

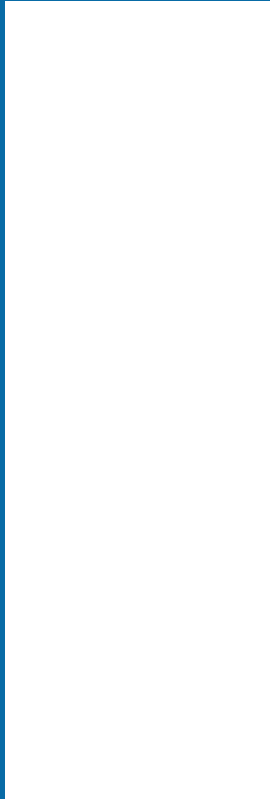


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Space









- Nothing in the earliest written texts
- Either unnecessary or minimalistic fragments



- Alphabetic systems have more need of word separation
- Most popular was *interpunct* (a·word)
- But also slashes, bars, triangles, multiple dots

SENATVS POPV
IMP CAESARI DIV
TRAIANO AVG G
MAXIMO TRIB POT
ADDECLARANDVM



- Vowels make word separation a little less urgent
- 'scriptio continua' became a Greek fashion
- ...and was copied by the Roman empire



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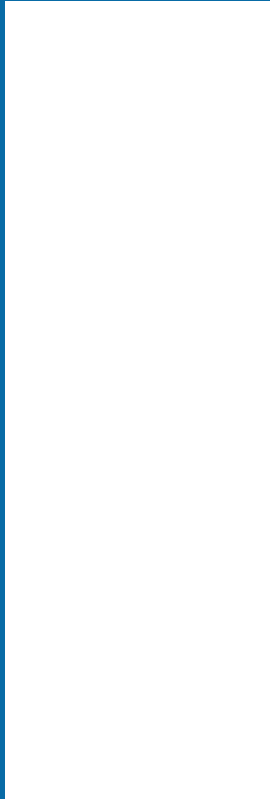
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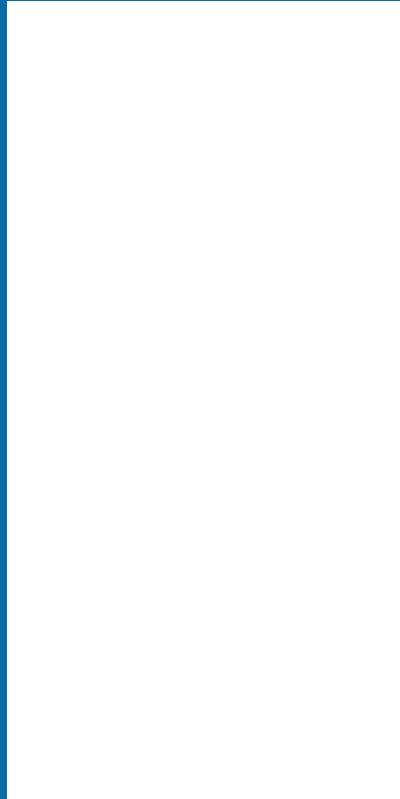
An actual 'space' was not used until the early middle ages



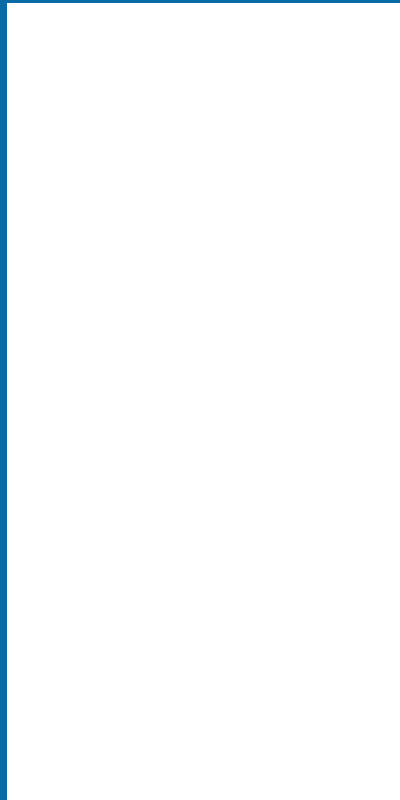
Besides 'U+0020 SPACE', Unicode defines a few more spacing characters



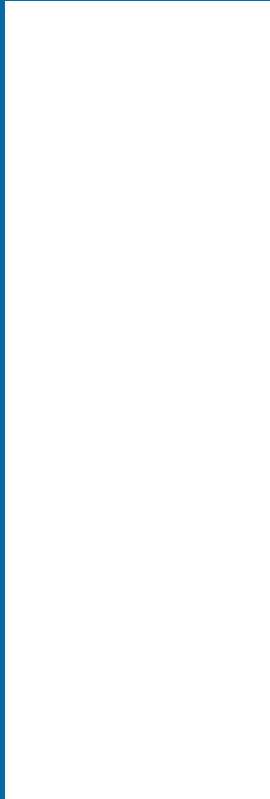








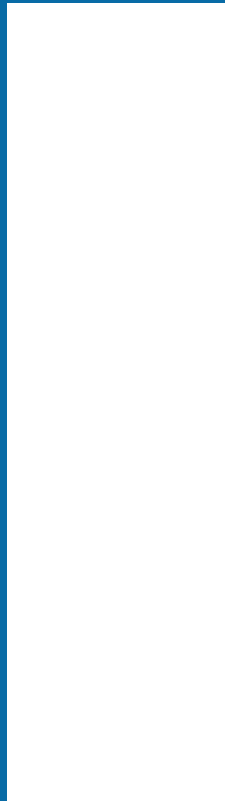






















michi hebraicis verbis expressit. hoc
ego accito notario. sermonibus latinis
expressi. Oracionibus vestris mercedem huius
operis compellabo: cum gratum vobis didice-
ro me quod iubere vestris dignati complere.

Explicit prologus in apertis libris thobie.

Tobias est de tribu et ci-
uitate neptalim. que
est in superioribus galilee supra naalon.
post viam que ducit
ad occidentem. in si-
nistro habet civitatem sepher: cum captus
esset in diebus salmanasar regis assyrio-
rum. in captivitate tamen postquam
veritatis non deseruit: ita ut omnia que
habere poterat quotidie contempnens
seatribus qui erant eum eius genere imper-

lar regis: et dedit illi potestatem quocumque
vellet ire: habens libertatem quecumque face-
re voluisset. Pergebat ergo per omnes
qui erant in captivitate: et monita sa-
lutis dabat eis. Cum autem venisset in
rages civitatem iudeorum. et eum hijs qui-
bus honoratus fuerat a rege habuisset
decem talenta argenti: et cum in multa
turba generis sui gabelum egentem videret
qui erat eum tribu eius: sub chirographo
dedit illi memoratum pondus argenti.
Post multum vero temporis mortuo sal-
manasar rege. cum regnaret semmache-
rib filius eius pro eo. et filios israel egrosos
haberet in conspectu suo: tobius perge-
bat per omnem cognationem suam: et con-
solabatur eos: dividebatque unicuique
prout poterat de facultatibus suis. Et
habebat albas candidas vestimenta