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Faking Text and More
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Remark

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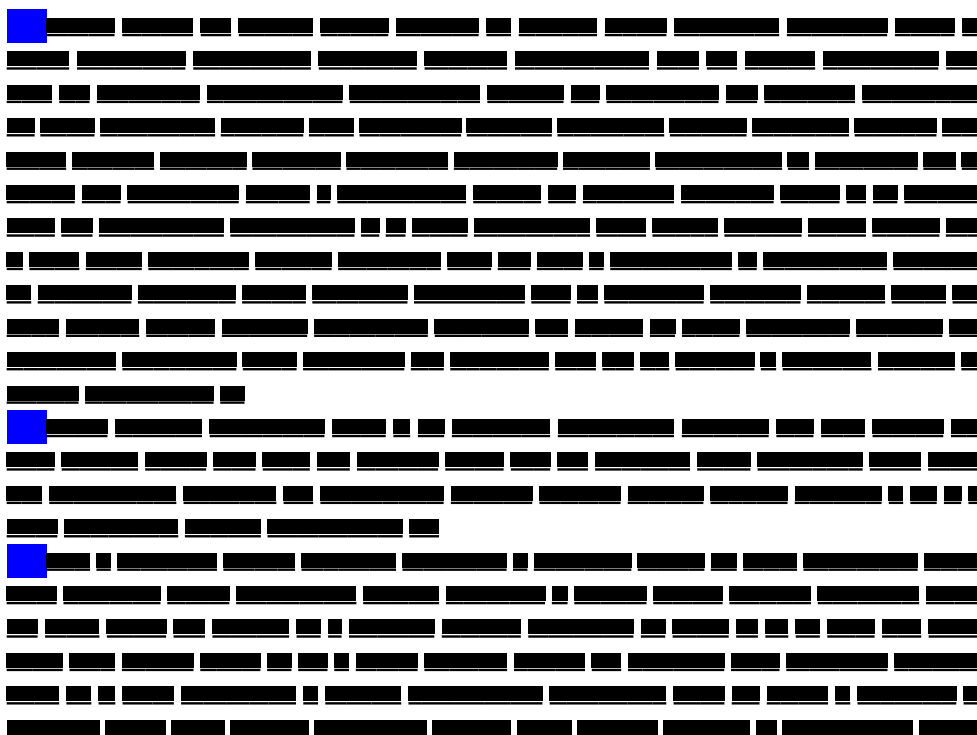
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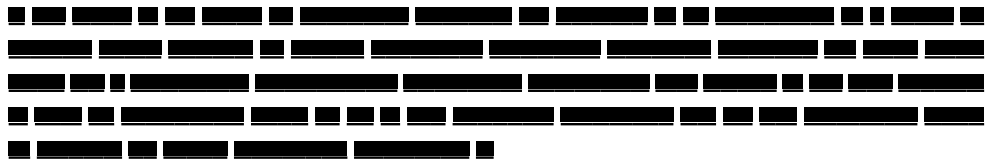
```
\usemodule[visual]
```

Faking words

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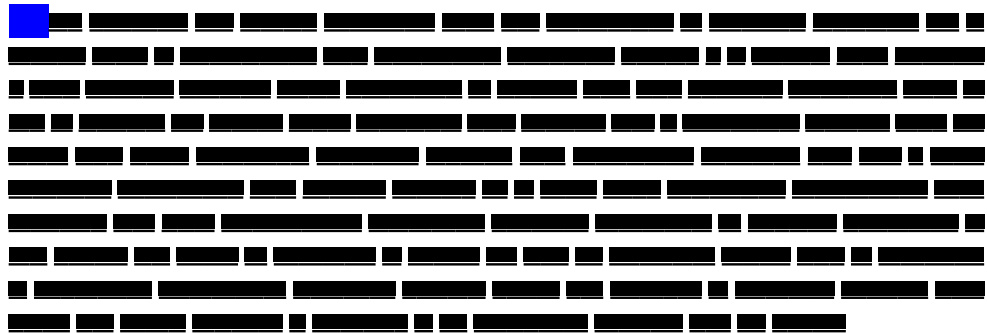
```
\fakewords{100}{200} \par
\fakewords {30} {80} \par
\fakewords{200}{200}
```





