

Charis SIL - Font Features

Charis SIL is an OpenType-enabled font family that supports the Latin and Cyrillic scripts. It includes a number of optional features that may be useful or required for particular uses or languages. This document lists all the available features.

These OpenType features are primarily specified using four-letter tags (e.g. 'cv17'), although some applications may provide a direct way to control certain common features such as small caps. For more information on how to access OpenType features in specific environments and applications, see [Using Font Features](#).

Please note that Graphite support has been removed in the current release, but continues to be available in the version 5 fonts. See our [Previous Versions archive](#).

This page uses web fonts (WOFF2) to demonstrate font features and should display correctly in all modern browsers. For a more concise example of how to use Charis SIL as a web font see *CharisSIL-webfont-example.html* in the font package *web* folder. For detailed information see [Using SIL Fonts on Web Pages](#).

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

Complete feature list

Stylistic alternates

Small caps from lowercase

Affects: all lowercase letters with capital equivalents

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	a ... Z (all letters with capital equivalents)	smcp=0
Small caps	A ... Z (all letters with capital equivalents)	smcp=1

Small caps from capitals

Affects: all capitals

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	A ... Z (all capitals)	c2sc=0
Small caps	A ... Z (all capitals)	c2sc=1

Literacy a and g

Affects: U+0061 U+00E0 U+00E1 U+00E2 U+00E3 U+00E4 U+00E5 U+0101 U+0103 U+0105 U+01CE U+01DF U+01E1 U+01FB U+0201 U+0203 U+0227 U+1E01 U+1E9A U+1EA1 U+1EA3 U+1EA5 U+1EA7 U+1EA9 U+1EAB U+1EAD U+1EAF U+1EB1 U+1EB3 U+1EB5 U+1EB7 U+2C65 U+2090 U+1D43 U+0363 U+0067 U+011D U+011F U+0121 U+0123 U+01E7 U+01F5 U+01E5 U+1E21 U+A7A1 U+1D4D

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Literacy a (only)

Affects: U+0061 U+00E0 U+00E1 U+00E2 U+00E3 U+00E4 U+00E5 U+0101 U+0103 U+0105 U+01CE U+01DF U+01E1 U+01FB U+0201 U+0203 U+0227 U+1E01 U+1E9A U+1EA1 U+1EA3 U+1EA5 U+1EA7 U+1EA9 U+1EAB U+1EAD U+1EAF U+1EB1 U+1EB3 U+1EB5 U+1EB7 U+2C65 U+2090 U+1D43 U+0363

[illegible]**Literacy g (only)**

Affects: U+0067 U+011D U+011F U+0121 U+0123 U+01E7 U+01F5 U+01E5 U+1E21 U+A7A1 U+1D4D

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	g ĝ ğ ġ ģ ħ ģ ģ ħ ģ ħ	ss12=0
Single-story	g ĝ ğ ġ ģ ħ ģ ģ ħ ģ ħ	ss12=1

Barred-bowl forms

Affects: U+0111 U+0180 U+01E5

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	$\hat{d} \ \hat{b} \ \hat{g}$	ss04=0
Barred-bowl	$\bar{d} \ \bar{b} \ \bar{g}$	ss04=1



Slant italic specials

Affects: U+0061 U+00E3 U+00E0 U+00E1 U+00E2 U+00E4 U+00E5 U+0101 U+0103 U+01CE U+01DF U+01E1 U+01FB U+0201 U+0203 U+0227 U+1E01 U+1E9A U+1EA3 U+1EA5 U+1EA7 U+1EA9 U+1EAB U+1EAD U+1EAF U+1EB1 U+1EB3 U+1EB5 U+1EA1 U+1EB7 U+2C65 U+0250 U+00E6 U+0066 U+1E1F U+0069 U+00EC U+00ED U+00EE U+00EF U+0129 U+012B U+012D U+012F U+01D0 U+0209 U+020B U+1E2D U+1E2F U+1EC9

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Affects: U+0181

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Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard		cv37=0
Top serif		cv37=1

Eng

Affects: U+014A

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ŋ	cv43=0
Lowercase style on baseline	ɳ	cv43=1
Uppercase style with descender	Ŋ	cv43=2
Alt. lowercase style on baseline	ɲ	cv43=3

N left hook

Affects: U+019D

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ɲ	cv44=0
Lowercase-style	ɳ	cv44=1

