

Hi !

There are just 9 (nine) characters in polish alphabet which are absent in Latin. These are:

ą ć ě ł ń ó ś ź ż
Ą Ć Ę Ł Ń Ó Ś Ź Ż

I think, to get the beautiful polish charcters, one should use the "polish" modifications of the original Knuth fonts:

PLR instead of CMR
PLBX instead of CMBX
PLSS instead of CMSS etc.
or another fonts with polish characters.

Personally, I use PLAIN TeX and I make use of Live TeX package, with predefined fonts with polish characters and "on the fly" translation of my Windows CP-1250 characters (granted by `-translate-file` option) just into internal TeX representation.

With a non-polonized LaTeX, you probably have to

- include polish fonts
- define the macros getting chars from specific positions in font table, like `\char"A6` (ę) or `\char"AA` (ł).

It is to say, the good polish typography requires not only these characters but also some other options:

- different "great or equal" and "less or equal" characters (\leq \geq and \leq \geq)
 - different convention of quotation („Polish Name” and "English Name")
 - different convention of hyphenation
- and probably some othe features.

I think Poland is not so exotic, as it seems to be sometimes. There are many TeX users, and a strong TeX Users Group named "GUST" (see www.gust.org.pl).

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