfont=garamond]{psgreek}`). (These are just examples, and are not meant serious!)

## 6 The `psgreek.sty` code<sup>1</sup>

### 6.1 Beginning of the Package

```
1 <psgreek>\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
2 \ProvidesPackage{psgreek}
3   [2003/04/16 Babel support for Greek PostScript fonts]
4 \RequirePackage{keyval}
```

First, we have to check if Babel was loaded either with 'greek' or 'polutonikogreek' option.

```
5 \@ifundefined{greektext}{%
6   \PackageError{psgreek.sty}%
7     {Sorry, but probably you did not load^^J
8     babel with greek option!}%
9     {The psgreek package requires the
10    babel system to be loaded^^J%
11    either with 'greek' or 'polutonikogreek' option.}%
12 }{%
13 }
```

### 6.2 Greek font declarations

`\DeclareGreekFont` The `psgreek` user interface works with font name aliases rather than the font names themselves, so the user does not have to remember the sometimes rather

<sup>1</sup>The following code was written mainly by Christian Justen <christian@justen-mack.de>.

cryptic font names. E.g., instead of `fof` or `hml` we use the aliases `oxonia` and `milan`. These aliases have to be declared before they can be used. This is done with the `\DeclareGreekFont` command, which takes two arguments: the alias and the ‘real’ font name, e.g. `\DeclareGreekFont{oxonia}{fof}`. `psgreek` itself uses this command to declare the aliases for the Greek fonts it supports by default.

If you want to use an additional Greek font, you have to make it known to `psgreek` in the same way. (This user defined font is, of course, only accessible via the `\greekfont` command, not via the package options!)

```
14 \newcommand{\DeclareGreekFont}[2]{%
15   \expandafter\def\csname greekfont@#1\endcsname{#2}%
16 }
```

`\check@forgreekfont` The `\check@forgreekfont` command tests whether a font alias has been declared with the `\DeclareGreekFont` command and sets either `\@tempwatrue` or `\@tempwafalse`.

```
17 \newcommand{\check@forgreekfont}[1]{%
18   \@ifundefined{greekfont@#1}{%
19     \PackageError{psgreek.sty}%
20       {Greek font #1 not yet defined!}%
21       {In order to use a Greek font
22        (compatible to the babel system)^^J%
23        you have to declare it using the
24        \string\DeclareGreekFont\space command:^^J%
25        \string\DeclareGreekFont{#1}{nnn}^^J%
26        where nnn specifies the font family.}%
27     \@tempwafalse%
28   }{%
29     \@tempwatrue%
30   }%
31 }
```

We can now use `\DeclareGreekFont` to provide some meaningful names for the fonts which can be used with the `psgreek` package.

- Original WinGreek font, of course:

```
32   \DeclareGreekFont{regular}{wgr}
```

- Greek Garamond by Carmelo Lupini:

```
33   \DeclareGreekFont{garamond}{fgm}
```

- Greek Oxonia font:

```
34   \DeclareGreekFont{oxonia}{fof}
```

- Two fonts by Ralph Hancock:

```
35   \DeclareGreekFont{oldface}{hof}
```

```
36   \DeclareGreekFont{milan}{hml}
```

- Kerkis is a font family created by Antonis Tsolomitis. It comes with its own  $\text{\LaTeX}$  package, but, if you use `kerkis` only for your Greek text, you may want to load it using `psgreek` instead.

```
37   \DeclareGreekFont{kerkis}{mak}
```

- And finally the roman, sans serif and typewriter style families of the ‘original’ Computer Modern Greek fonts:

```
38 \DeclareGreekFont{cmr}{cmr}
39 \DeclareGreekFont{cmss}{cmss}
40 \DeclareGreekFont{cmtt}{cmtt}
```

### 6.3 Font selection commands

We need some variables which will be used to store the three Greek font families:

```
\greek@rmfamily the roman family,
41 \let\greek@rmfamily\relax

\greek@sffamily the sans serif family,
42 \let\greek@sffamily\relax

\greek@ttfamily and the typewriter family.
43 \let\greek@ttfamily\relax
```

Now we define a set of keys: `rmfont`, `sffont` and `ttfont`. They are used to set the font variables to their proper value following the `keyval` syntax. These keys can be used in the optional argument of the `\greekfont` command and in the package options.

```
44 \define@key{psgreek}{rmfont}{%
45   \check@forgreekfont{#1}%
46   \if@tempswa\def\greek@rmfamily{\csname greekfont@#1\endcsname}\fi%
47 }
48 \define@key{psgreek}{sffont}{%
49   \check@forgreekfont{#1}%
50   \if@tempswa\def\greek@sffamily{\csname greekfont@#1\endcsname}\fi%
51 }
52 \define@key{psgreek}{ttfont}{%
53   \check@forgreekfont{#1}%
54   \if@tempswa\def\greek@ttfamily{\csname greekfont@#1\endcsname}\fi%
55 }
```

`\greekfont` You can specify the Greek fonts to be used not only via the package options, but also within your document using the `\greekfont` command. `\greekfont` takes one argument (like `\greekfont{garamond}`) and changes the Greek roman font family accordingly. (This argument can be empty, though!)

