Scheherazade New / Harmattan / Lateef - Font Feature comparison

Scheherazade New, Harmattan and Lateef are OpenType-enabled font families that support the Arabic script. They include a number of optional features that provide alternative rendering that might be preferable for use in some contexts. The sections below enumerate the details of these features. Some of the features have different default settings or the feature may only be implemented in one or two of the fonts. Whether these features are available to users will depend on both the application and the rendering technology being used. Some applications let the user control certain features such as Character Variants to turn on the rendering of variant characters. However, at this point, most applications do not make use of those features so another solution is needed to show the variant characters. For applications that do not make use of 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.

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 the OpenType font technology.

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

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Complete feature list

Language system tags

Unfortunately, the UI needed to access the language-specific behavior is not yet present in many applications. LibreOffice and Microsoft Word 2016 support language-specific behavior for Kashmiri, Kurdish, Sindhi and Urdu (but not Kyrgyz, Rohingya or Wolof). Some Harfbuzz-based apps, e.g., XeTeX, can access language-specific behavior. In the past, it was not always possible to override language-specific behavior in cases where the language-specific variants were undesirable but, as of version 4.300, the font now supports this possibility.

Kashmiri

Affects: U+064E, U+0650, U+0652, U+06F4, U+06F6, U+06F7

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	بِّ بْ ۷ ۶ ۴	بِّ بْ ۴ ۶ ۷	بِّبْ ۷۶۴	
Kashmiri	بِّ بْ ٢ ٦ ٧	بِّ بْ ٢ ٦ ٧	بِّبْ ٢٦٧	lang='ks'

Kurdish (Northern)

Affects: U+06BE

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	ﻫ ﻬﻬﻪ	ﻫ ﻬﻬﻪ	ﻫ ﻬﻬﻪ	
Kurdish (Northern)	ﻫ ﻬﻬﻪ	ﻫ ﻬﻬﻪ	ﻫ ﻬﻬﻪ	lang='ku'

Kyrgyz

Affects: U+0626

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	ئ ئئئ	ئ ئئئ	ئ ئئئ	
Kyrgyz	ئ ئئئ	ئ ئئئ	ئ ئئئ	lang='ky'

Rohingya

Affects: U+064C, U+064E, U+0650, U+06F4, U+06F6, U+06F7

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	بُ بِّ ۷ ۶ ۴	بُ بِّ ۷ ۶ ۴	بُبِّ ۷۶۴	
Rohingya	بُ بِّ ٢ ٦ ٤	بُ بِّ ٢ ٦ ٤	بُبِّ ٢٦٤	lang='rhg'

Sindhi

Affects: U+0645, U+064E, U+0650, U+06F6, U+06F7

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	بِّ م ممم ٧ ٦	بِّ م ممم ٧ ٦	بِّ ممم ٧ ٦	
Sindhi	بِّ م ممم ٦ ٧	بِّ م ممم ٦ ٧	بِّ ممم ٦ ٧	lang='sd'

Urdu

Affects: U+064E, U+0650, U+06F4, U+06F6, U+06F7

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	بِّ ٧ ٦ ۴	بِّ ٧ ٦ ۴	بِّ ٧٦۴	
Urdu	بِّ ۴ ٦ ٧	بِّ ۴ ٦ ٧	بِّ ۴٦٧	lang='ur'

Wolof

Affects: U+062F, U+064E, U+0650, U+064F, U+0657

Language	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature Setting
Default	د بد بِّ بُ بْ	د بد بِّ بُ بْ	دبدبِّبُبْ	
Wolof	ڈ بد بِّ بُ بْ	ڈبدبِّبُبْ	دبدبِّبُبْ	lang='wo'

Character variants

There are some character shape differences in different languages which use the Arabic script. These can be accessed by using OpenType Character Variants, or through the language support mentioned above.

