## **Newspaper Design Contributions for Sustainable Development**

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#### Sustainability in Graphic Arts

## Paper Production

- Recycling paper
- Forest management
  - Energy production in paper mills
- Wastewater treatment

## **Printing Industry**

- Machinery production
  - Consumables production
  - Reducing VOCs in printing plants
  - Waste reduction and recycling

## Graphic Design

- Rethinking products and services
  - Reducing the use of materials
  - Using more sustainable materials

#### Sustainability in Newspaper

## Newspaper Production

Mainly for financial reasons:

- Newsprint production
  - Newsprint waste
  - Printing processes

Only in 2010 a WAN report refers to sustainability

## Newspaper Design

Bigger size of:

- Body copy
- Pictures
- Headlines
- Breakouts

## Design Competitions

It is not an evaluation criteria yet

#### Some facts on newspapers

60%<sub>6</sub>70%

Environmental impact of paper production in a newspaper life cycle

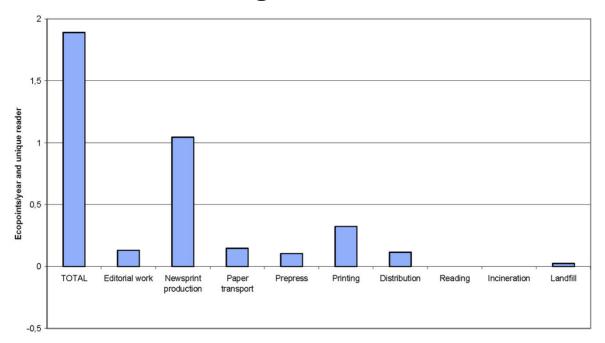
Up to 50%

Cost of paper in the overall production costs of a newspaper <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> h...
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Lifetime of a daily newspaper

#### Some facts on newspapers

### Total weighted values for different parts of the printed newspaper life cycle (European scenario), using Ecoindicator 99

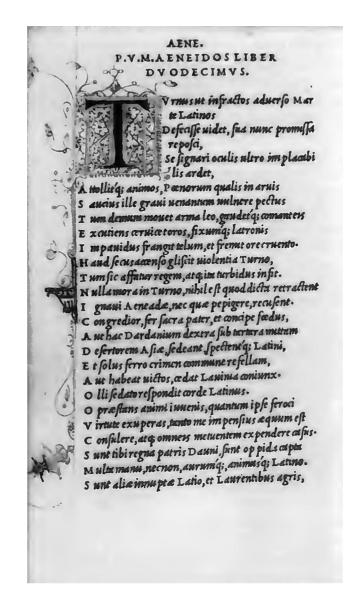


SOURCE: Å. Moberg, M. Johansson, G. Finnveden, A. Jonsson, Screening environmental life cycle assessment of printed, web based and tablet e-paper newspaper, KTH Centre for Sustainable Communications: Stockholm, 2009

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## **Space Saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design History**

Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design Aldine italic type and pocket-books



Page from *Opera* by Virgil, 1501. The first of the octavo classics and the first book wholly composed in italic. (154 x 87 mm)

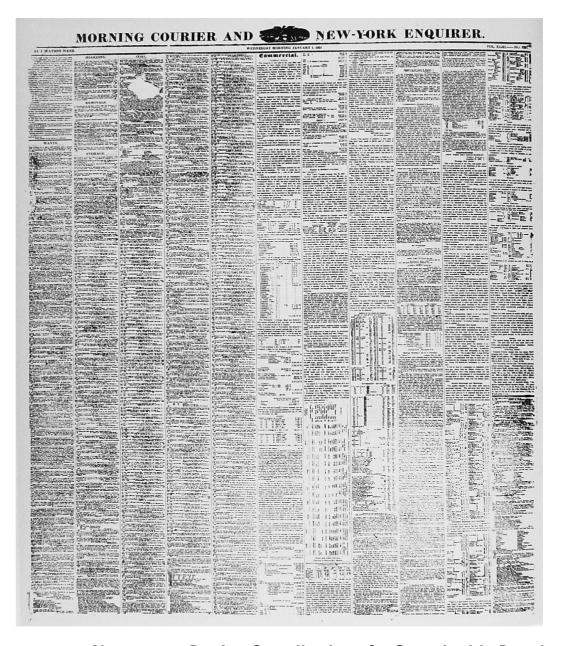
Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design Font size and leading reduction