Additionally, `\greekfont` can take an optional argument, containing an option list in `keyval` syntax. The keys are the same as for the package options. It is possible to say

```
\greekfont[sffont=oxonia]{garamond}
```

or even

```
\greekfont[rmfont=garamond,sffont=oxonia]{}
```

The `\greekfont` command simply passes its arguments to keyval's `\setkeys` mechanism.

```
56 \newcommand{\greekfont}[2] [] {%
57   \def\@temp{#2}%
58   \ifx\@temp\@empty\else\setkeys{psgreek}{rmfont=#2}\fi%
59   \setkeys{psgreek}{#1}%
60 }
```

## 6.4 Declaration of options and default values

We want a set of options with names corresponding to the aliases we have already defined. These options specify the roman family only!

```
61 \DeclareOption{regular}{\greekfont{regular}}
62 \DeclareOption{garamond}{\greekfont{garamond}}
63 \DeclareOption{oxonia}{\greekfont{oxonia}}
64 \DeclareOption{oldface}{\greekfont{oldface}}
65 \DeclareOption{milan}{\greekfont{milan}}
66 \DeclareOption{kerkis}{\greekfont{kerkis}}
67 \DeclareOption{cmr}{\greekfont{cmr}}
68 \DeclareOption{cmss}{\greekfont{cmss}}
69 \DeclareOption{cmtt}{\greekfont{cmtt}}
```

But we also want to have package options in keyval syntax that allow us to specify the sans serif and typewriter families easily. This is done by passing all unknown options as optional arguments to the `\greekfont` command.

```
70 \DeclareOption*{%
71   \edef\@temp{\noexpand\greekfont[\CurrentOption]{} }%
72   \@temp%
73 }
```

The original WinGreek font is the most commonly used, so we load it by default as roman font. Additionally we load `cmss` and `cmtt` as default sans serif and typewriter fonts. And of course we have to process the option list.

```
74 \greekfont[sffont=cmss,ttfont=cmtt]{regular}
75 \ProcessOptions*
```

## 6.5 Language switching commands

`greek` Using Babel's standard language switching commands is sometimes a bit tiresome. `\localgreek` So we provide the `greek` environment and the `\localgreek` command to make things a bit easier, especially since they are compatible with language support packages used with Omega.

```
76 \newenvironment{greek}{\begin{otherlanguage}{greek}}{\end{otherlanguage}}
77 \newcommand{\localgreek}[1]{\foreignlanguage{greek}{#1}}
```

## 6.6 Redefining some commands provided by Babel

First we need some variables to store the current font families (we need those again when we go back to 'normal' non-Greek text).

```
78 \let\old@rmdefault\relax
79 \let\old@sfdefault\relax
```

```
80 \let\old@ttdefault\relax
81 \let\old@font@family\relax
```

`\greektext` is executed by Babel every time we switch to Greek. We modify this command so that it tries to detect whether the current font family is a sans serif or typewriter family. If so, we use the appropriate Greek families, otherwise we use the Greek roman family.

```
82 \DeclareRobustCommand{\greektext}{%
83   \let\old@font@family\f@family%
84   \let\old@rmdefault\rmdefault%
85   \let\old@sfdefault\sfdefault%
86   \let\old@ttdefault\ttdefault%
87   \fontencoding{LGR}%
88   \edef\@temp{\sfdefault}%
89   \ifx\f@family\@temp%
90     \fontfamily{\greek@sffamily}%
91   \else%
92     \edef\@temp{\ttdefault}%
93     \ifx\f@family\@temp%
94       \fontfamily{\greek@ttfamily}%
95     \else%
96       \fontfamily{\greek@rmfamily}%
97     \fi%
98   \fi%
99   \selectfont%
100  \def\encodingdefault{LGR}%
101  \def\rmdefault{\greek@rmfamily}%
102  \def\sfdefault{\greek@sffamily}%
103  \def\ttdefault{\greek@ttfamily}%
104 }
```

`\latinintext` is executed by Babel when we finish with the Greek text (and in fact some times more often). We simply have to restore the old font family values.

```
105 \DeclareRobustCommand{\latinintext}{%
106   \fontencoding{\latinencoding}%
107   \ifx\old@font@family\relax\else\fontfamily{\old@font@family}\fi%
108   \selectfont%
109   \def\encodingdefault{\latinencoding}%
110   \ifx\old@rmdefault\relax\else\let\rmdefault\old@rmdefault\fi%
111   \ifx\old@sfdefault\relax\else\let\sfdefault\old@sfdefault\fi%
112   \ifx\old@ttdefault\relax\else\let\ttdefault\old@ttdefault\fi%
113 }
```

When we have done with the Greek text, it is better to ‘empty’ the font family variables, so no unwanted side effects can occur.

```
114 \addto\noextragreek{%
115   \let\old@font@family\relax%
116   \let\old@rmdefault\relax%
117   \let\old@sfdefault\relax%
118   \let\old@ttdefault\relax%
119 }
120 \let\noextrapolutonikogreek\noextragreek
    Now, that’s it!
121 \endinput
```