Jeem/Hah

Affects: U+062C, U+062D, U+062E, U+0682, U+0683, U+0684, U+0685, U+0686, U+06BF, U+0757, U+0758, U+088A, U+08A2, U+08C1, U+08C5, U+08C6

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard				cv08=0

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
	ح حجج ج جحجج ح ححح خ خخخخ خ خخخخ چ جيجج ج جيجيج ج ﭺ خخخخ ﭼ خخخخ ﭲ چخجخ ت ختح تح ﭾ جيجج ج جيجج ج ﭴ جخجتج ج چجج ﭼ جخجخج ج جيجج	ج جحجج ح ححح خ خخخ ﭺ خخخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ ختخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ حتخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ جخجخ ﭼ جيجج ﭼ جخجخ ﭺ جيجج	ج جحجج ححح ح ج خخﺥ خ خخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ خخﺥ ج جيجج ﭼ جخجخ تح حتح ج جيجج ج ححح ﭼ جتح ﭼ جخجخ ﭼ جخخﺥ ﭼ جيجج	
Handwritten	N/A	ج جحجج ح ححح خ خخﺥ ﭺ خخخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ ختخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ حتخﺥ ﭼ جيجج ج جيجج ﭼ جخجخ ﭼ جيجج ﭼ جخجخ ﭺ جيجج	N/A	cv08=1

Dal

Affects: U+062F, U+0630, U+0688, U+0689, U+068A, U+068B, U+068C, U+068D, U+068E, U+068F, U+0690, U+06EE, U+0759, U+075A, U+08AE

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ﮄ ڑ ڒ ڌ ڍ	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ڑ ڒ ڍ	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ڑ ڒ ڍ	cv12=0
Alternate	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ﮄ ڑ ڒ ڍ	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ڑ ڒ ڍ	N/A	cv12=1
Simple	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ﮄ ڑ ڒ ڍ	د ذ ڈ ڋ ڌ ڍ ڎ ڏ ڐ ڑ ڒ ڍ	N/A	cv12=2

Sad/Dad

Affects: U+0635, U+0636, U+069D, U+069E, U+06FB, U+08AF

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	ص صصص ض ضضض ص ضضض ی صیصی ش ضضش چچچص ص جص ضضضض	ص صصص ض ضضض ی صیصی ث ضضث چچچی چی ی ضضضض	ص صصص ض ضضض ی صیصی ض ضضض چچچص ص جص ضضضض	cv20=0
Half	N/A	م صصم ض ضضض یر صیص ث ضضث چچچر چر جر ضضضر	N/A	cv20=1

Meem

Affects: U+0645, U+0765, U+0766, U+08A7

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ م ببم ٿ ٿٿٿ	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ بر ببر ٿ ٿٿٿ	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ م ببم ٿ ٿٿٿ	cv44=0
Sindhi-style	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ بر ببر ٿ ٿٿٿ	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ بر ببر ٿ ٿٿٿ	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ بر ببر ٿ ٿٿٿ	cv44=1
Long-tail	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ م ببم ٿ ٿٿٿ	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ بر ببر ٿ ٿٿٿ	م ممم ٿ ٿٿٿ م ببم ٿ ٿٿٿ	cv44=1

Heh

Affects: U+0647

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv48=0
Kurdish-style	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv48=3
Sindhi-style	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv48=1
Urdu-style	ه ﮩﮨ	ه ﮩﮨ	ه ﮩﮨ	cv48=2

Heh Doachashmee

Affects: U+06BE

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv49=0
Knotted	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv49=1
Bowtie	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv49=1
Kurdish-style	ه ههه	ه ههه	ه ههه	cv49=3

Kyrgyz OE

Affects: U+06C5

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Loop	ﯛ	ﯛ	ﯛ	cv51=0
Bar	ﯝ	ﯝ	ﯝ	cv51=1

Yeh Hamza

Affects: U+0626

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	ئ ئ	ئ ئ	ئ ئ	cv54=0
Right hamza	ئ ئ	ئ ئ	ئ ئ	cv54=1
Mid hamza	ئ ئ	ئ ئ	ئ ئ	cv54=1

Maddah

Affects: U+0622, U+0627, U+0653, U+0653

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Small	آ آ آ	آ آ آ	آ آ آ	cv60=0
Large	آ آ آ	آ آ آ	N/A	cv60=1

Shadda+kasra placement

Affects: U+064D, U+0650 with U+0651

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Default	بّ بّ بّ ـّ	بّ بّ بّ ـّ	بّ بّ ـّ	cv62=0
Lowered	بّ بّ بّ ـّ	بّ بّ بّ ـّ	بّ بّ ـّ	cv62=1
Raised	بّ بّ بّ ـّ	بّ بّ بّ ـّ	بّ بّ ـّ	cv62=2

