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Fascicle G and Fascicles A to F (with revisions)

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The publication of the eighth fascicle of the Dictionary of Old English represents a major technological advance. *The Dictionary of Old English: A to G on CD-ROM* is an electronic version of the first eight letters of the Old English alphabet. It includes the first release of the letter G, containing some 1,319 headwords, as well as revised versions of the seven previously published fascicles (1986–2004).

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- PC with minimum 200MHz processor
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- 200MB spare hard drive space
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- SVGA monitor: 1024 x 768 pixels preferable
- DOE font is required to display the pages properly; it can be downloaded at: <http://www.doe.utoronto.ca/resources/DOE.ttf>
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