

This document is to show some of the fonts which fontconfig regards as having the same metrics as Times Roman. Unfortunately, the history of Times Roman is slightly complex - Linotype registered the design in the USA despite it having originated with Monotype. And the "main" online version is Times New Roman. But the digital versions of both have been harmonised.

For an online article including a graphic which shows some of the subtle differences between the two, see

<http://creativepro.com/typetalk-times-roman-vs-times-new-roman/>

and for an article on the history see

<http://www.true-type-typography.com/articles/times.htm>

So, I will not show Times Roman itself here (it is available on apple machines). My experience is that almost all web pages which mention Times (or rather, those I have looked at, and guidelines I have seen) specify Times New Roman which is what microsoft licensed and which is also available on apples. If that is not present, fontconfig will look for Libertation Serif, then Tinos, then a couple of commercial Thorndale fonts. If none of the Times New Roman substitutes are found, fontconfig will then look through the Time Roman substitutes (below).

If Times Roman *is* specified, and not present, fontconfig will look first for TeX Gyre Termes, and failing that for the commercial Nimbus Roman and then the free Nimbus Roman No9 L. If Times Roman was specified but none of the substitutes were found, it will then look for Times New Roman and its substitutes.

In either case, if none of the matches are found then it will probably fall back to DejaVu Serif.

Times New Roman

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Nimbus Roman No9 L

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DejaVu Serif - not metric compatible, it is the likely fallback

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