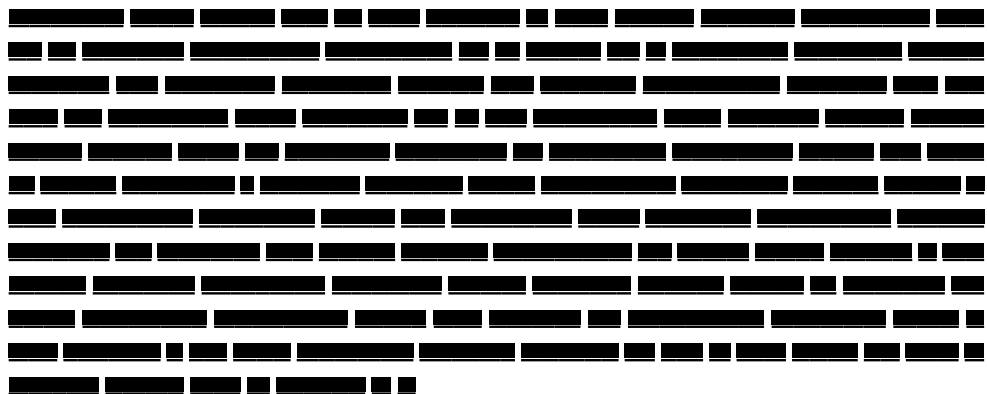
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```
\fakeparindent \fakewords{100}{200}
```



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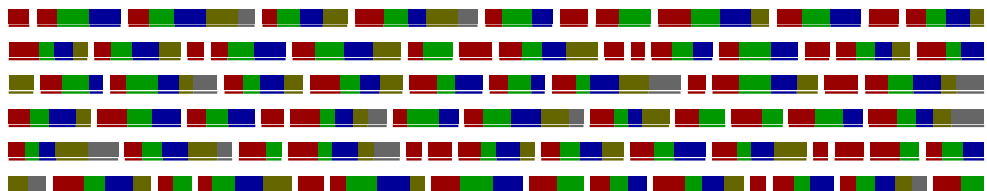
```
\onlyfakewords{100}{200}
```

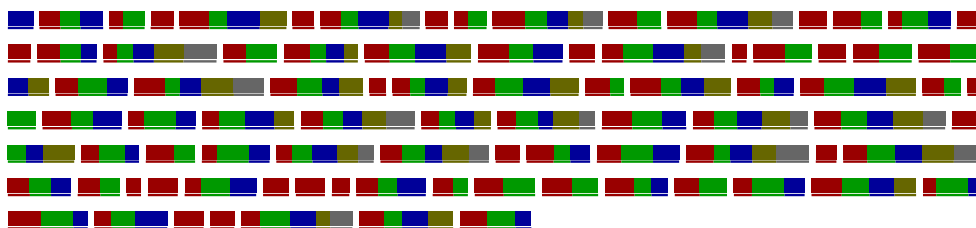


You can influence the color by redefining one or more of the following fake colors:

```
\definecolor[fakerulecolor] [black]
\definecolor[fakebaselinecolor] [green]
\definecolor[fakeparindentcolor] [blue]
```

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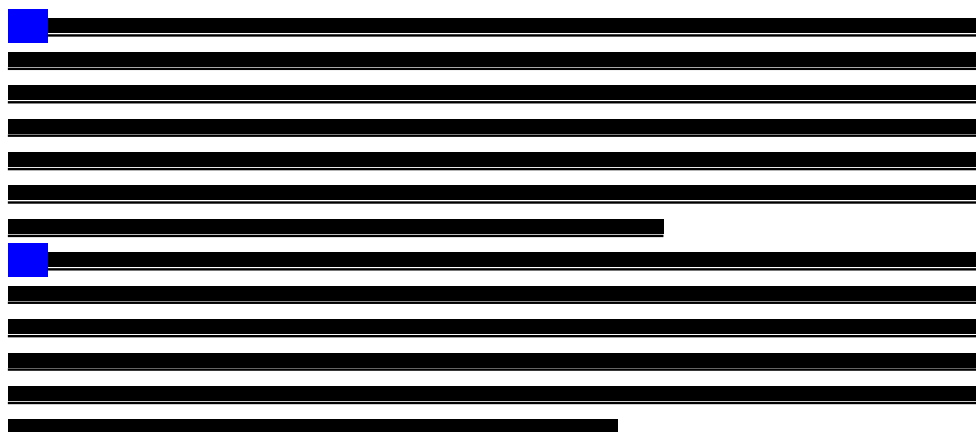




Faking lines

Lines can be faked with:

```
\fakelines{3}{5}
\fakelines{4}{8}
```



This is (of course) more efficient than faking words.

Faking figures

Faking figures does not make that much sense.