The British Daily Universal Register, in 1785.
3 years before changing the name to The Times.
(480 mm height)

## Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design Format increasing

The Morning Courier, in 1851. A "blanket sheet" with (686 x 826 mm and 11 columns)



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#### Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design Typeface design

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This is Times Roman, set 7-on-8. While not one of the Legibility Group, it is a well-designed and popular newspaper face. Notice its tonal value as compared with the other five faces here. Letters are large on the slug and have masculinity and di-

Comparison of typefaces from the Linotype's Legibility Group and Times. Example taken from Functional Newspaper Design, by Edmund C. Arnold. Space saving in
Graphic Arts and
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Format decreasing:
width, height and
format change









The Brazilian Broadsheet Folha in a width decrease, in 2001. The British Guardian Weekly in a format change from Tabloid to Hal-Berliner, in 2007.

# Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design Shrinking of the textblock

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Shrinking variations.
Example taken from Functional Newspaper Design, by

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#### Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design **Column rules**

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Hairlines on 6. 4 and 3-point body between columns. Taken from Newspaper Designing, by John E. Allen

Space saving in Graphic Arts and Newspaper Design Size of breakouts



Spread from the French tabloid *Libération*, a Claude Maggiori design in use from 1981 to 2003.

Breakouts even small can be well distinguished because of its face and color.

## **Content Analysis: Measuring the newspaper**

Method and results

Methods: Tested Variables

#### **Grid**

- Format
- Gutter size
- Number of columns

#### **Body copy**

- Typefaces
- Type/leading sizes
- Type condensation
  - Roman/italic

#### Layout

- Breakout size
- Position of images
- Position of captions

#### Methods: Tested Newspaper

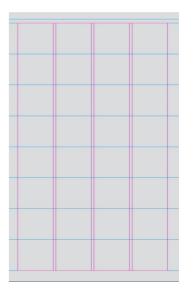
#### **Expresso**

- Leading Portuguese weekly
- Quality generalist paper
  - Current newspaperBerliner format

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Half-Berliner prototype





#### Methods: **Tested Typefaces**

#### **Body Text**

Capitolium News (by Gerard Ünger)

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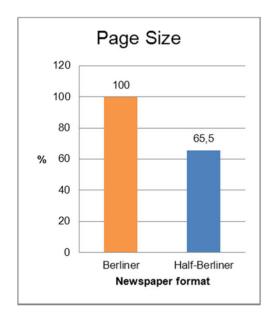
 Some of the most used typefaces: Poynter Text, Times New Roman, Utopia, Miller, Gulliver

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# Text

Poynter Text

#### Results: Format



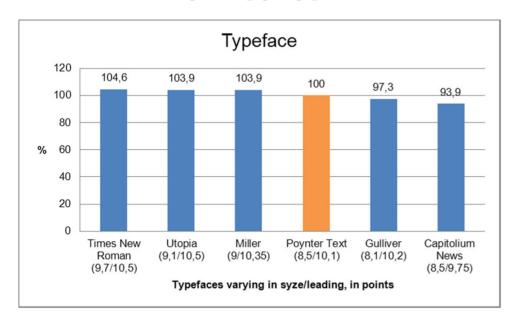


Berliner and Half-Berliner page sizes





#### Results: Body copy typefaces



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#### **Type comparison**



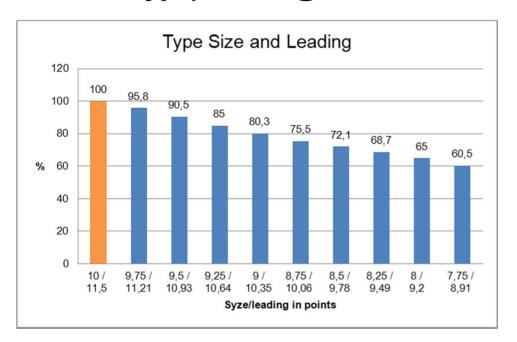
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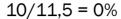
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#### Gulliver = -2.7%

