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# Enhancements 

 Numbers of Driverless Automobiles on the rise the Great Dividing Range A distinctive architectural style known as a Queenslander Drone flightpath frequency will be throttled by national aviation authorities A Scotsman, Sir Thomas Brisbane was the Governor of New South Wales from 1821 to 1825
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Overpass is a bespoke typeface designed by Delve Withrington between 2011-2015 on commission from Red Hat, Inc. with direction provided by Andy Fitzsimon, Jakub Steiner and Ben Dubrovsky.

The design of Overpass is an interpretation of the well-known "Standard Alphabets for Traffic Control Devices" published by the U.S. Federal Highway Authority. Starting from those specifications, critical adjustments were made to letterforms of the original design to create an optimal presentation at smaller sizes on-screen and for display sizes especially in the lighter weights.

The initial delivery was limited to the Regular and Bold upright weights for use primarily in the user interfaces of the company's various linux-based software titles and internal websites. The initial character set of Overpass is comprised of over 430 glyphs covering dozens of Latin alphabet based languages.

In 2014-2015 the Light, Extra Light upright weights and Italic counterparts for all the weights were added to increase the versatility and utility of Overpass. Red Hat has made the Overpass family freely available to the public under the SIL Open Font License.

Body copy on this page is set in Overpass Light 10/14.

Designers: Delve Withrington with Dave Bailey and Thomas Jockin

Designed: 2011, 2014-2015

Styles in Family: ExtraLight, ExtraLight Italic, Light, Light Italic, Regular, Italic, Bold, Bold Italic

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Formats Available: OpenType (OTF); works on both Mac \& PC and Webfonts (EOT, TTF, WOFF, SVG)

OpenType Layout Features: Kerning (kern), Fractions (frac), Numerators (numr), Denominators (dnom), Ligatures (liga), Ordinals (ordn), Capital Spacing (cpsp), Ornaments (ornm), Localized Forms (locl) and Superscript (sups)

Language Support: The Overpass typeface has an Extended Latin character set, which supports the following languages: Albanian, Basque, Banat Bulgarian, Catalan, Cornish, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Finnish, French, Galician, German, Hungarian, Icelandic, Indonesian, Irish (modern), Italian, Kalaallisut (West Greenlandic), Latvian, Lithuanian, Malay, Maltese, Manx, Norwegian Bokmål, Norwegian Nynorsk, Oromo, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Serbian (Gajica), Slovak, Slovene, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Turkish, and Welsh.

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