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Dingbat

In typography, a **dingbat** (sometimes more formally known as a **printer's ornament** or **printer's character**) is an ornament, specifically, a glyph used in typesetting, often employed to create box frames, (similar to box-drawing characters) or as a dinkus (section divider). Some of the dingbat symbols have been used as signature marks, used in bookbinding to order sections.

In the computer industry, a **Dingbat font** was a computer font that has symbols and shapes that reused the code points designated for alphabetical or numeric characters. This practice was necessitated by the limited number of code points available in 20th century operating systems. Most modern fonts are based on Unicode, which has unique code points for dingbat glyphs.



Poem typeset with generous use of decorative dingbats around the edges (1880s). Dingbats are not part of the text.

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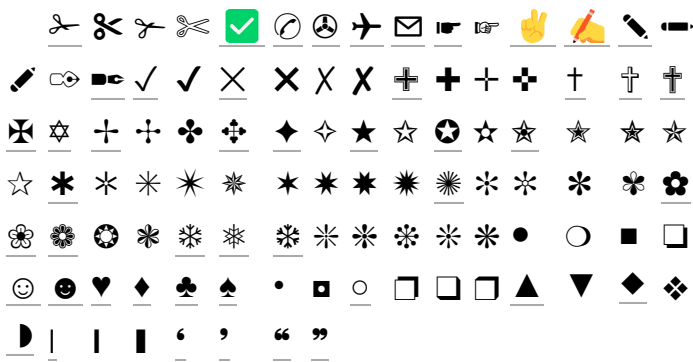
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Examples

Examples of characters included in Unicode (ITC Zapf Dingbats series 100 and others):



Dingbats Unicode block

Unicode provides code points for many commonly used dingbats, as listed below. Prior to widespread adoption of Unicode in the early 2010s, "Dingbat fonts" were created that allocated dingbat glyphs to codepoints in code positions otherwise allocated to 'normal' character sets.

The **Dingbats** block (U+2700–U+27BF) (under the original block name "Zapf Dingbats") was added to the Unicode Standard in October 1991, with the release of version 1.0. This code block contains decorative character

Dingbats	
Range	U+2700..U+27BF

variants, and other marks of emphasis and non-textual symbolism. Most of its characters were taken from Zapf Dingbats. The block name was changed from "Zapf Dingbats" to "Dingbats" in June 1993, with the release of 1.1.^[3]^[4]

	(192 code points)
Plane	BMP
Scripts	Common
Assigned	192 code points
Unused	0 reserved code points
Source standards	ITC Zapf Dingbats series 100
Unicode version history	
1.0.0 (1991)	160 (+160)
3.2 (2002)	174 (+14)
5.2 (2009)	175 (+1)
6.0 (2010)	191 (+16)
7.0 (2014)	192 (+1)
Chart	
Code chart (https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U2700.pdf)	
Note: ^[1] ^[2]	

















































Dingbats ^[1]																
Official Unicode Consortium code chart (https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U2700.pdf) (PDF)																
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
U+270x																
U+271x																
U+272x																
U+273x																
U+274x																
U+275x																
U+276x																
U+277x																
U+278x																
U+279x																
U+27Ax																
U+27Bx																
Notes																
1.^ As of Unicode version 14.0																

Ornamental Dingbats Unicode block

The **Ornamental Dingbats** block (U+1F650–U+1F67F) was added to the Unicode Standard in June 2014 with the release of version 7.0. This code block contains ornamental leaves, punctuation, and ampersands, quilt

Ornamental Dingbats	
Range	U+1F650..U+1F67F

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squares, and checkerboard patterns. It is a subset of dingbat fonts <u>Webdings</u> , <u>Wingdings</u> , and <u>Wingdings 2</u> . ^[5]	
	(48 code points)
Plane	<u>SMP</u>
Scripts	<u>Common</u>
Symbol sets	Leaf ornaments, ornamental punctuation
Assigned	48 code points
Unused	0 reserved code points
Source standards	dingbat fonts <u>Webdings</u> , <u>Wingdings</u> , and <u>Wingdings 2</u>
Unicode version history	
7.0 (2014)	48 (+48)
Note: ^[1] ^[2]	

Ornamental Dingbats ^[1]																
Official Unicode Consortium code chart (https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U1F650.pdf) (PDF)																
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
U+1F65x																
U+1F66x																
U+1F67x																
Notes <div> 1.^ As of Unicode version 14.0 </div>																

