



## GrabMap Khmer Render solution

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## Render Khmer needs HarfBuzz+Freetype

**Freetype:** font rasterization engine . Give a codepoint can render to a bitmap and draw parameters

**HarfBuzz:** Char layout engine(shaping). Convert Unicode text to glyph indices and positions

# Font File

**Font files** contain one or more **fonts** that can be accessed by the operating system and applications. Include char layout and char image.  
Common font files. .ttf .otf .woff .fnt ...

- amiri-regular.ttf
- DejaVuSerif.ttf
- fireflysung.ttf
- NotoSans-Regular.ttf
- NotoSans...Regular.ttf
- NotoSansKhmer-VF.ttf
- NotoSans...Regular.ttf
- Sanskrit2003.ttf

ABCDEFGHIJKLM  
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
abcdefghijklm  
nopqrstuvwxyz  
1234567890

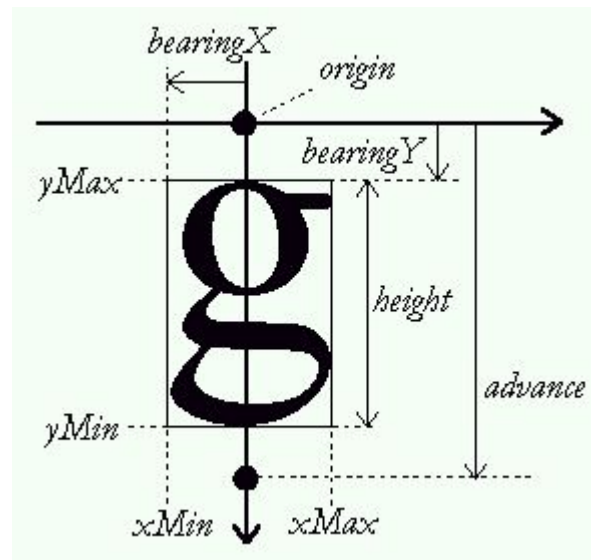
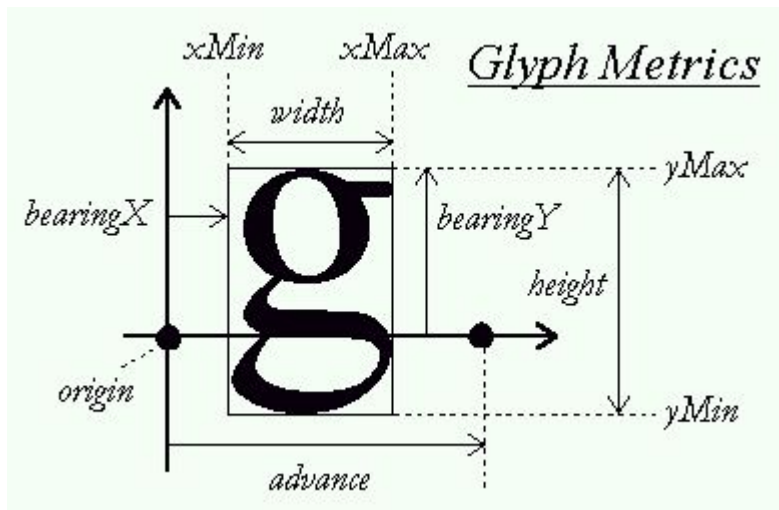
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## How Freetype draw text

Get char bitmap and draw Parameter by codepoint(Unicode 16)

```
FT_EXPORT( FT_Error ) FT_Load_Char( FT_Face face, // font file & return glyph  
                                     FT_ULong char_code, // unicode  
                                     FT_Int32 load_flags ); // Params
```



## Draw Text With Glyph Metrics



## How Mapbox manage glyph

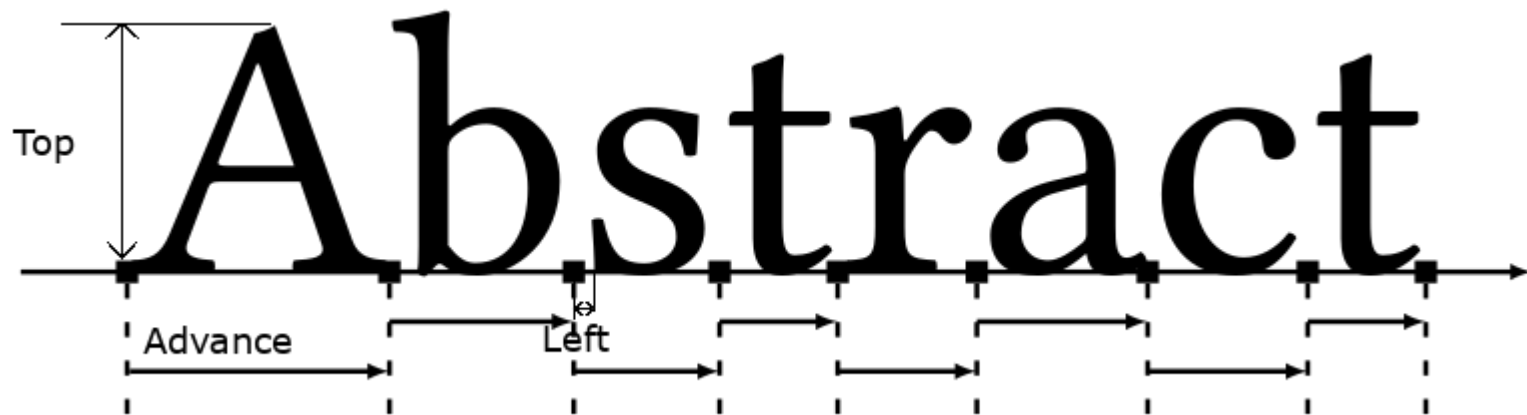
<https://github.com/mapbox/glyph-pbf-composite/blob/master/proto/glyphs.proto>

```
message glyph {
  required uint32 id = 1;

  // A signed distance field of the glyph with a border of 3 pixels.
  optional bytes bitmap = 2;

  // Glyph metrics.
  required uint32 width = 3;
  required uint32 height = 4;
  required sint32 left = 5;
  required sint32 top = 6;
  required uint32 advance = 7;
}
message fontstack ...
message glyphs ...
```

## Draw Text With Glyph PBF



## Shaping

Just use freetype(or glyphpbf) can't render Khmer correctly.

