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With the gender degree symbol ° we aim to indicate that the full spectrum of gender identities is included. What could be better as a symbol of inclusion than a small circle?<sup>1</sup> We also settled on the gender circle for formal reasons: the symbol is distinct enough to not go unnoticed, but it still blends in well with the overall typeface.

<sup>1</sup> The degree symbol ° is a mathematical unit from the sexagesimal system where the number 60 is the basis of the arithmetic system. It was first used over 5,000 years ago by the Sumerians and later by the Babylonians and we use it today mainly to measure time, temperature, and geometric angles. The degree symbol ° was also used in German-speaking countries to abbreviate the "Rute," a historical unit of length. Since its exact length was never standardized, different countries and professions have defined different lengths between three and nine meters for one "Rute." It is exactly this semantic imprecision that we think reflects well the diversity of the gender spectrum. At the same time, it is an expression of the balancing act between the desire for diversity and the need for simplicity.

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