



One of the most influential type designers, Hermann Zapf, has matured in the metal type era and was adopted into the digital era. Hermann was born in 1918 during the fierce period when Nuremberg, Germany was taken over political control.

While this controversy was occurring, Zapf lost two siblings in the Spanish Flu epidemic. In 1934, Zapf apprenticed at the Karl Ulrich and Co. printing firm gaining his experience with working with hand press type and lettering for musical notes.

# Zapfino Hermann Zapf

40 years later, Hermann taught at the Rochester Institute in New York as a professor of Typography. Computer Designing where he was developing a program that uses the graphic scaling tooling to help color and text settings. During WWII, Zapf worked as a cartographer in the German military they later at the Stempel AG typefoundry when the war ended.

Linotype Zapfino One 1998 Calligraphic Germany Palatino Optima Kompakt  
Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

One of his designed fonts, Optima, was used to engrave names on the Vietnam War Memorial. Hermann Zapf has bridged the Medieval era with the Informational with his strong influence of calligraphy. He has received praises for his delicate and aesthetic level of type designs from professionals around the world.