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Some scripts need special layout, which is called shaping.



## Why Freetype can't draw Khmer

Khmer has combine and transform, 2 Codepoint can combine into a new glyph.  
And can even change the previous glyph.

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## The mutated glyphs exist in the font file

1. In unicode Khmer has only 114 code point:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer\\_\(Unicode\\_block\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer_(Unicode_block))
2. The font file “NotoSansKhmer-Regular” has 114 codepoint to load, but it has 362 glyphs
3. Freetype Can load these glyph by index

```
FT_EXPORT( FT_Error )  
FT_Load_Glyph(FT_Face face,           // font and return value  
               FT_UInt  glyph_index,   // Glyph index in font file.  
               FT_Int32 load_flags );
```

## Glyph position can be determined by the previous codepoint

តី position may change from font setting:

1. ស<sub>+</sub> តី → ស<sub>តី</sub>
2. ណ<sub>+</sub> តី → ណ<sub>តី</sub>

So តី position is adjusted by ណ and make it looks like align to center.

## How HarfBuzz work

```
// Source Code: https://github.com/tangrams/harfbuzz-example
// Setup harfbuzz
hb_buffer_reset(buffer);

....
// set text
hb_buffer_add_utf8(buffer, text.c_data(), length, 0, length);

// harfbuzz shaping
hb_shape(font, buffer, features.empty() ? NULL : &features[0], features.size());

// Get Harfbuzz adjuston
unsigned int glyphCount;
hb_glyph_info_t *glyphInfo = hb_buffer_get_glyph_infos(buffer, &glyphCount);
hb_glyph_position_t *glyphPos = hb_buffer_get_glyph_positions(buffer, &glyphCount);

for(int i = 0; i < glyphCount; ++i) {
    // Load glyph by freetype via index
    Glyph* glyph = lib->rasterize(face, glyphInfo[i].codepoint);

    // glyphPos[i].x_offset & y_offset is position adjuston
    ...
}
```

## Some example

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32 45 226 46 122(-1.09,-0.703) 59 29 203 132(-0.0938,0.719) 53

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26 40 175(-7.28,-0.625) 107 260 44 83(-0.781,-0.703) 108 59 45 32 132(-0.859,0.719) 53

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34 35 165(0.484,-0.625)

## Mapbox issue: font pbf file

As A cross platform map engine. Mapbox use a workaround to remove the dependency to Freetype, and make it's possible to draw font in JS.

```
[
  ],
},
"sprite": "styles/mono/sprite",
"glyphs": "fonts/{fontstack}/{range}.pbf",
"layers": [
  {
    "id": "background",
    "type": "background",
    "paint": {
      "background-color": "#f5f5f5"
    }
  }
]
]
```

## Mapbox lack

1. No way to load extra glyph( only unicode code point , no index).
2. No complex char layout.

Mapbox font pbf just the codepoint's glyph load from font file.

## How GrabMap fix this

1. Support download font files
2. Extend GlyphID, Add Font Type , eg. 0: Font pbf, 1: Khmer
3. Use Harfbuzz process text, use the result (Glyph index in font file) as Glyph ID, make offset by the way.
4. Use Freetype →render glyph bitmap (24 pcx), and transform the bitmap to SDF.
5. Khmer skip default shaping(BiDi, Arabic) layout (harfbuzz done it already)
6. Use Glyph index and offset draw text.



## Support download font file from tile sever

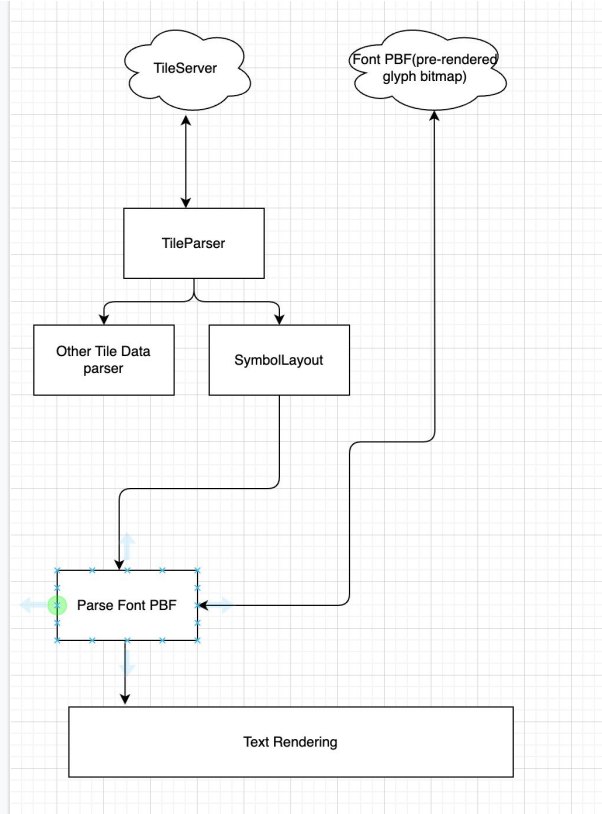
Support download font file from server

```
    ]  
  }  
},  
"sprite": "https://[redacted]/styles/nav-day/sprite",  
"glyphs": "https://[redacted]/fonts/{fontstack}/{range}.pbf",  
"fonts": "https://[redacted]/fonts/{fontstack}/{language}.ttf",  
"layers": [  
  {
```