Damma

Affects: U+064F

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Default				cv70=0

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
	بُ ۿ	بُ ۿ	بُ ۿ	
Filled	بُ ۿ	بُ ۿ	بُ ۿ	cv70=1
Short	بُ ۿ	بُ ۿ	بُ ۿ	cv70=2

Dammatan

Affects: U+064C

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	بٌ ۿ	بٌ ۿ	بٌ ۿ	cv72=0
Six-nine	بٌ ۿ	بٌ ۿ	بٌ ۿ	cv72=1
Two-nine	بٌ ۿ	بٌ ۿ	بٌ ۿ	cv72=1

Inverted Damma

Affects: U+0657

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Default	بٗ ۿ	بٗ ۿ	بٗ ۿ	cv74=0
Hollow	بٗ ۿ	بٗ ۿ	بٗ ۿ	cv74=1
Filled	بٗ ۿ	بٗ ۿ	بٗ ۿ	cv74=2

Superscript Alef

Affects: U+0670 on all yeh, sad and seen-like characters U+0620, U+0626, U+0633, U+0634, U+0635, U+0636, U+063D, U+063E, U+063F, U+0649, U+064A, U+0678, U+069A, U+069B, U+069C, U+069D, U+069E, U+06CC, U+06CD, U+06CE, U+06D0, U+06D1, U+06FA, U+06FB, U+075C, U+076D, U+0770, U+077D, U+077E, U+0775, U+0776, U+0777, U+08A8, U+08A9, U+08AF, U+08BA

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Default				cv76=0

ی پیٰ ئٰ ئُئ سٰ سلسٰ شٰ ی پیٰ ئٰ ئُئٰ سٰ سلسٰ شٰ ی پیٰ لٰ ئُئٰ سٰ سلسٰ شٰ ششٰ

شٰلشٰ صٰ طٰصٰ ضٰ ظٰضٰ شٰ ششٰ صٰ صٰصٰ صٰ ضٰضٰ ضٰ ضٰضٰ ی ئٰئٰ ئٰ

ئٰ ٹٰئٰ تٰ ٹٰئٰ ئٰ ٹٰئٰ ئٰ ٹٰئٰ ٹٰ ٹٰئٰ تٰ ٹٰئٰ ٹٰ ٹٰئٰ ٹٰ ٹٰئٰ تٰ ٹٰئٰ ٹٰ

لٰی یٰ لٰپٰ ئٰ ئُئٰ ببٰ بٰ ببٰ بٰ ببٰ ببٰ بٰ ببپٰ بٹٰ بٹبٰ صٰ

ببٰببٰ ببٰ ببٰببٰ بٹٰ صٰبٰصٰ ضٰ ضٰضٰ ی یٰیٰ ی بٰ

ببٰشٰپٰ صٰ صٰطٰ ضٰ ظٰضٰ ی یٰئٰ یٰ ببٰ یٰ پبٰ شٰ ششٰ

ی لٰیٰ ی بٰی ضٰ ضٰضٰ ضٰ ضٰضٰ شٰ ششٰ شٰ ششٰ

ببٰ ببٰ ببٰ بٹٰ ببٹٰ ضٰ شٰ ششٰ سٰ ششٰ شٰ ششٰ ی

ظٰضٰ شٰ ششٰشٰ سٰ ششٰشٰ یٰ یٰیٰ ی ببٰ یٰ ئُئٰ یٰ یٰیٰ

شٰ ششٰ سٰ سٰسٰ شٰ صٰ صٰپٰصٰ یٰ یٰیٰ

شٰشٰشٰ سٰ سٰسٰ شٰ

ششٰ ی لٰیٰ ی لٰیٰ

ی لٰپٰ یٰ ئُئٰ یٰ ببٰ

صٰ صٰپٰصٰ یٰ یٰیٰ

Large

cv76=1

يٰ يٖا ئ ٸٔ سٕ سٞسٞا شٞا   يٰ يٖا ئ ٸٔ سٕ سٞسٞا شٞا   یٰ يٖوٰ ئ ٸٔ سٕ سٞسٞ شٞ ششٞ

شٞشٞا صٕا طٞصٕا ضٕا ضٞضٕا   شٞشٞا صٕا طٞصٕا ضٕا ضٞضٕا   صٕ صٞصٕ ضٕ ضٞضٕ ىٰ ىٞىٰ ىٰ

