

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. 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. This document lists all the available features.

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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	$\mathbf{g} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \check{\mathbf{g}} \dot{\mathbf{g}} \ddot{\mathbf{g}} \acute{\mathbf{g}} \mathring{\mathbf{g}} \bar{\mathbf{g}} \mathfrak{g}^{\mathbf{g}}$	ss12=0
Single-story	$\mathbf{g} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \check{\mathbf{g}} \dot{\mathbf{g}} \ddot{\mathbf{g}} \acute{\mathbf{g}} \mathring{\mathbf{g}} \bar{\mathbf{g}} \mathfrak{g}^{\mathbf{g}}$	ss12=1

Barred-bowl forms

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

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	$\mathbf{\hat{d} \ \hat{b} \ \hat{g}}$	ss04=0
Barred-bowl	$\mathbf{\hat{d} \ \bar{b} \ \bar{g}}$	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 U+1ECB U+0131 U+006C U+013A U+1E37 U+1E39 U+1E3B U+1E3D U+0076
U+1E7D U+1E7F U+007A U+017A U+017C U+017E U+1E91 U+1E93 U+1E95 U+0493 U+04FB U+F327
U+A749 U+A75F U+2097

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Character alternates

B hook

Affects: U+0181

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵀ	cv13=0
Lowercase-style	ᵇ	cv13=1

D hook

Affects: U+018A

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵀ	cv17=0
Lowercase-style	ᵈ	cv17=1

H stroke

Affects: U+0126

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ḣ	cv28=0
Vertical stroke	Ḥ	cv28=1

J stroke hook

Affects: U+0284

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

Eng

Affects: U+014A

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ŋ	cv43=0
Lowercase style on baseline	ṅ	cv43=1
Uppercase style with descender	Ṇ	cv43=2
Alt. lowercase style on baseline	ṽ	cv43=3

N left hook

Affects: U+019D

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ṇ	cv44=0
Lowercase-style	ṇ	cv44=1

Open-O

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

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ	cv46=0
Top serif	ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ	cv46=1

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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	ᵹ	cv49=0
Right hook	ᵹ	cv49=1

R tail

Affects: U+2C64

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵹ	cv55=0
Lowercase-style	ᵹ	cv55=1

T hook

Affects: U+01AC

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵹ	cv57=0
Right hook	ᵹ	cv57=1

V hook

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

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ	cv62=0
Straight with low hook	ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ	cv62=1
Straight with high hook	ᵹ ᵹ ᵹ	cv62=2

Y hook

Affects: U+01B3

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Y	cv68=0
Left hook	Y	cv68=1

Ezh

Affects: U+01B7 U+04E0

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	З З	cv20=0
Reversed sigma	З З	cv20=1

ezh curl

Affects: U+0293

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

rams horn

Affects: U+0264

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ƨ	cv25=0
Large bowl	Ƨ	cv25=1
Small gamma	Ƨ	cv25=2

Diacritic and symbol alternates

Vietnamese-style diacritics

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

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	Ăă Ââ Ãã Ää Ấấ Ằằ Ẵẵ Ếế Ềề Ểể Ễễ Ớớ Ồồ Ỗỗ Ỗỗ	cv75=0
Vietnamese-style	Ắắ Ằằ Ẵẵ Ắắ Ắắ Ằằ Ằằ Ằằ Ếế Ềề Ểể Ễễ Ớớ Ồồ Ỗỗ Ỗỗ	cv75=1

Kayan diacritics

Affects: U+0300 U+0301

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	◌◌	cv79=0
Side by side	◌◌	cv79=1

Ogonek

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

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	anything with ̇ (Ąą Ęę Ĳł Ųų Qq Ūū)	cv76=0
Straight	anything with ̇ (Ąą Ęę Ĳł Ųų Qq Ūū)	cv76=1

Caron

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

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	ď Ľ ľ ǣ	cv77=0
Global-style	ǎ Ľ Ĺ ǵ	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	ᠳ ᠳ	cv80=0
Mongolian-style	ᠳ ᠳ	cv80=1

Cyrillic shha

Affects: U+04BB

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

Cyrillic breve

Affects: U+0306

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Standard	anything with ӱ (ӱӱ)	cv82=0
Cyrillic-style	anything with ӱ (ӱӱ)	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	ѳ ђ њ м	
Serbian	ѳ ђ њ 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 ᵀ ᵀ	cv91=0
Numbers	5 4 3 2 1 5 4 3 2 1	cv91=1