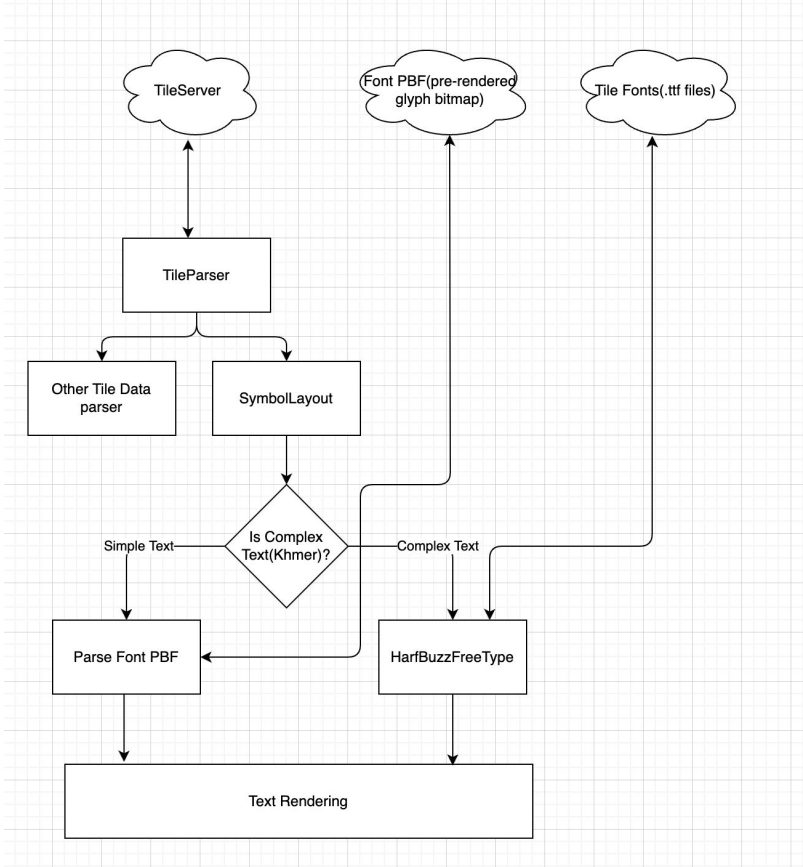
## Extend Glyph ID

```
enum GlyphIDType : short {
    FontPBF = 0x00,
    Khmer = 0x01,
    Myanmar = 0x02
};
// using GlyphID = char16_t; // Mapbox original GlyphID
union GlyphID {
    char32_t hash;
    struct {
        char16_t code;
        GlyphIDType type;
    } complex;
};
```

# Origin Text Layout Struct of Mapbox



# GrabMap Text Layout structure



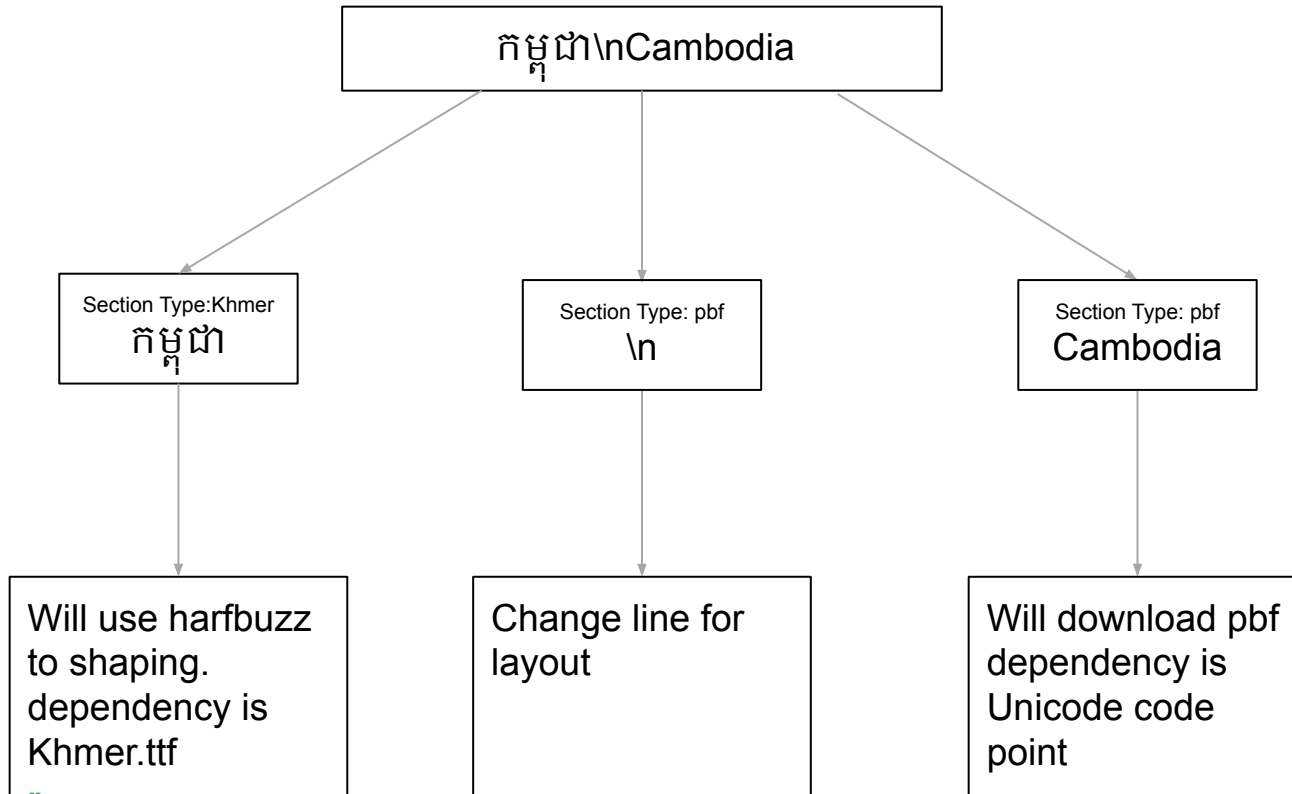
## Extend TaggedString

```
Struct SectionOptions
```