ئٰ ٮٖٮٰ تٰ تٞٮٰ تٰ ٮٞٮٰ ئ   ضٕا ضٞضٕا ىٰ ىٞىٰ تٰ   ٮٞٮٰ تٰ ٮٞٮٰ ىٰ ٮٞ يٖٮٰ ئٰ ٸٔ

لٮٰا يٕ يٖٮٰا ٸٔ ٸٔا ٮٞٮٰا   ٮٞٮٰ تٰ ٮٞٮٰ ىٰ لٮٰا يٕ   ٮٰ ٮٞٮٰ ٮٮٰ پٮٰپٮٰ پٮٰ ٮٞٮٰ صٕ

ٮٞٮٞٮٰا پٮٰا پٮٰپٮٰا پٮٰا   لٮٰا ٸٔا ٸٔا ٮٞٮٰا پٮٰا   صٞصٕ ضٰ ضٞضٕ ىٰ ىٞىٰ ىٰ ٮٞا

ٮٮٰا پٮٰا پٮٰپٮٰا پٮٰا   پٮٞپٮٰا صٕا طٞصٕا ضٰا ظٞضٕا   ىٰ ىٞىٰ يٕ ٮٞپٕ يٕ پٮٰپٕ يٮٞ شٞشٞ

صٕا صٞصٕا ضٰ ضٞضٕا   ئ لٮٰا ىٰ بٮٰ ىٰ ٮٞٮٰا پٕ   ضٰ ضٞضٕ شٞ ششٞ شٰ ششٞ

ئٰ لٮٰا ىٰ بٮٰا ىٰ ٮٞ ٮٞٮٰا   پٮٰ پٕ پٮٰا ٮٞٮٰا شٞٮٮٰا ضٮٰا   شٞ شٞشٞ سٰ سٞسٞ شٰ سٞسٞ ىٰ

ئٰ پٮٰا پٰ پٮٰا ٮٞٮٰ   ظٞضٕا شٰا شٞٮٮٰا شٰا شٞٮٮٰا   ىٮٰ ىٰ ىٞىٰ يٕ پٕٮٰا يٖ ٸٔٮٰ يٮٖ يٞٮٰ

شٞشٮٰا ضٰا ضٞضٕا ٮٰا   شٰ شٞشٞا سٰا سٞسٞا سٰا   صٕا صٞصٕا ىٰ ىٞىٰ

شٞٮٰا ٮٰا شٞٮٰا شٰا   شٞٮٰا ىٰ ٮٞٮٰا ىٰ ٮٞٮٰ يٕ

شٞشٞا سٰا سٞٮٰا شٰا   پٮٰ يٖ ٸٔٮٰ يٖ ٮٮٰا چٮٰا

شٞٮٰا ىٰ ىٞٮٰا ىٰ ٮٞٮٰا   چٞٮٰا يٖ ٮٮٰا

يٰ لٮٰا يٖ ٸٔٮٰا يٖ ٮٮٰا

صٕا صٞصٕا يٖ ٮٮٰا

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Small	کٖ يٖوٖ ئٖ ئٖئٖ سٖ سٖسٖ شٖ	کٖ يٖوٖ ئٖ ئٖئٖ سٖ سٖسٖ شٖ	یٖ پٖوٖ ئٖ ئٖئٖ سٖ سٖسٖ شٖ شٖشٖ	cv76=2

## End of ayah

Affects: U+06DD

These alternates are also available using the Stylistic Alternates (salt) feature, but at this time we know of no OpenType-based applications that can access these.

Firefox allows you to use U+06DD followed by the digits and proper rendering occurs. Some applications require the following:

- precede the entire sequence (subtending mark plus following digits) with 202D LEFT-TO-RIGHT OVERRIDE
- follow the entire sequence with U+202C POP DIRECTIONAL FORMATTING.

Surrounding the sequence with U+202D and U+202C seems to give the most reliable results in different browsers. However, we have not found a solution that works in Internet Explorer/Edge.

In the example below, the following codepoints are used: U+202D U+06DD U+0031 U+0032 U+0033 U+202C U+202D U+06DD U+0611 U+0622 U+0663 U+202C.

