



ECHELON IS A FONT
BASED ON 1970S EAST-
ERN EUROPEAN 'PIPE-
STYLE' TYPEFACES.
ECHELON IS NAMED
AFTER THE MASSIVE
GOVERNMENT SUR-
VEILLANCE SYSTEM,
WHICH LISTENS TO
OUR EVERY MOVE.
OFFICIALLY, ECHELON
DOES NOT EXIST.



ABOUT

Echelon is based upon 1970s Eastern European ‘pipe-style’ typefaces. This style of Communist consumer typography came from what, at the time, seemed like a bizarre mirror universe: Existing alongside the West, similar-but-different, essentially unknowable. Even though the letterforms had the same historical origins as their Western equivalents, they also had their own bizarre fashionable/unfashionable aesthetic.

The parallels between the surveillance practices of the Soviet Union and those of today’s Western governments informed the naming of this typeface. Echelon is the codename for a massive international surveillance system that collects and processes data from communications satellites. It can eavesdrop on telecoms and computer systems, it can track bank accounts. It can record and store information on millions of individuals.

SUPPORTED
LANGUAGES

Afar / Afrikaans / Albanian / Basque / Bosnian / Breton / Catalan / Crimean Tatar (Latin) / Croatian / Czech / Danish / Dutch / English / Esperanto / Estonian / Faroese / Finnish / French / Frisian / Friulian / German / Greenlandic / Hawaiian / Hungarian / Icelandic / Indonesian / Interlingua / Irish Gaelic / Italian / Karelian / Kirundi / Kurdish (Latin) / Ladin / Latvian / Lithuanian / Luxemburgish / Malagasy / Malay / Maltese / Māori Norn / Norwegian (Bokmål) / Norwegian (Nynorsk) / Occitan / Palauan / Polish / Portuguese / Rhaeto-Romance / Romani / Romanian / Sango / Sámi (Northern) / Scottish Gaelic / Serbian (Latin) / Shona / Slovak / Slovene / Sorbian / Spanish / Swahili / Swati / Swedish / Tagalog (Filipino) / Tahitian / Tokelauan / Tsonga / Turkish / Umbundu / Veps / Welsh / Wolof / Zulu

UNICODE RANGES

Complete: Basic Latin / Latin-1 Supplement / Latin Extended-A
Parts of: Mathematical Operators / Latin Extended-B / Latin Extended Additional / Spacing Modifier Letters / General Punctuation / Currency Symbols / Letterlike Symbols

WEB FONT FEATURES

frac / liga / salt / sso1

CREDITS

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Echelon features a set of stylistic alternates. When using Adobe Illustrator, stylistic alternates are accessed via the OpenType panel by selecting **Stylistic Alternates**. When using Adobe InDesign, stylistic alternates are accessed via the character panel by selecting **OpenType > Stylistic Sets > Set 1**. When using CSS, stylistic alternates are activated using the **font-feature-settings** property with a value of either **salt** or **ss01**.

