Lines that are not solid

A stroke says how thick it is and what colour it is drawn in, and it may also say how the ink is laid down: the dashes and gaps it follows, the shape at its two ends, and the shape where two of its segments meet. Nothing below is drawn twice — each line is one stroke, told what to look like.

Four patterns

Solid, which is what a stroke does when it is told nothing

Dashes of four points, gaps of two

Dashes and gaps of the same three points

Dots, which are dashes of no length at all

Three ends



Squared off

Rounded

Squared off past the end

Three corners



Pointed

Rounded

Cut off

A statement ruled with dots

Description	Amount
Drawing office, February	1 250.00 EUR
Plates and proofs	480.50 EUR
Delivery, two crates	96.00 EUR
Storage, one month	210.25 EUR
Total	2 036.75 EUR

A dot is a dash of no length, so it puts ink down only under a rounded end: told to square its ends off, the same pattern draws nothing at all. That is why the dotted lines here ask for both.