





FF Sheriff is a sturdy, economical text typeface with a clear form. Its low contrast and relatively large x-height enable it to function excellently in small to very small type sizes. Its unusual details also make it suitable for use as a display type. The face was designed by Peter Verheul, a type designer and typographer in The Hague.

When designing printed and electronic publications, Verheul's aim from the very beginning was to use custom – designed typographic material – including typefaces. As a type designer of the 'Hague School', his basic principle is that printing is a form of writing. In the words of his tutor Gerrit Noordzij, 'typography is writing with prefabricated letters'. In other words, the printed letter was not born alongside, but out of, handwriting.



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rr Sheriff demonstrates that this view does not necessarily have to lead to classical characters with calligraphic undertones. Verheul's first published book face is an unprecedented design: one cannot point to a single existing face with the same characteristics. Sheriff is a somewhat stiff Egyptian or slab serif face, which means it has heavy, rectangular serifs. This also explains the name: 'sheriff' is simply a personal corruption of 'serif'.

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Starting from a single character – the lowercase n – Verheul designed an alphabet with striking features derived from two basic shapes: the oval and the rectangle. This led to unusual details, such as the characteristic curve in the elongation of the top serif. In small type sizes the letter reads like a train – the unusual shapes are no distraction at all. But it does create a lively image that holds the attention.

In the eighties, when the first versions of Sheriff were designed, digital faces designed on and for the personal computer were a novelty. Young type designers had animated discussions on the demands the medium made on this sort of face. Many of the 'revivals' by the major type foundries showed how not to do it.

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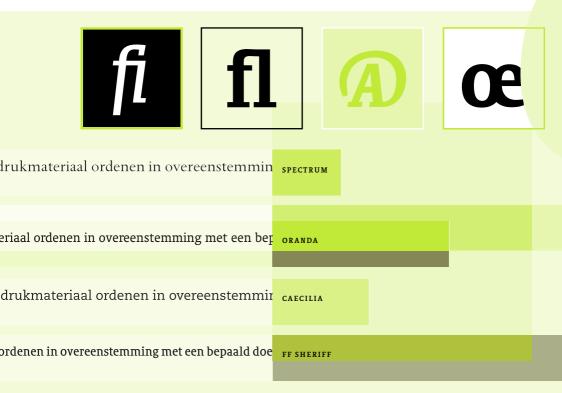
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All that remained was a poor copy of the original letter which in some cases was barely legible. Like other examples such as Peter Matthias Noordzij's Caecilia, Gerard Unger's Oranda and Fred Smeijers' Quadraat, Sheriff belongs to a new generation of type designs which take the qualities of digital design as their guiding principle. Printing techniques play a part too. The impact of metal letters on paper in letterpress printing produced a powerful black impression, whereas offset printing requires type which by nature already possesses this solidity and blackness. By keeping these demands in mind from the very beginning, Peter Verheul has created a typeface which, while unconventional, proves its practical utility under the most extreme conditions.



DEVELOPMENT OF FF SHERIFF



It was a deliberate choice not to call the italicised version of Sheriff 'italic', but 'Italian'. The construction of a face actually determines whether it is a proper italic or not. This is the case when it is a continuous script with upstrokes. Oblique Roman types are often, but incorrectly, called italic. In the way the curve emerges from the serif, the Italian version of Sheriff has the same characteristics as the Roman, which means it can never be a true italic. This increases the legibility of the italic in longer texts. At the same time, Sheriff Italian is relatively narrow and is therefore exceptionally economical.

THE PROPORTIONS OF THE CAPITALS ARE SO WELL ATTUNED TO EACH OTHER THAT THEY GIVE AN OPTIMAL APPEARANCE TO EACH WORD.