```
\fakefigure
  [left] []
  {10em}{12em}
  {3\lineheight}{5\lineheight}

\fakewords{100}{200}
```

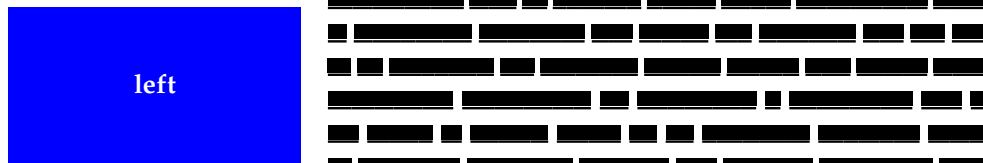
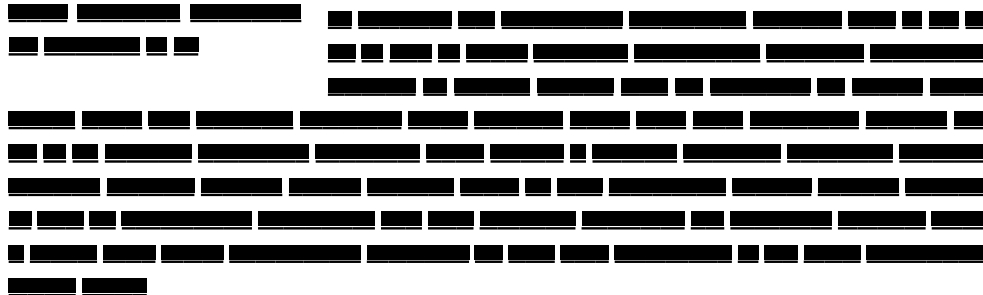


Figure 1



In this case the width will vary between 10em and 12em, while the height end up somewhere between 3 and 5 times the lineheight.

If you want nice placeholders you can better use the `METAPOST dum` library. This one hooks into the external figure placement macros and will produce a random graphic (with more or less random colors).

```
\useMPLibrary[dum]
\placefigure
  [left] []
  {\fakewords{3}{6}}
  {\externalfigure[ForTheMomentFaked][width=3cm,height=2cm]}

\fakewords{100}{200}
```

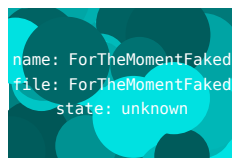
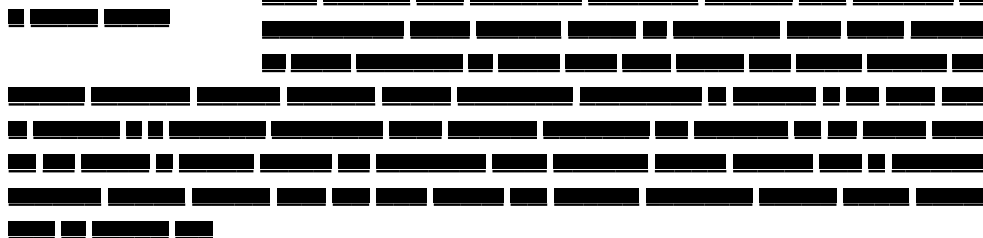


Figure 2



Faking formulas

Another probably seldom used placeholder is `\fakeformula`:

```
\startformula \fakeformula \stopformula
```

$$\blacksquare + \blacksquare + \blacksquare + \blacksquare + \blacksquare = \blacksquare$$

An alternative, showing baselines, is:

```
\startformula \fakespacingformula \stopformula
```

$$1 \quad \blacksquare + \blacksquare + \blacksquare = \blacksquare$$

You can trigger drawing of baseline yourself too:

```
\showbaselines
\fakewords{100}{200} \par
\fakewords {30} {80} \par
\fakewords{200}{200}
```

2

3

4



In this case you will notice that this document is not typeset on a grid, and therefore, since the blank space is set to big the baseline visualization shows this distance when applicable.

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```

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%              with existing functionality and we cannot be held responsible for that. Many of
%              the manuals contain characteristic graphics and personal notes or examples that
%              make no sense when used out-of-context.

\usemodule[mag-01,abr-02,visual]

\startbuffer[abstract]
  The \type {m-visual} module is used in some manuals that come with \CONTEXT\
  to generate random text. This is sometimes less confusing than nice quotes
  because the reader can then distinguish the explanation from the example.
  This module is not extensive (but may grow) and is just an addition to
  already built in visualization tools.
\stopbuffer

\startdocument
  [title={Faking Text and More},
  author=Hans Hagen,
  affiliation=PRAGMA ADE,
  date=August 2004,
  number=7 \MKIV]

\setupindenting[medium] \indenting[always] \setupwhitespace[none]

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% Some more visualization tricks are discussed in the visual debugger modules \type
% {supp-vis.tex} and \type {core-vis.tex}. If you have special wishes, let me know.
% If they make sense (or more important: if they can be implemented in a decent
% way) they may be honored in the future.

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```

```
\typebuffer \getbuffer
```

In addition to `\type {\fakewords}` we have `\type {\fakenwords}`. This time we don't specify a range, but a number and a random seed.

```
\startbuffer
\fakenwords{100}{2} % words seed
\stopbuffer
```

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Drop caps can be faked as follows:

```
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\fakedroppedcaps{3}
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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million (12.5% of the population).

There are a number of reasons why the public sector has grown so rapidly. One of the main reasons is that the government has increased its spending on health, education and social services. This has led to a large increase in the number of people employed in these sectors. Another reason is that the government has created new public sector jobs in areas such as housing and transport.

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