Open-O

Affects: U+0186 U+0254 U+1D10 U+1D53 U+1D97

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ɔ ɔ ɔ ɔ ɔ	cv46=0
Top serif	Ɔ ɔ ɔ ɔ ɔ	cv46=1

OU

Affects: U+0222 U+0223 U+1D3D U+1D15

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	8 8 8 8	cv47=0
Open	8 8 8 8	cv47=1

p hook

Affects: U+01A5

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ɔ	cv49=0
Right hook	Ɔ	cv49=1

R tail

Affects: U+2C64

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ŕ	cv55=0
Lowercase-style	ŕ	cv55=1

T hook

Affects: U+01AC

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ṯ	cv57=0
Right hook	Ṯ̃	cv57=1

V hook

Affects: U+01B2 U+028B U+1DB9

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ṳ ṳ ṵ	cv62=0
Straight with low hook	Ṳ̃ ṳ̃ ṵ̃	cv62=1
Straight with high hook	Ṳ̂ ṳ̂ ṵ̂	cv62=2

Y hook

Affects: U+01B3

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ȳ	cv68=0
Left hook	Ȳ̃	cv68=1

Ezh

Affects: U+01B7 U+04E0

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ʒ ʒ	cv20=0
Reversed sigma	Ʒ̃ ʒ̃	cv20=1

ezh curl

Affects: U+0293

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ʒ	cv19=0
Large bowl	Ʒ̃	cv19=1

Affects: U+0264

Diacritic and symbol alternates

Affects: U+1EA4 U+1EA5 U+1EA6 U+1EA7 U+1EA8 U+1EA9 U+1EAA U+1EAB U+1EAE U+1EAF U+1EB0 U+1EB1 U+1EB2 U+1EB3 U+1EB4 U+1EB5 U+1EBE U+1EBF U+1EC0 U+1EC1 U+1EC2 U+1EC3 U+1EC4 U+1EC5 U+1ED0 U+1ED1 U+1ED2 U+1ED3 U+1ED4 U+1ED5 U+1ED6 U+1ED7

Affects: U+0300 U+0301

Affects: U+0328 U+0104 U+0105 U+0118 U+0119 U+012E U+012F U+0172 U+0173 U+01EA U+01EB U+01EC U+01ED

Affects: U+010F U+013D U+013E U+0165

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	đ Ľ ľ ě	cv77=0
Global-style	ď Ľ ľ ě	cv77=1

Modifier apostrophe

Affects: U+02BC U+A78B U+A78C

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	’ ‘ ‘	cv70=0
Large	’ ‘ ‘	cv70=1

Modifier colon

Affects: U+A789

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	:	cv71=0
Expanded	:	cv71=1

Empty set

Affects: U+2205

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	∅	cv98=0
Zero-style	∅	cv98=1

Cyrillic alternates

There are also Cyrillic characters affected by the “Ezh” and “Small capitals” features. Some languages may also use the “Modifier apostrophe”.

Cyrillic E

Affects: U+042D U+044D

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ә ә	cv80=0
Mongolian-style	Ә ә	cv80=1

Cyrillic shha

Affects: U+04BB

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Һ	cv81=0
Uppercase-style	Һ	cv81=1

Cyrillic breve

Affects: U+0306

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	anything with ǐ (ǐǐ)	cv82=0
Cyrillic-style	anything with ǐ (ǐǐ)	cv82=1

Serbian Cyrillic alternates

These alternate forms mainly affect italic styles. Unlike other features this is activated by tagging the span of text as being in the Serbian language, not by turning on an OpenType feature.

Affects: U+0431 U+0433 U+0434 U+043F U+0442

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	б в ђ н м	
Serbian	б в ђ н м	lang='sr'

Tone alternates

Chinantec tones

Affects: U+02CB U+02C8 U+02C9 U+02CA

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	˘ ˘ ˘ ˘	cv90=0
Chinantec-style	˘ ˘ ˘ ˘	cv90=1

Tone numbers

Affects: U+02E5 U+02E6 U+02E7 U+02E8 U+02E9 U+A712 U+A713 U+A714 U+A715 U+A716

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ	cv91=0
Numbers	5 4 3 2 1 5 4 3 2 1	cv91=1

Hide tone contour staves

Affects: U+02E5 U+02E6 U+02E7 U+02E8 U+02E9 U+A712 U+A713 U+A714 U+A715 U+A716

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ (ᵀ ᵀ)	cv92=0
Hide staves	ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ ᵀ (ᵀ ᵀ)	cv92=1

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