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Sommario/riassunto	Despite the humble origins of its name (Anglo Saxon for 'the speck at the head of a boil'), the dot has been one of the most versatile players in the history of written communication, to the point that it has become virtually indispensable. This text offers a wide ranging account of this much overlooked and miniscule linguistic sign.