Character table

Code	Result	Description
U+2700	✂	Black safety scissors
U+2701	✂	Upper blade scissors
U+2702	✂	Black scissors
U+2703	✂	Lower blade scissors
U+2704	✂	White scissors
U+2705	✅	White heavy check mark
U+2706	📞	Telephone location sign
U+2707	📼	Tape drive
U+2708	✈	Airplane
U+2709	✉	Envelope
U+270A	👊	Raised fist
U+270B	👋	Raised hand
U+270C	👉	Victory hand
U+270D	✍	Writing hand
U+270E	✎	Lower right pencil
U+270F	✎	Pencil
U+2710	✎	Upper right pencil
U+2711	🖋	White nib
U+2712	🖋	Black nib
U+2713	✓	Check mark
U+2714	✓	Heavy check mark
U+2715	×	Multiplication X
U+2716	⌘	Heavy multiplication X
U+2717	✕	Ballot X
U+2718	⌘	Heavy ballot X
U+2719	⛶	Outlined Greek cross
U+271A	⛶	Heavy Greek cross
U+271B	⛶	Open center cross
U+271C	⛶	Heavy open center cross
U+271D	✝	Latin cross
U+271E	✝	Shadowed white Latin cross
U+271F	✝	Outlined Latin cross
U+2720	✠	<u>Maltese cross</u>
U+2721	✡	<u>Star of David</u>
U+2722	✧	Four teardrop-spoked asterisk
U+2723	✧	Four balloon-spoked asterisk
U+2724	♣	Heavy four balloon-spoked asterisk
U+2725	♣	Four club-spoked asterisk
U+2726	✦	Black four-pointed star
U+2727	✧	White four-pointed star
U+2728	✨	Sparkles

Code	Result	Description
U+2729	☆	Stress outlined white star
U+272A	⬤	Circled white star
U+272B	☆	Open center black star
U+272C	★	Black center white star
U+272D	★	Outlined black star
U+272E	★	Heavy outlined black star
U+272F	★	Pinwheel star
U+2730	☆	Shadowed white star
U+2731	✱	Heavy asterisk
U+2732	✱	Open center asterisk
U+2733	✱	Eight spoked asterisk
U+2734	✱	Eight pointed black star
U+2735	✱	Eight pointed pinwheel star
U+2736	✱	Six pointed black star
U+2737	✱	Eight pointed rectilinear black star
U+2738	✱	Heavy eight pointed rectilinear black star
U+2739	✱	Twelve pointed black star
U+273A	✱	Sixteen pointed asterisk
U+273B	✱	Teardrop spoked asterisk
U+273C	✱	Open center teardrop spoked asterisk
U+273D	✱	Heavy teardrop spoked asterisk
U+273E	✱	Six petalled black and white florette
U+273F	✱	Black florette
U+2740	✱	White florette
U+2741	✱	Eight petalled outlined black florette
U+2742	✱	Circled open center eight pointed star
U+2743	✱	Heavy teardrop spoked pinwheel asterisk
U+2744	✱	Snowflake
U+2745	✱	Tight trifoliate snowflake
U+2746	✱	Heavy chevron snowflake
U+2747	✱	Sparkle
U+2748	✱	Heavy sparkle
U+2749	✱	Balloon spoked asterisk
U+274A	✱	Eight teardrop spoked propeller asterisk
U+274B	✱	Heavy eight teardrop spoked propeller asterisk
U+274C	✖	Cross mark
U+274D	○	Shadowed white circle
U+274E	✖	Negative squared cross mark
U+274F	◻	Lower right drop-shadowed white square
U+2750	◻	Upper right drop-shadowed white square
U+2751	◻	Lower right shadowed white square

Code	Result	Description
U+2752	◻	Upper right shadowed white square
U+2753	❓	Black question mark ornament
U+2754	⚪	White question mark ornament
U+2755	❗	White exclamation mark ornament
U+2756	❖	Black diamond minus white X
U+2757	❗	Heavy exclamation mark symbol
U+2758		Light vertical bar
U+2759	⌖	Medium vertical bar
U+275A	⌗	Heavy vertical bar
U+275B	‘	Heavy single turned comma quotation mark ornament
U+275C	’	Heavy single comma quotation mark ornament
U+275D	“	Heavy double turned comma quotation mark ornament
U+275E	”	Heavy double comma quotation mark ornament
U+275F	‚	Heavy low single comma quotation mark ornament
U+2760	„	Heavy low double comma quotation mark ornament
U+2761	Ꞑ	Curved stem paragraph sign ornament
U+2762	‡	Heavy exclamation mark ornament
U+2763	‡	Heavy heart exclamation mark ornament
U+2764	♥	Heavy black heart
U+2765	♡	Rotated heavy black heart bullet
U+2766	💐	Floral heart
U+2767	♡	Rotated floral heart bullet
U+2768	(Medium left parenthesis ornament
U+2769)	Medium right parenthesis ornament
U+276A	(Medium flattened left parenthesis ornament
U+276B)	Medium flattened right parenthesis ornament
U+276C	⟨	Medium left-pointing angle bracket ornament
U+276D	⟩	Medium right-pointing angle bracket ornament
U+276E	⤵	Heavy left-pointing angle quotation mark ornament
U+276F	⤴	Heavy right-pointing angle quotation mark ornament
U+2770	⤵	Heavy left-pointing angle bracket ornament
U+2771	⤴	Heavy right-pointing angle bracket ornament
U+2772	(Light left tortoise shell bracket ornament
U+2773)	Light right tortoise shell bracket ornament
U+2774	{	Medium left curly bracket ornament
U+2775	}	Medium left curly bracket ornament
U+2776	❶	Dingbat negative circled digit one
U+2777	❷	Dingbat negative circled digit two
U+2778	❸	Dingbat negative circled digit three
U+2779	❹	Dingbat negative circled digit four
U+277A	❺	Dingbat negative circled digit five