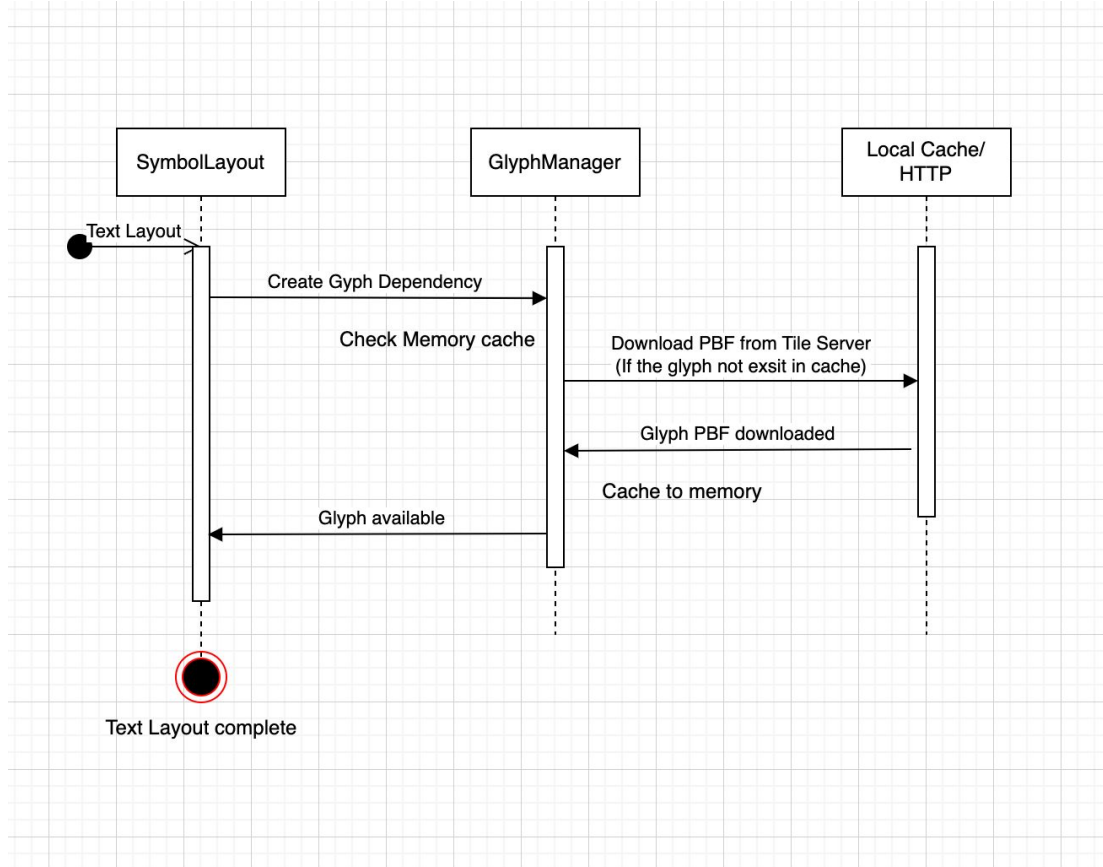
```
{  ....  
    FontStack fontStack; // we must know the font stack to support Harfbuzz shaping  
    ....  
  
    GlyphIDType type; // String type  
    std::shared_ptr<std::vector<HBShapeAdjust>> adjusts; // offset by Harfbuzz  
    ...  
};
```

```
struct TaggedString {  
    std::vector<SectionOptions> sections;  
};
```

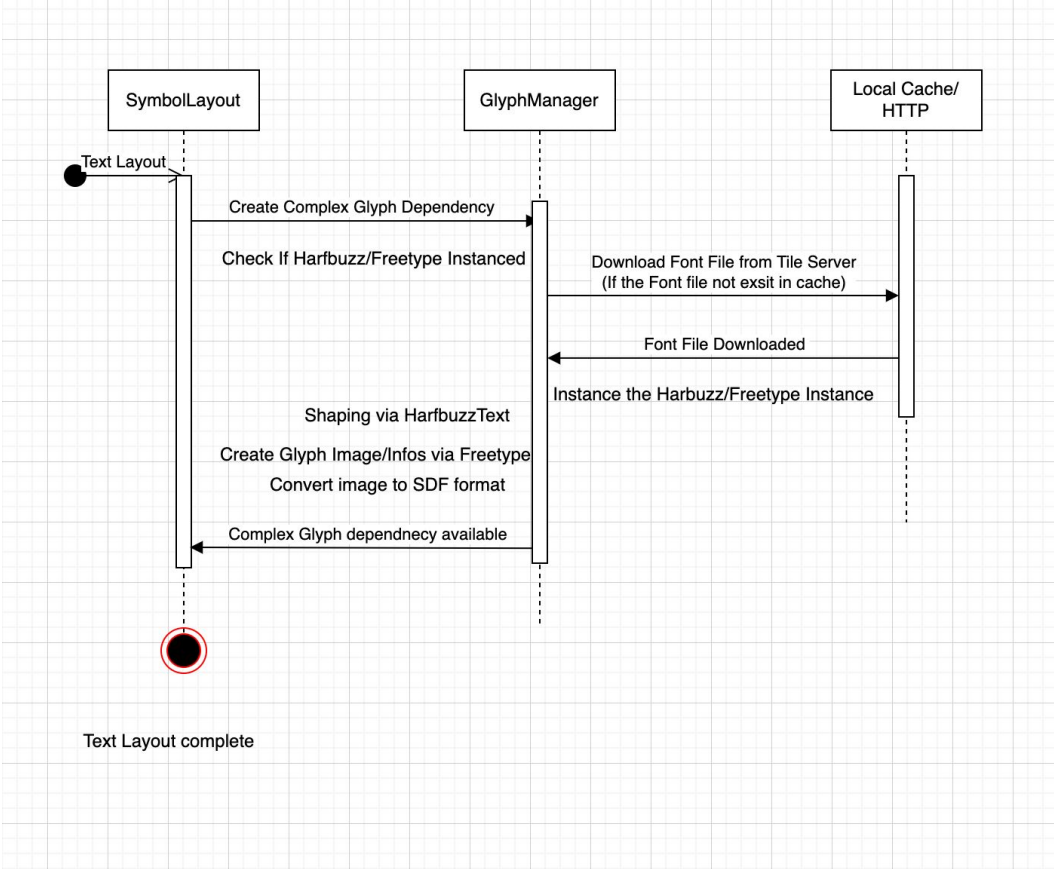
## Filter Out The Complex Sub-String as independent section



