An Open Proposal

Fixing the Font Format

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Proposal

Move OpenType to W3C as a new Working Group. Microsoft to abstain from W3C decisions in matters related to the transfer.

Goals

The following requirements are essential of a fair standardization process:
- The editor must only write down into the specification the consensus of attendees to meetings, with decisions reached in later meetings taking precedence over those reached in earlier meetings.
- The meeting chair shall take an executive role and abstain from technical discussion or making meeting decisions based on personal opinion / professional affiliation.
- There must be a reliable and feasible path to file complaints and a guarantee that they be reviewed by a panel of widely-recognized fair and reasonable individuals.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why W3C?

W3C is a fact-paced body embracing open processes and GitHub to the max. W3C meets the goals.

Why not Unicode Consortium?

The synergy is great and was my recommendation up until recently. Unicode has its own problem. Their review lifecycle is woefully slow and old-fashioned. They might very well be snail-mailing

their communications. Let them float undisturbed and they'll start reforming themselves in a year or two when there will be openness to change.

Why not a new entity?

I do not see in the current type industry power incumbents the strength of character to form such entity successfully.