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#### Results: Type/leading







$$9/10.4 = -19.7\%$$

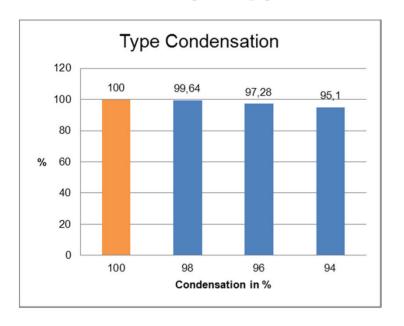


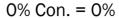
7.75/8.9 = -39.5%



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#### Results: Body copy condensation







98% Con. = -0.36%

96% Con. = -2,72%

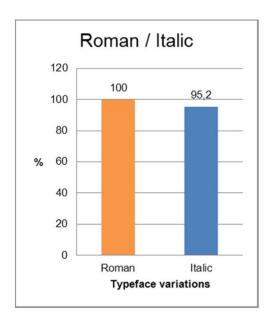


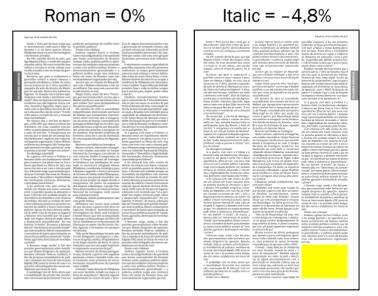
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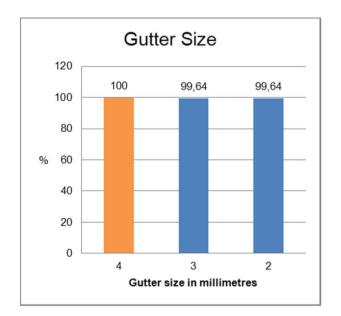
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#### Results: Roman and italic types





#### Results: Gutter

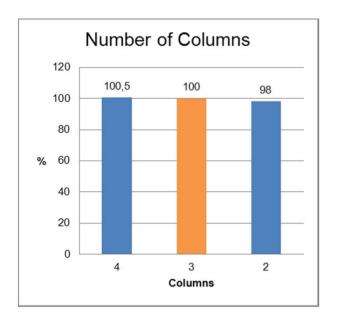








#### Results: Columns

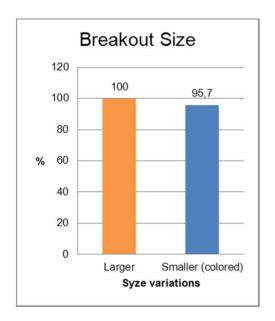




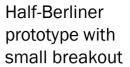




#### Results: Breakout

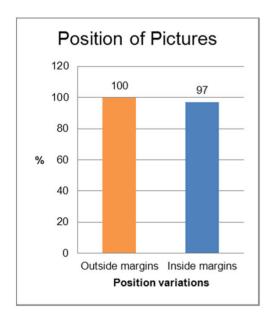








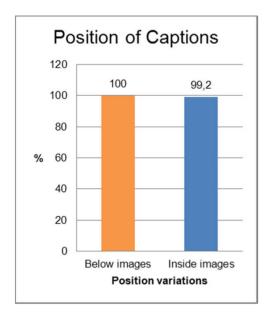
#### Results: Pictures





Half-Berliner prototype with picture inside top margins

#### Results: Captions





Half-Berliner prototype with caption inside the picture



#### Discussion

#### **Formats**

- The most important space saving issue
- Format reduction is crucial for sustainability
  - Micro-formats are the most beneficial

## Typeface design

- Body copy represents about 30 to 50% of total space
  - Bigger x-height is important
    - Possibility of condensation is beneficial

#### Type size/ /leading

- Small differences can lead to big savings
- Rethinking the size of body copy is crucial

#### Discussion

## Type condensation

- Can contribute to space saving
- Not all typefaces can be condensed
- Should be used carefully

## **Breakout** size

- Can contribute to space saving
- Emphasis can be easily accomplished through colour

## Layout of pictures

- Use of margins can contribute to space saving
- Is not always possible: risk of sameness throughout the paper

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