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Space (Whitespace)

Space (living)

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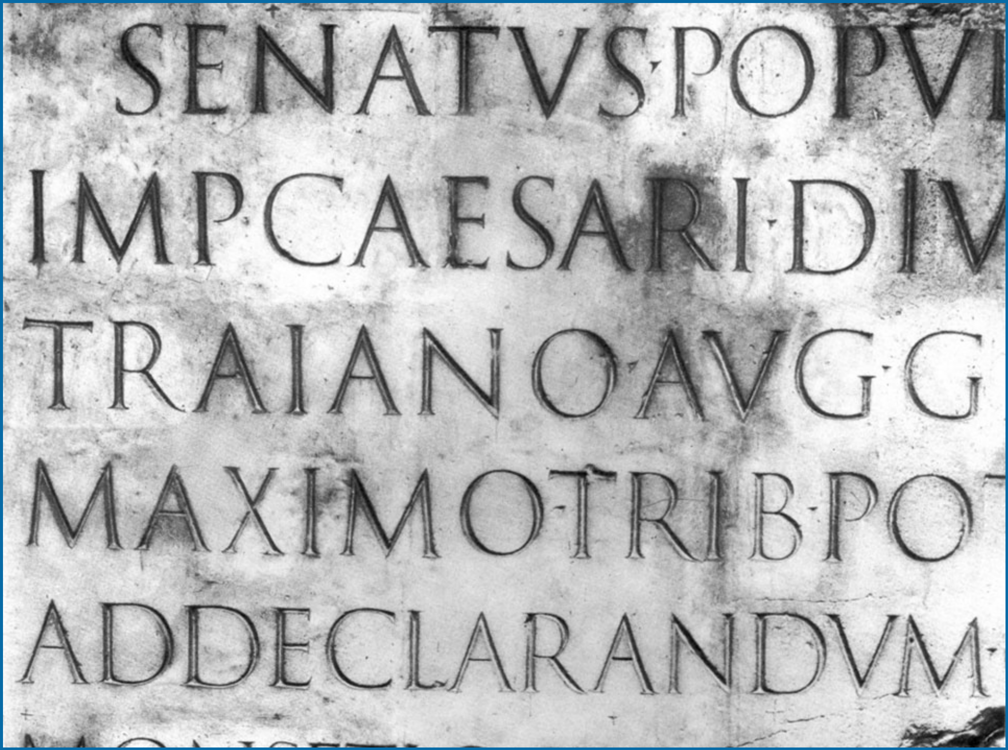
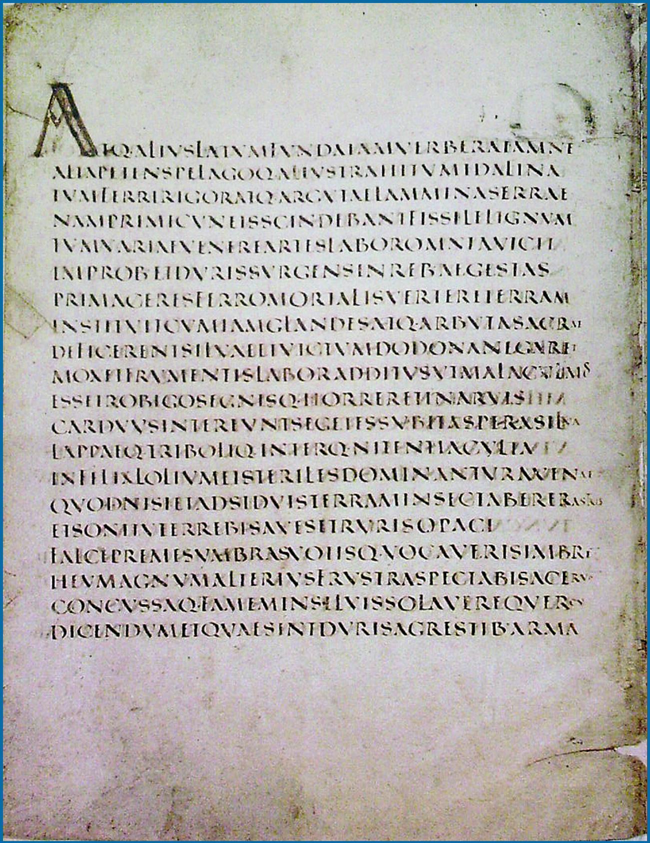
- Nothing in the earliest written texts
- Either unnecessary or minimalistic fragments

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




Trajan’s column

- 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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Vergilius Augusteus

An actual ‘space’ was not used until the early middle ages

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

U+00A0 NO-BREAK SPACE

U+1680 OGHAM SPACE MARK

U+2000 EN QUAD

U+2001 EM QUAD

U+2002 EN SPACE

U+2003 EM SPACE

U+2005 FOUR-PER-EM SPACE

U+2006 SIX-PER-EM SPACE

U+2007 FIGURE SPACE

U+2008 PUNCTUATION SPACE

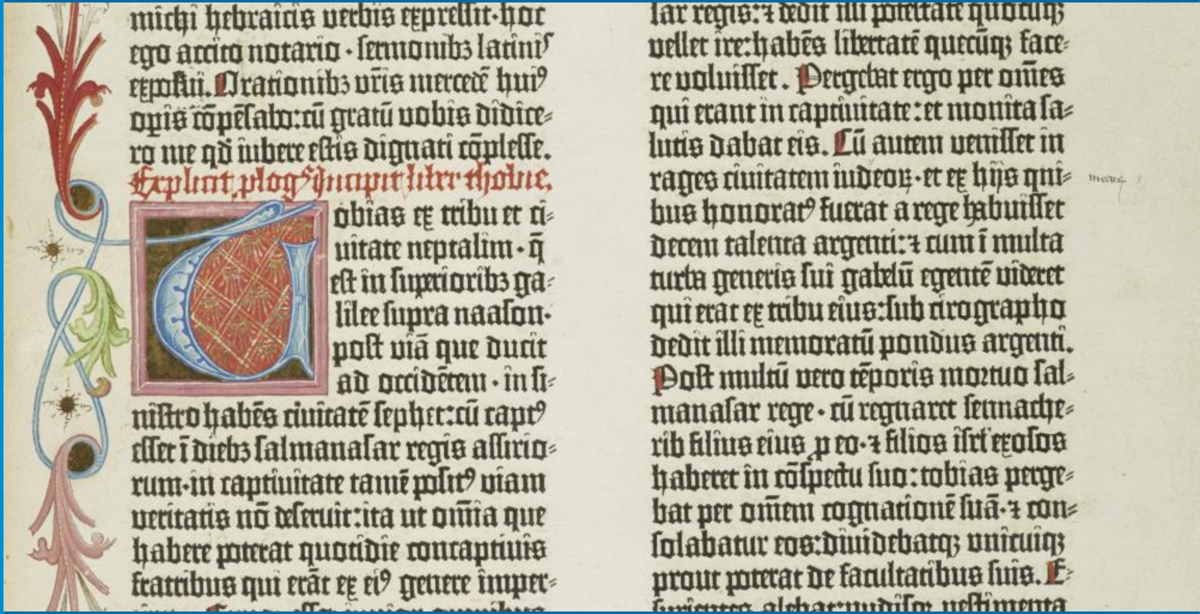
U+2009 THIN SPACE

U+200A HAIR SPACE

U+202F NARROW NO-BREAK SPACE

U+205F MEDIUM MATHEMATICAL SPACE

U+3000 IDEOGRAPHIC SPACE



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