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	⬡123 ⬡١٢٣	⬡123 ⬡١٢٣	⬡123 ⬡١٢٣	cv80=0
Simplified A	Ⓛ123 Ⓛ١٢٣	123 ١٢٣	123 ١٢٣	cv80=1
Simplified B	123 ١٢٣	123 ١٢٣	123 ١٢٣	cv80=2

The DISPUTED END OF AYAH (U+08E2) is also now available in the font. It works in the same way as End of ayah.

◌ (Scheherazade New)
٣٤٥

◌ (Harmattan)
٣٤٥

◌ (Lateef)
٣٤٥

Honorific ligatures

Affects: U+FD40..U+FD4F, U+FDCF, U+FDFA..U+FDFB, U+FDFD..U+FDFF

Feature	Scheherazade New	Feature setting
Calligraphic		cv81=0

Feature		Scheherazade New	Feature setting
	رَحِمَهُمْ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِمَا وَالسَّلَامُ قَدَّسَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِمَا عَلَيْهِمَا عَلَيْهِ صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَيْهِ رَضِيَ عَنْهُ عَنْهَا ضَيْعَهَا رَحِمَهُ		
	عَلَيْنَا وَسَلَّمَ جَلَالَهُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَجَلَّ وَجَلَّ		
Simplified	رَحِمَهُمْ وَتَعَالَى عَلَيْهِمَا وَسَلَّمَ فَدَّسَرَهُ عَلَيْهِ فَدَّسَرَهُ الصَّلَاةُ عَلَيْهِمْ عَلَيْهِمْ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ رَضِيَ عَنْهُمْ رَضِيَ عَنْهُمَا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا رَضِيَ عَنْهُ رَحِمَهُ	cv81=1
	عَلَيْنَا وَسَلَّمَ جَلَالَهُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ		

Eastern digits

Affects: U+06F4, U+06F6, U+06F7

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Standard	۴۶۷	۴۶۷	۴۶۷	cv82=0
Kurdish-style	۴۶۷	۴۶۷	۴۶۷	cv82=3
Rohingya-style	٤٦٧	٤٦٧	٤٦٧	cv82=4
Sindhi-style	۴٦٧	۴٦٧	۴٦٧	cv82=1
Urdu-style	۳٦٧	۳٦٧	۳٦٧	cv82=2
Default	۴۶۷	۴۶۷	۴۶۷	cv82=2

Comma

Affects: U+060C, U+061B (This feature is not recommended for use. The Unicode Standard recommends the use of ⹁ U+2E41 and ⁏ U+204F instead.)

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Upward	؛ ،	؛ ،	؛ ،	cv84=0
Downward	؛ ،	؛ ،	؛ ،	cv84=1

Decimal separator

Affects: U+066B

Feature	Scheherazade New	Harmattan	Lateef	Feature setting
Small reh	ڔ	ڔ	ڔ	cv85=0
Slash	/	/	/	cv85=1

Other user font features

Proportional figures

Tabular digits are the default for Latin digits. Lateef supports the OpenType **Proportional Figures (pnum)** for Latin digits.

Affects: U+0030..U+0039

Feature	Lateef	Feature setting
False	0123456789	pnum=0
True	0123456789	pnum=1

Tabular figures

Proportional digits are the default for Arabic digits. Lateef supports the OpenType **Tabular Figures (tnum)** for Arabic digits.

Affects: U+0660..U+0669, U+06F0.. U+06F9

Feature	Lateef	Feature setting
False	۰۱۲۳٤٥٦۷۸۹ ٠١٢٣٥٦٧٨٩	tnum=0
True	۰ ۱۲۳٤٥٦۷۸۹ ٠ ١٢٣٥٦٧٨٩	tnum=1

Disable digit kerning (see FAQ)

This feature is only available in TypeTuner Web.

The Arabic digits are proportional by default and Lateef includes kerning to improve the spacing of certain pairs of digits such as ۷۸. However there are some applications, including Microsoft Word for Windows, that process the digit kerning information incorrectly, actually making some digits too far apart and some too close together. We have added a special Typetuner feature that

can be used to create a version of the Lateef fonts in which the digit kerning is *disabled*. When using those fonts in Microsoft Word the resulting digit spacing will be much nicer than Tabular, but not quite as good as it would be if the application's kerning worked correctly. This is discussed further in the FAQ.