

Google Fonts - Library Notes

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OFFICIAL (<https://developers.google.com/fonts/faq>): "all Google Fonts are open source and are without cost"; commercial use allowed; "The most common license is the SIL Open Font License. Some fonts are under the Apache license or Ubuntu Font License." New additions only under OFL. Google Sans / Google Sans Flex now under OFL (FAQ). Product Sans is NOT available.

Overview

Free font library and CSS API (fonts.googleapis.com); supports variable fonts, self-hosting (github.com/google/fonts); Noto covers 1,000+ languages / 150+ writing systems (FAQ). Privacy: API logs IP/UA/referrer but sets no cookies (FAQ) - self-host for GDPR-sensitive sites.

UX notes / lessons (our analysis)

Check each family license on its specimen page; prefer variable fonts to cut requests.

Figures (screenshots & renders)

Google Fonts specimens (rendered via Google Fonts CSS API)

Inter

400 - Sphinx of black quartz, judge my vow 0123

700 - Sphinx of black quartz, judge my vow 0123

Roboto

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Playfair Display

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JetBrains Mono

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Fonts: SIL OFL (see each family page on fonts.google.com)

Figure 1. Specimens: Inter, Roboto, Playfair Display, JetBrains Mono. Source: *RENDERED BY US* via the Google Fonts CSS API (fonts.googleapis.com); fonts under SIL OFL

Figure 2. Inter specimen page. Source: *OFFICIAL PAGE SCREENSHOT* (headless Chromium capture of the public page), <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Inter>