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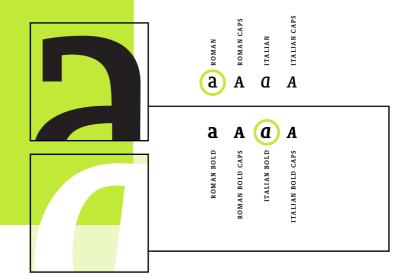
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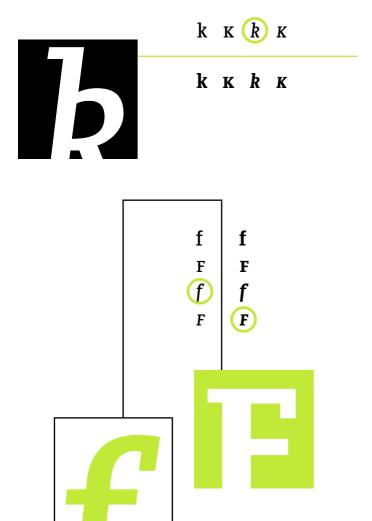
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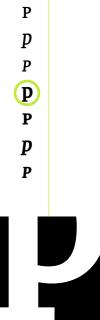
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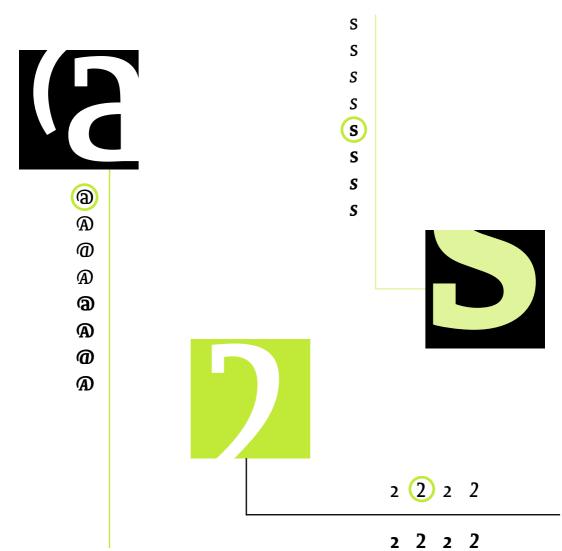




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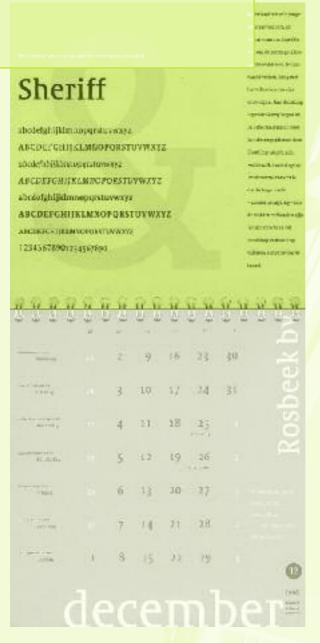
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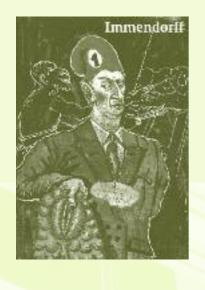
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Peter Verheul (1965) graduated from the Royal Art Academy in The Hague in 1989. He assisted Peter Matthias Noordzij in the production of the typeface Caecilia (Linotype) and worked at Océ Research & Development in Venlo, the Netherlands, on the bitmap editing of laserprinter fonts.

#### Peter Verheu

In 1989 and 1990 he worked at Banks & Miles (London), designing extensions to the New Johnston typeface for London Transport, and at Monotype, Salfords. From 1991 to 1995 he was a part-time designer at Peter van Blokland's studio in Delft. Peter Verheul has been a freelance designer since 1996. In that year he designed Haagse letters, a book about the type curriculum at the Hague Academy, edited by Matthieu Lommen. FontShop International has published his typefaces FF NewBerlin (1991) and FF Sheriff (1996). Peter Verheul teaches lettering and type design at the Royal Academy in The Hague, both at the department of Graphic and Typographic Design and the postgraduate course in Type Design and Typography. He has been a guest teacher at several art schools, including the Merz Akademie in Stuttgart, Germany, and the Institute of Design in Lahti, Finland.

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#### Reference Numbers For FF Sheriff

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The abbrevations 'MAC + PC' indicate that the shown typeface is available for both Macintosh and PC (Windows).









