Awami Nastaliq - Font Features

Note:

This page will only display properly in Mozilla Firefox. Also, Graphite must be enabled. See the instructions on how to enable Graphite in Firefox.

Awami Nastaliq is a TrueType font with smart font capabilities added using the Graphite font technology. The font includes a number of optional features that provide alternative rendering that might be preferable for use in some contexts. The chart below enumerates the details of these features. Whether these features are available to users will depend on the application being used.

See Using Font Features. Although that page is not targeted at Arabic script support, it does provide a comprehensive list of applications that make full use of both the OpenType and Graphite font technologies.

See also Arabic Fonts — Application Support. It provides a fairly comprehensive list of applications that make full use of the Graphite font technology.

This page uses web fonts (WOFF) to demonstrate font features. However, it will only display correctly in Mozilla Firefox. For a more concise example of how to use Awami Nastaliq as a web font see AwamiNastaliq-webfont-example.html in the font package web folder.

If this document is not displaying correctly a PDF version is also provided in the documentation/pdf folder of the release package.

End of Ayah (U+06DD), subtending marks (U+0600..U+0605)

These Arabic characters are intended to enclose or hold one or more digits.

Specific technical details of how to use them are discussed in the Arabic fonts FAQ -- Subtending marks.

Customizing with TypeTuner

For applications that do not make use of Graphite features or the OpenType Character Variants, you can now download fonts customized with the variant glyphs you choose. Read this document, visit TypeTuner Web, then choose the variants and download your font.

Character variants

There are some character shape differences in different languages which use the Arabic script. These can be accessed by using Graphite features.

Unless otherwise indicated, the first feature in a table is the default.

Hook on medial heh-goal

Affects: U+06C1, U+06C2

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|---------|-----------|-----------------|
| True | بہب بہتب | hehk=1 |
| False | بهب بهرّب | hehk=0 |

Initial heh doachashmee

Affects: U+06BE

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|
| Heart shape | ها | hedo=0 |
| Round | 6 | hedo=1 |

Lam with V

Affects: U+06B5

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| V over stem | ڵؠڵؚؠڵ | lamv=0 |
| V over bowl | ل لبلبل | lamv=1 |

Full Stop

Affects: U+06D4

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Dash | . | cv85=0 |
| Dot | . | cv85=1 |

Punctuation

Affects: U+0021, U+0022, U+0027, U+0028, U+0029, U+002A, U+002B, U+002D, U+002F, U+003A, U+003C, U+003D, U+003E, U+005B, U+005D, U+005D, U+007D, U+007D, U+00AB, U+00AD, U+00B1, U+00B1, U+00B3, U+00B3, U+00B3, U+2014, U+2013, U+2014, U+2015, U+2018, U+2019, U+201A, U+201C, U+201D, U+201E, U+2022, U+2025, U+2026, U+2027, U+2030, U+2039, U+2034, U+2212, U+2219

Default uses Arabic-style punctuation for right-to-left segments and Latin-style for left-to-right segments

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|---------|--|-----------------|
| Default | ·-() ‰·*,, "", ', ' × «·±»{}[]:/-+*()'"! | punc=0 |
| Arabic | ·-() ‰·*,, "", '' × «·±»{}[]:/-+*()'"! | punc=1 |
| Latin | <>%o·•,,"",''————— × «·±»{}[]:/-+*()'"! | punc=2 |
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Sukun/jazm

Affects: U+0652

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| Open down | ب | cv78=1 |
| Open left | ِ ٻُ | cv78=2 |

Hamza

Affects: U+0654, U+0655, U+0623, U+0624, U+0626, U+0675, U+076C, U+0681, U+06C2, U+06D3

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| Urdu style | ء أ وَ بِوَ إِ هَ بِهُ ہے کے اُ رَبِرَحُ بِحُ بِحُب بِ بِ | hamz=0 |
| Arabic style | ء أ ؤ بؤ إ ۂ بۂ ہے ہے اُڑ بڑ خ بخ بحنب ب | hamz=1 |

Word spacing

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Extra tight | كيول جوانسافي حقوق كنول | wdsp=0 |
| Tight | کیوں جو انسانی حقوق کنوں | wdsp=1 |
| Medium (default) | کیوں جو انسافی حقوق کنوں | wdsp=2 |
| Wide | کیوں جو انسانی حقوق کنوں | wdsp=3 |
| Extra wide | کیوں جو انسانی حقوق کنوں | wdsp=4 |

Short forms

Affects: kafs & gafs: U+06A9, U+06AF, U+06A5, U+06B1, U+06B3, U+06AB, U+06B0; finals: U+06CC, U+0633, U+0642, U+0644, U+0645, U+0646, U+06B5, U+06D0, U+0626, U+06CE, U+06BA, U+06BB, U+06BB, U+06BB, U+0768, U+0769

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| None | يكھتى لىسلىنىڭس نگھنے تكميل دىھتى . | shrt=0 |
| Kafs and gafs | ي من السلننس نگھنے تکميل د هتی | shrt=1 |
| Finals | ديھتى كىسلىنىس نگھنے تكميل دىھتى سر ، | shrt=2 |
| All (default) | ديهتى كنسلتنتس نكفينة تكميل | shrt=3 |

Collision avoidance

| Feature | Sample | Feature setting |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Off | پیٹی آہیجیل تحرِبج | agca=0 |
| Kern-only | پیٹی آ پیجیل تحریج | agca=1 |
| Not implemented | | agca=2 |



End of Ayah and Subtending marks

This is not technically a feature, but we find it useful to demonstrate the use of these characters.

Firefox allows you to use U+06DD followed by the digits and proper rendering occurs. However, surrounding the sequence with U+202D and U+202C seems to give the most reliable results in different browsers, and so this font requires those characters in order to display properly.

| Character | Sample |
|--|--------------|
| U+06DD ARABIC END OF AYAH (U+202D U+06DD U+06F1 U+06F2 U+06F3 U+202C) | |
| U+0600 ARABIC NUMBER SIGN (U+202D U+0600 U+06F1 U+06F2 U+06F3 U+202C) | 150, 15, 1, |
| U+0601 ARABIC SIGN SANAH (year) (U+202D U+0601 U+06F1 U+06F2 U+06F3 U+202C) | <u> 1987</u> |
| U+0602 ARABIC FOOTNOTE MARKER (U+202D U+0602 U+06F1 U+06F2 U+202C) | اه ۱۲ ما |
| U+0603 ARABIC SIGN SAFHA (page) (U+202D U+0603 U+06F1 U+06F2 U+06F3 U+202C) | صل صرال صرال |

Paragraph of text

This sentence comes from the Saraiki UDHR.

| Sample | Feature setting |
|---|-----------------|
| اقوام متحدہ نے ہر کہیں دے حقوق دی حفاظت تے ودھارے دا جھنڈا اچار کھی دا ارادہ کیتا | |
| ہوئے۔ ایہو جئے و حشیانہ کمال دی صورت وچ ظاہر تھئی ہے | |

Sample Feature setting Sample Feature setting hehk=0, hedo=1, hamz=1, shrt=2 shrt=2 representation of the property of the

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