Code	Result	Description
U+277B	⑥	Dingbat negative circled digit six
U+277C	⑦	Dingbat negative circled digit seven
U+277D	⑧	Dingbat negative circled digit eight
U+277E	⑨	Dingbat negative circled digit nine
U+277F	⑩	Dingbat negative circled digit ten
U+2780	①	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit one
U+2781	②	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit two
U+2782	③	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit three
U+2783	④	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit four
U+2784	⑤	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit five
U+2785	⑥	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit six
U+2786	⑦	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit seven
U+2787	⑧	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit eight
U+2788	⑨	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit nine
U+2789	⑩	Dingbat circled sans-serif digit ten
U+278A	❶	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit one
U+278B	❷	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit two
U+278C	❸	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit three
U+278D	❹	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit four
U+278E	❺	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit five
U+278F	❻	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit six
U+2790	❼	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit seven
U+2791	❽	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit eight
U+2792	❾	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit nine
U+2793	❿	Dingbat negative circled sans-serif digit ten
U+2794	➔	Heavy wide-headed rightward arrow
U+2795	⦶	Heavy plus sign
U+2796	⦶	Heavy minus sign
U+2797	⦶	Heavy division sign
U+2798	↘	Heavy south east arrow
U+2799	➡	Heavy rightward arrow
U+279A	↗	Heavy north east arrow
U+279B	➡	Drafting point rightward arrow
U+279C	➡	Heavy round-tipped rightward arrow
U+279D	➡	Triangle-headed rightward arrow
U+279E	➡	Heavy triangle-headed rightward arrow
U+279F	➡	Dashed triangle-headed rightward arrow
U+27A0	➡	Heavy dashed triangle-headed rightward arrow
U+27A1	➡	Black rightward arrow
U+27A2	➤	Three-D top-lighted rightward arrowhead
U+27A3	➤	Three-D bottom-lighted rightward arrowhead

Code	Result	Description
U+27A4	➤	Black rightward arrowhead
U+27A5	➡	Heavy black curved downward and rightward arrow
U+27A6	↗	Heavy black curved upward and rightward arrow
U+27A7	➦	Squat black rightward arrow
U+27A8	➡	Heavy concave-pointed black rightward arrow
U+27A9	➡	Right-shaded white rightward arrow
U+27AA	➡	Left-shaded white rightward arrow
U+27AB	➡	Back-tilted shadowed white rightward arrow
U+27AC	➡	Front-tilted shadowed white rightward arrow
U+27AD	➡	Heavy lower right-shadowed white rightward arrow
U+27AE	➡	Heavy upper right-shadowed white rightward arrow
U+27AF	➡	Notched lower right-shadowed white rightward arrow
U+27B0	↻	Curly loop
U+27B1	➡	Notched upper right-shadowed white rightward arrow
U+27B2	➡	Circled heavy white rightward arrow
U+27B3	➡	White-feathered rightward arrow
U+27B4	➡	Black-feathered south east arrow
U+27B5	➡	Black-feathered rightward arrow
U+27B6	➡	Black-feathered north east arrow
U+27B7	➡	Heavy black-feathered south east arrow
U+27B8	➡	Heavy black-feathered rightward arrow
U+27B9	➡	Heavy black-feathered north east arrow
U+27BA	➡	Teardrop-barbed rightward arrow
U+27BB	➡	Heavy teardrop-shanked rightward arrow
U+27BC	➡	Wedge-tailed rightward arrow
U+27BD	➡	Heavy wedge-tailed rightward arrow
U+27BE	➡	Open-outlined rightward arrow
U+27BF	↻	Double curly loop

Dingbat fonts

- [Webdings](#), a TrueType dingbat font designed at [Microsoft](#) and published in 1997
- [Wingdings](#), a TrueType dingbat font assembled by Microsoft in 1990, using glyphs from [Lucida Arrows](#), [Lucida Icons](#), and [Lucida Stars](#), three fonts they licensed from [Charles Bigelow](#) and [Kris Holmes](#)
- [Zapf Dingbats](#), a dingbat font designed by [Hermann Zapf](#) in 1978, and licensed by [International Typeface Corporation](#)

See also

- [Arrows in Unicode blocks](#)
- [Asterism \(typography\)](#), a triangle of asterisks
- [Fleuron \(typography\)](#), known as a class of horticultural dingbats
- [Punctuation](#)
- [Text semigraphics](#), a method for emulating [raster graphics](#) using [text mode](#) video hardware
- [Unicode symbols](#)

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External links

- Retinart: A history of often-seen typographic marks (<http://retinart.net/typography/marksunknown/>)
 - Dingbat Depot: a large, well-known archive of free dingbat fonts. (<http://www.dingbatdepot.com/>)
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