

Googolplex Written Out

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A circular progress indicator with a volume icon and the text "volume 1000000000000". The progress bar is a circle made of small squares, with the top half filled. The text "volume 1000000000000" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, following the curve of the top half of the circle.

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A circular progress indicator with a volume icon and the text "volume 1000000000000". The circle is composed of 12 segments, each containing a small square icon. The text "volume 1000000000000" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, following the curve of the circle. The volume icon is a small, black, stylized speaker with sound waves, located at the top left of the circle.

Foreword

In 1940, the mathematician Edward Kasner published the book "Mathematics and the Imagination", in which he popularized the words googol and googolplex which his nephew suggested as names for big numbers.

The number googol has been defined as 1 followed by a hundred zeros:

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The much larger number googolplex has been defined as 1 followed by a googol zeros. While this number can easily be written as

$$\text{googolplex} = 10^{\text{googol}} = 10^{(10^{100})}$$

using the exponential notation, it has often been claimed that the number googolplex is so large that it can never be written out in full.

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