Sparklines

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1   What are sparklines?

Sparklines are intense, simple, wordlike graphics (so named by Edward Tufte). In lieu of a more detailed introduction, Professor Tufte's site has an early release of a chapter on sparklines, see www.edwardtufte.com. A PHP implementation can be found at http://sparkline.sourceforge.net/.

A sparkline can be added using the `sparkline`–environment. Also, you can add sparkling rectangles for the median and special sparkling dots in red or blue. **Only use sparklines with pdflatex**, sparklines do not appear within a dvi-file. `Sparklines` does not work with `pictex`.

If we want to add a sparkline, be careful not to leave an empty line between the text left from the sparkline and the environment itself (starting with the sparkline environment) Daimler Chrysler, 12%, 129, since otherwise the sparkline starts at a new line.

Version history

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version 1.1: bug removed thanks to Mathias Hofmann ¡mathias.hofmann@web.de¿

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version 1.0: first version of sparklines