# PBF Text Layout Sequence

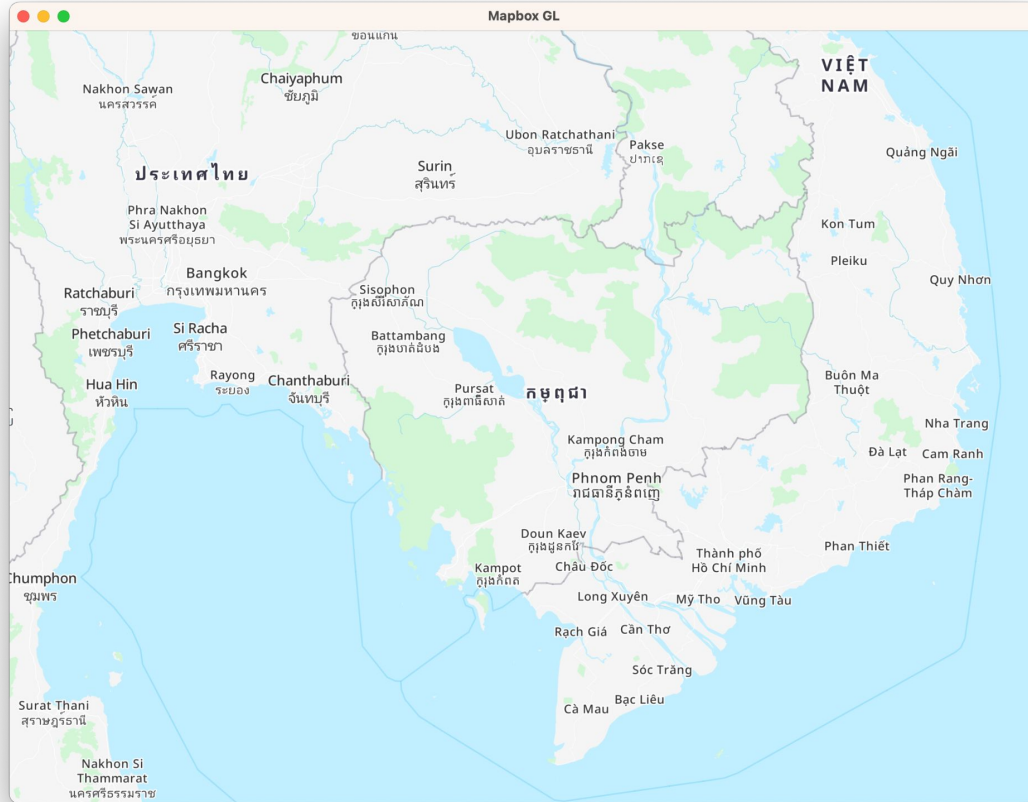


# Complex Text Layout Sequence

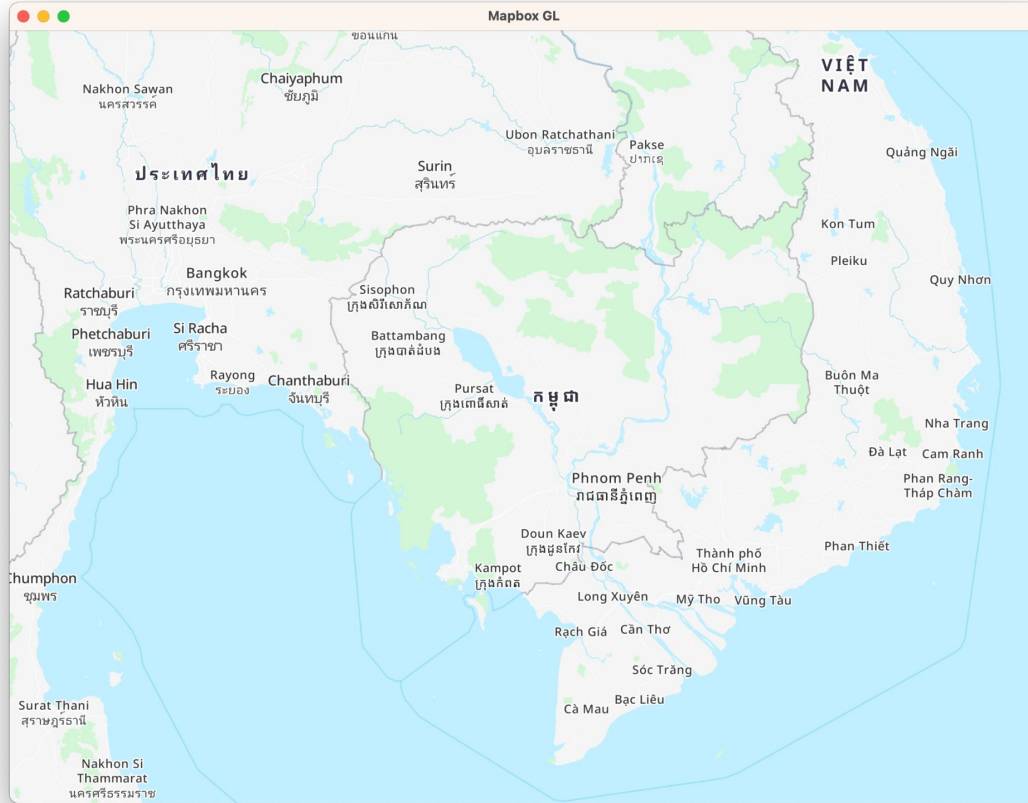




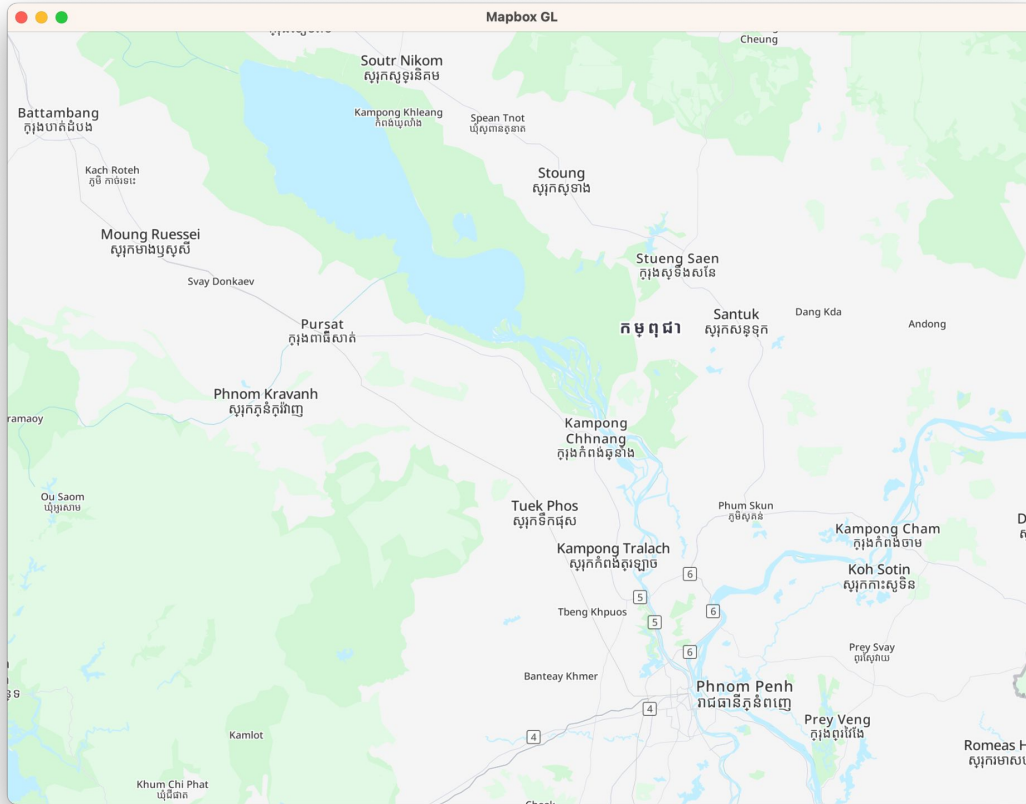
# Effect



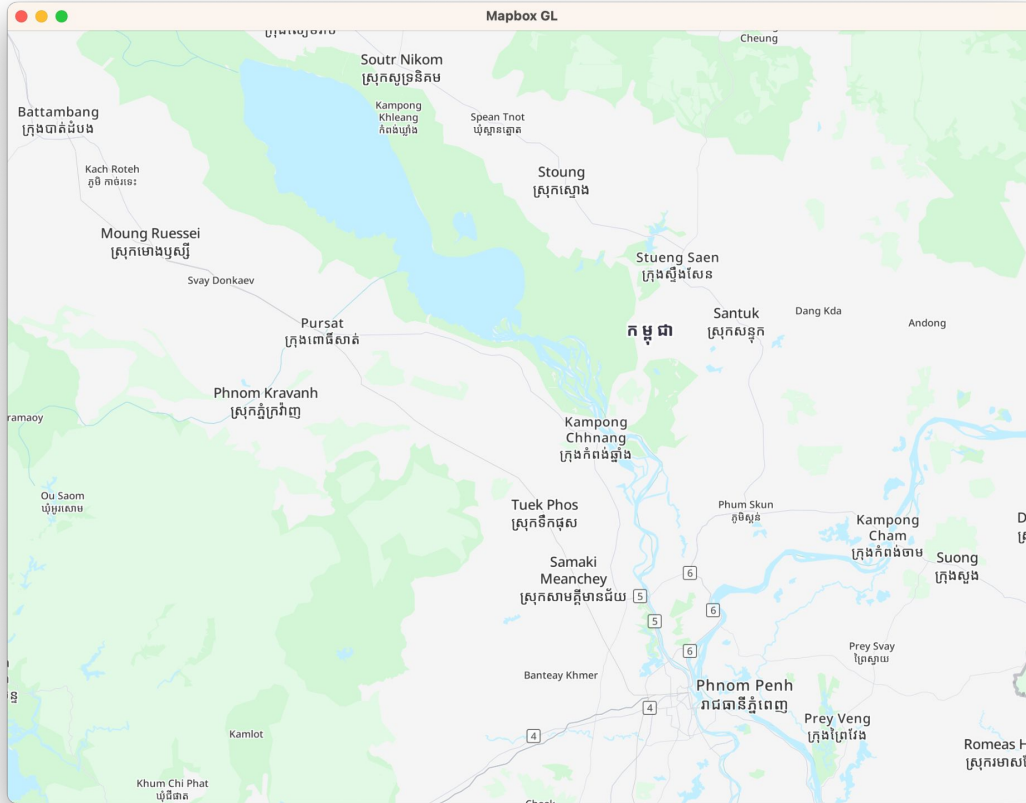
# Effect



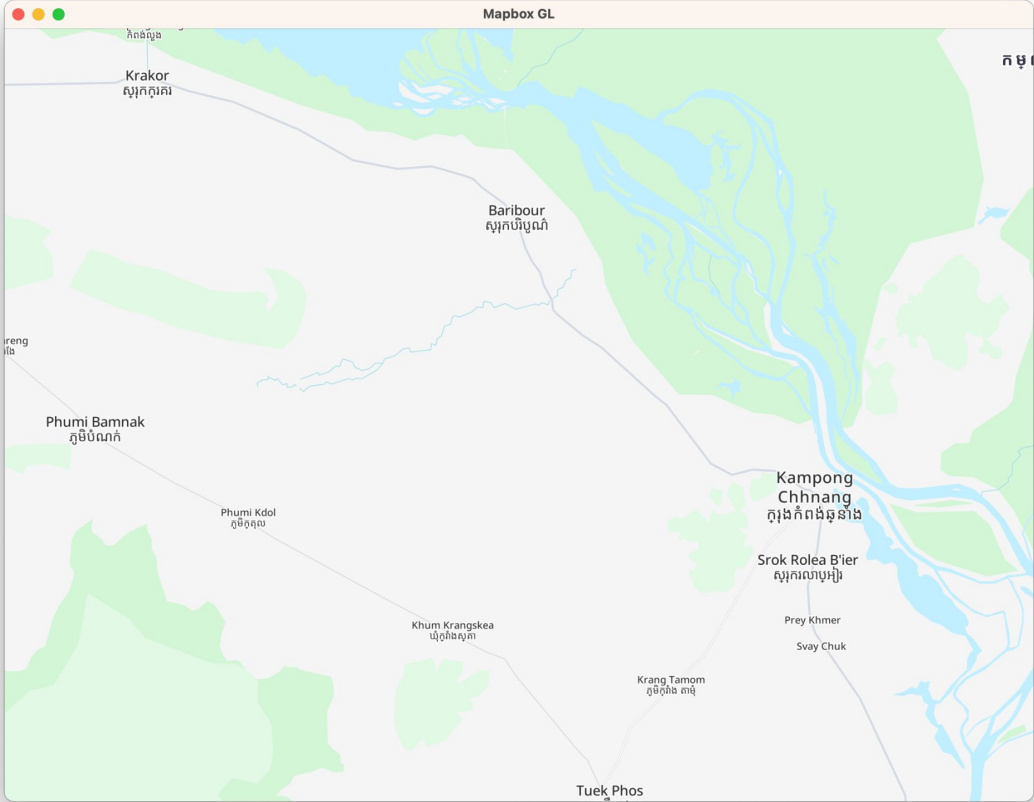
# Effect



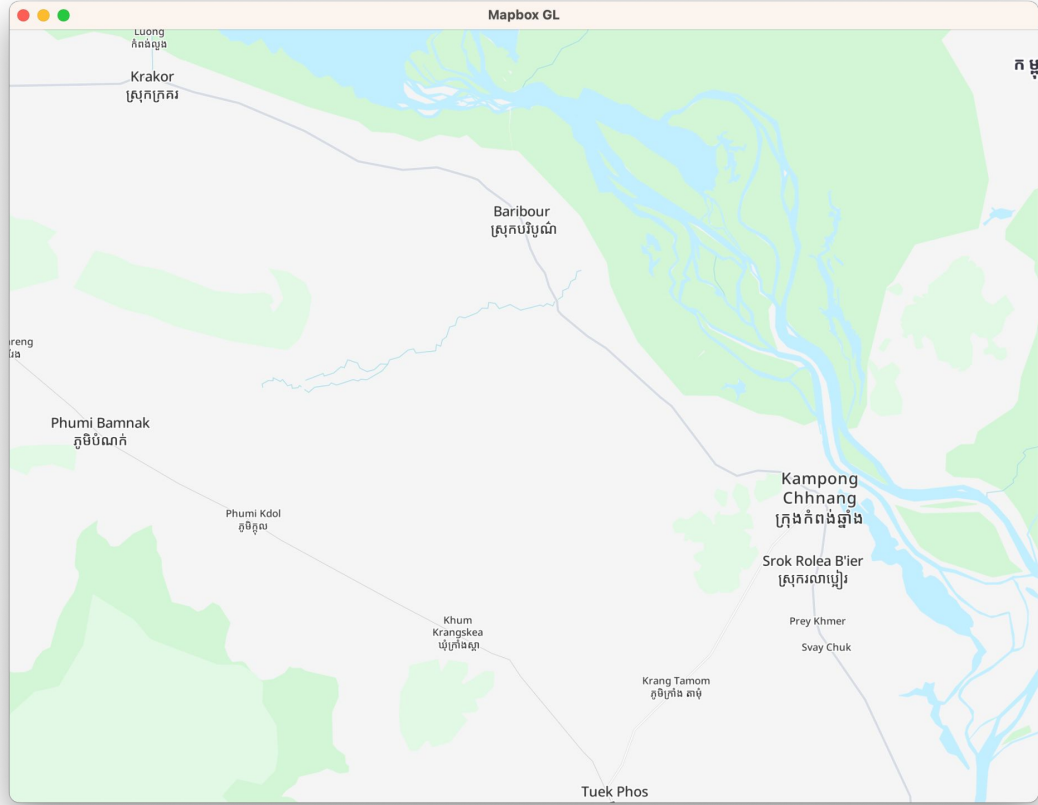
# Effect



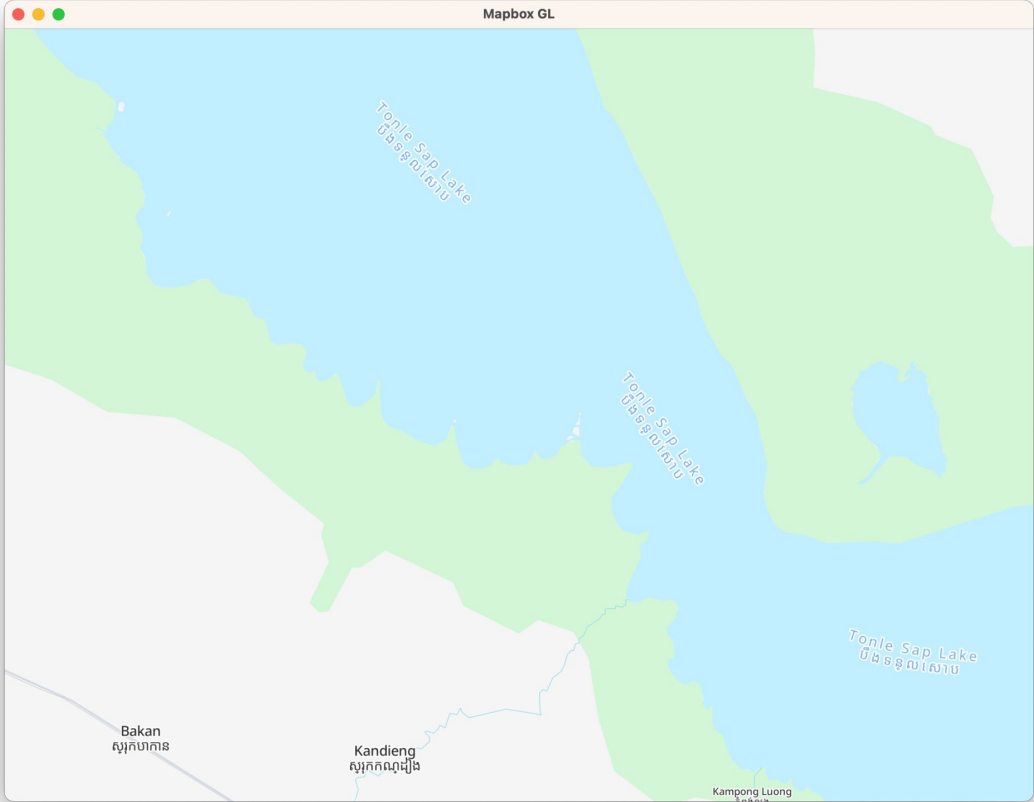
# Effect



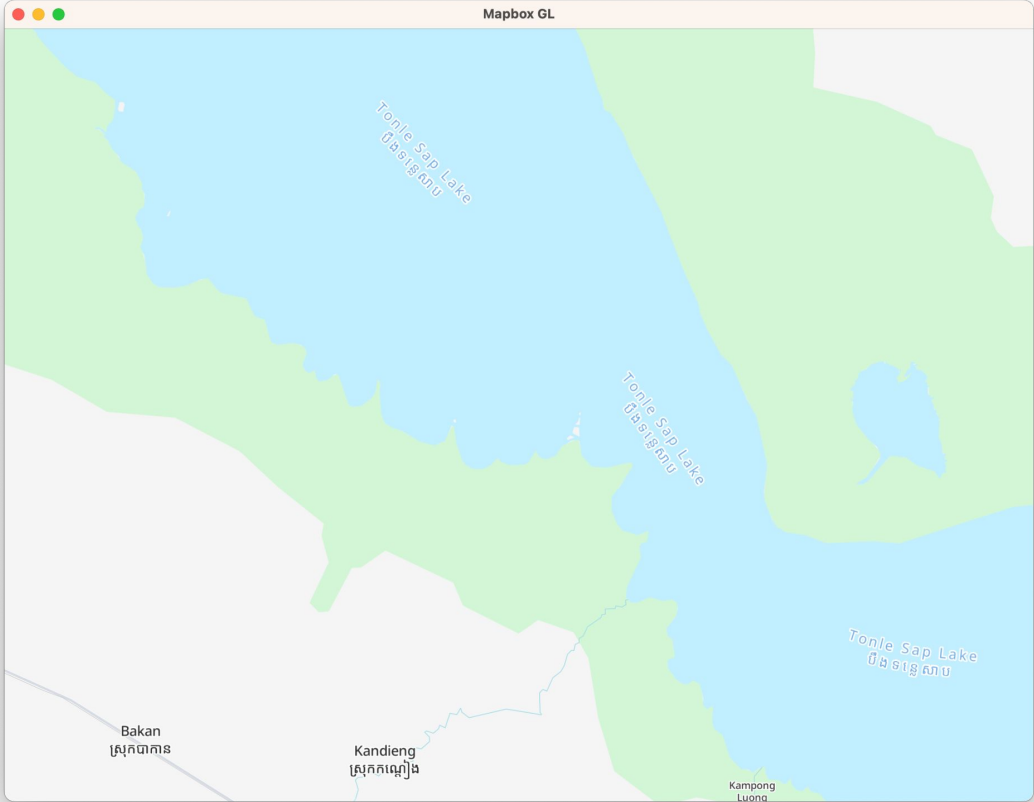
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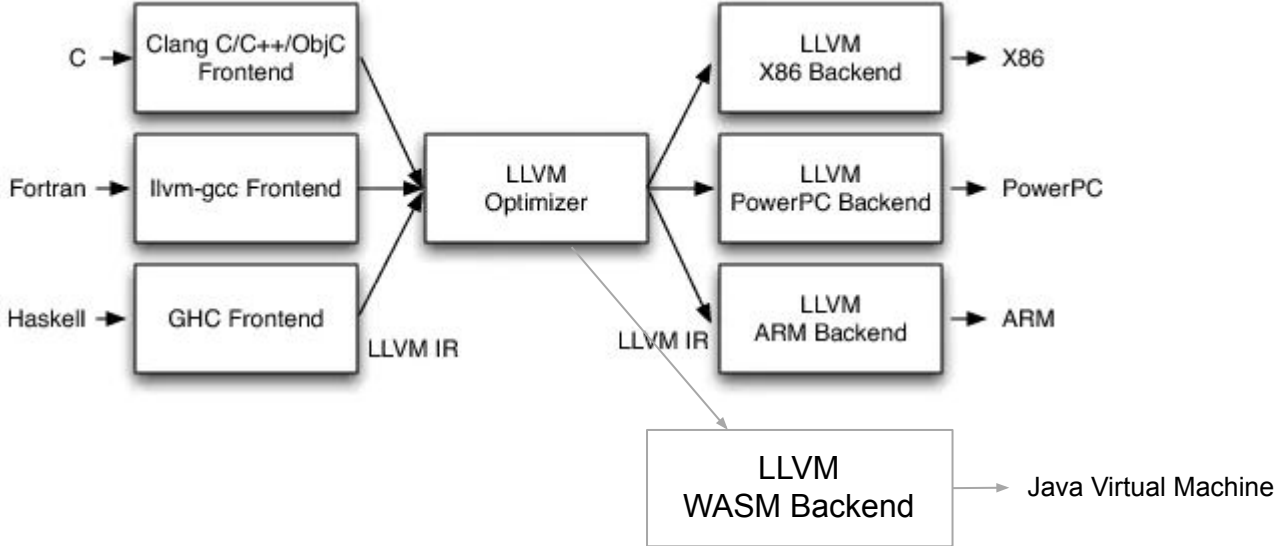


