# The *MFB Oldstyle* Font Family
## Version 1.0

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## 1 Description

*MFB Oldstyle* is a serif font family designed for body text. This typeface design was originally created by Morris Fuller Benton and released by American Type Founders in 1909 as *Century Oldstyle*.

## 2 Features

The font family currently includes regular, *italic* and **bold** fonts; no bold italic is included (though one may be added in the future). All the fonts include superior and inferior figures, accessible both through OpenType features and the provided `mfb-oldstyle` LaTeX package. Small capitals and old-style figures (0123456789) are currently provided for the regular font only. For a view of character coverage, see the included character map PDF.

## 3 Usage with OpenType-capable TeX engines

I recommend using the OpenType versions of *MFB Oldstyle*, along with a modern TeX engine (such as LuaTeX or XeTeX). If you are using LuaLaTeX or XeLaTeX, use `fontspec` to select the font and the appropriate options, e.g., by adding `\usepackage{fontspec}\setmainfont{MFB Oldstyle}` to your preamble. For detailed options, see that package's documentation.

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## 4   Usage with legacy TeX engines

If you wish to use the fonts with a legacy TeX engine, Type 1 fonts and the appropriate support files are provided. To set use the Type 1 version of *MFB Oldstyle* in LaTeX, use the following command:

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\usepackage{mfb-oldstyle}
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By default, tabular lining figures (0123456789) are used. The package-level options `tabular` and `proportional` can be used to switch between tabular (0123456789) and proportional (0123456789) versions of lining figures. Old-style figures (0123456789) can technically be set as the default using package option `oldstyle`, but, since old-style figures are only provided for the regular font, this will disable use of the italic and bold fonts by default. (For a more graceful fallback, try using a modern TeX engine). When using the legacy LaTeX package, superior figures can be accessed on a one-off basis using the text command `textsu`, and inferior figures can be accessed using the text command `textin`.

## 5   Copying

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## 6   Source files and development

Source files for the *MFB Oldstyle* fonts are available on GitHub.[1] Suggestions for feature additions are welcome on GitHub (preferred) or via email.

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[1] https://github.com/dbenjaminmiller/mfb-oldstyle