AB → AB

CITIZEN

CITIZEN

E-MAIL

E-MAIL

FAX

FAX

JEWELRY

JEWELRY

JUSTICE

JUSTICE

PRIVATE

PRIVATE

SPY

SPY

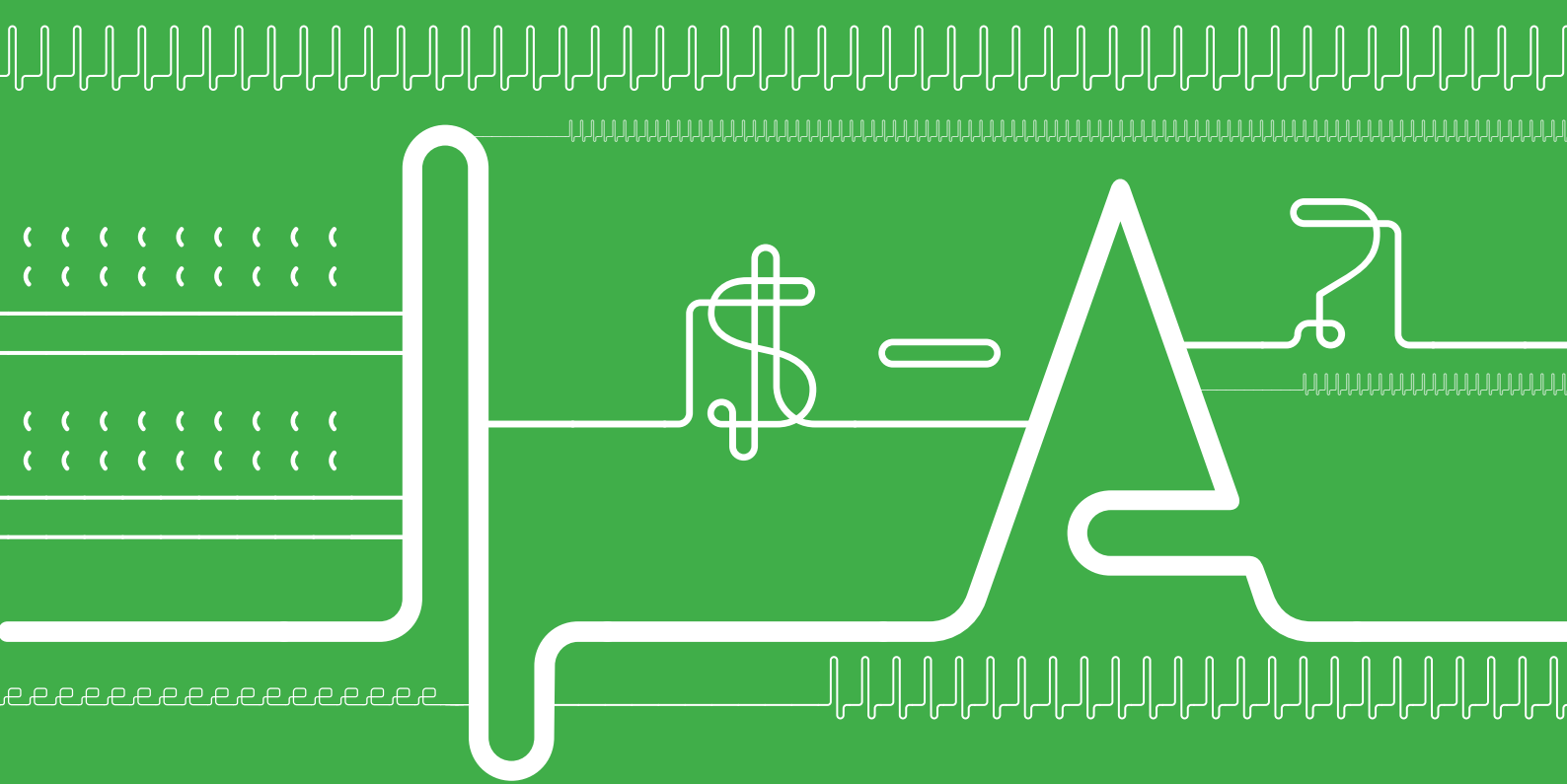
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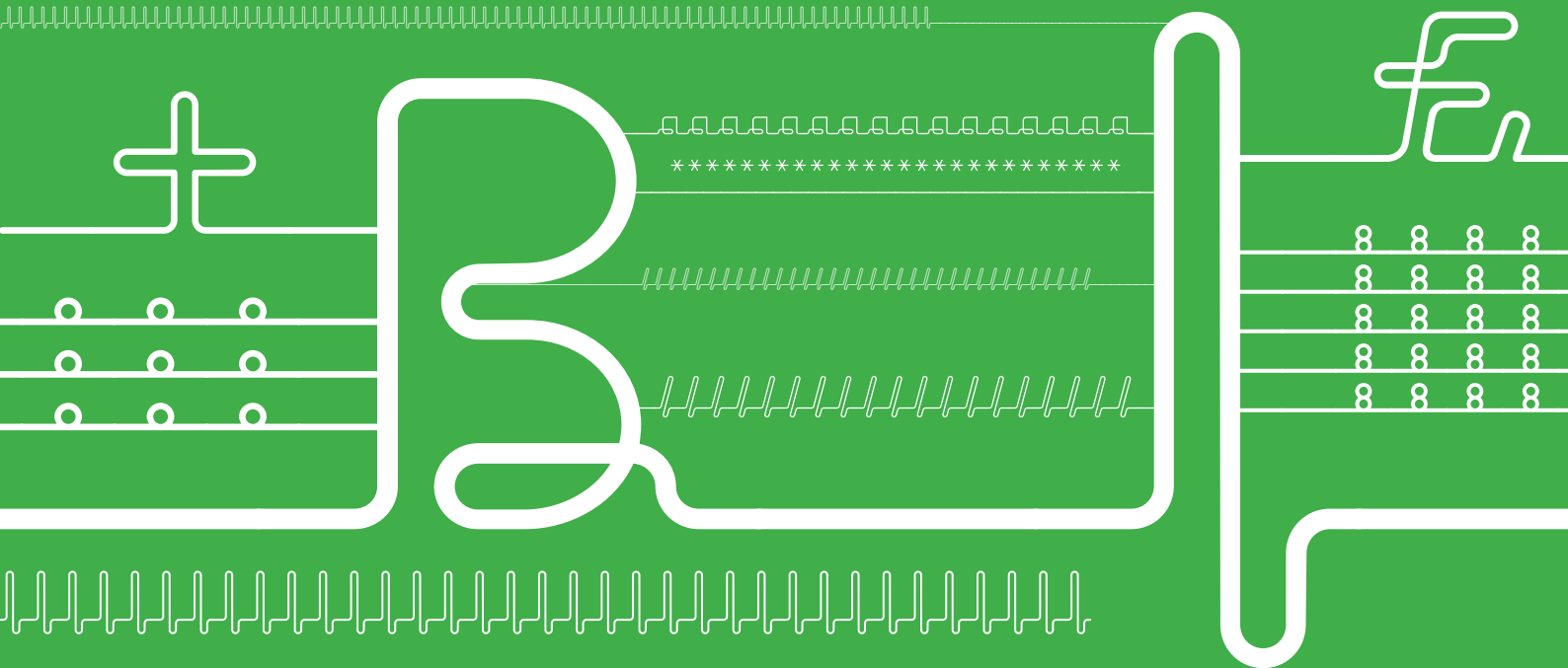
WIRE