# Effect





# WASM



## HarfBuzzjs key snippet

```
// We could use instantiateStreaming but it's not supported in Safari yet
// https://bugs.webkit.org/show_bug.cgi?id=173105
fetch("hb.wasm").then(function (x) {
  return x.arrayBuffer();
}).then(function (wasm) {
  return WebAssembly.instantiate(wasm);
}).then(function (result) {
  result.instance.exports.memory.grow(400); // each page is 64kb in size
  window.hb = hbjs(result.instance);
  fetch('Noto Sans Medium Khmer.ttf').then(function (res) {
    return res.arrayBuffer();
  }).then(function (blob) { // can be used without our wrapper
    window.fontBlob = new Uint8Array(blob);
    console.log("Font blob loaded.")
    CreateHBGlyphs();
  });
});
```

## HarfBuzzjs key snippet

```
// Source code: https://alanchenboy.github.io
var blob = hb.createBlob(fontBlob);
var face = hb.createFace(blob, 0);
var font = hb.createFont(face);
font.setScale(1200, 1200); // Optional, if not given will be in font upem
let scale = 0.02;

var buffer = hb.createBuffer();
buffer.addText(testText);
buffer.guessSegmentProperties();
// buffer.setDirection('ltr'); // optional as can be by guessSegmentProperties also
hb.shape(font, buffer); // features are not supported yet
var result = buffer.json(font);

result.forEach(function (x) {
  var glyphJson = font.glyphToJson(glyph.glyphIndex);
  // glyphJson.values is SVG data
  // x.ax : advance
  // x.dx : x offset
  // y.dy : y offset
  // y.g : Glyph Index
}
```



**Thanks for Watching**