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UPPERCASE	A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z		
LOWERCASE	a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z		
ACCENTED UPPER CASE	À Á Â Ã Ä Å Æ Ç È É Ê Ë Ì Í Î Ï Ñ Ò Ó Ô Õ Ö Ø Ù Ú Û Ü Ý Þ ß à á â ã		
ACCENTED LOWER CASE	à á â ã ä å æ ç è é ê ë ì í î ï ñ ò ó ô õ ö ø ù ú û ü ý þ ß		
ALTERNATE	A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z		
ACCENTED ALTERNATE	À Á Â Ã Ä Å Æ Ç È É Ê Ë Ì Í Î Ï Ñ Ò Ó Ô Õ Ö Ø Ù Ú Û Ü Ý Þ ß		
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SURVEILLANCE



172 PT

Thank

133 PT

heavens

75 PT

secret treaty

116 PT

evidence

27 PT

Agencies from the five countries
exchange intercepted transmissions
using supercomputers to flag up

18 PT

Satellite receiver stations and spy satellites in
particular are alleged to give it the ability to
intercept any telephone, fax, Internet or e-mail
message sent by any individual and thus to

166 PT

EXIST

118 PT

EVASIVE

67 PT

SIPY STRATIONS

116 PT

FOCUSSED

25 PT

THE SYSTEM OPERATES WORLDWIDE
ON THE BASIS OF COOPERATION
PROPORTIONATE TO THEIR

18 PT

GIVING IT AN ADDED VALUE IN COMPARISON TO
NATIONAL SYSTEMS. THE STATES PARTICIPATING
IN ECHECON CAN PLACE THEIR INTERCEPTION
SYSTEMS AT EACH OTHER'S DISPOSAL, SHARE

