Harmattan - Announcement

We are very pleased to announce a new release of Harmattan, an Arabic script font designed for use by languages in West Africa.

Changes

This release includes the following changes for this version:

New

- · Added:
 - 088F ARABIC I FTTFR NOON WITH RING ABOVE
 - FDFE ARABIC LIGATURE SUBHAANAHU WA TAAALAA
 - FDFF ARABIC LIGATURE AZZA WA JALL
 - 10EC5 ARABIC SMALL YEH BARREE WITH TWO DOTS BELOW
 - 10EC6 ARABIC LETTER THIN NOON
 - 10EC7 ARABIC LETTER YEH WITH FOUR DOTS BELOW
 - 10FD0 ARABIC BIBLICAL FND OF VERSE
 - 10EFA ARABIC DOUBLE VERTICAL BAR BELOW
 - 10EFB ARABIC SMALL LOW NOON
- · Added cv88 (Guillemet) to provide a choice for angled guillemot characters in Arabic script
- · Added Malay Jawi language support

Improved

- Added sample strings and feature tooltips to the character variants for applications that support them
- Made width of punctuation space (U+2008) consistent with width of period

Known issues

- Shaping for the newly added characters may not yet occur in applications.
- · Medial and final high hamza characters may have collisions (these likely do not occur).
- Lam + high hamza alef ligature does not form as it likely does not occur.
- In InDesign: some behaviors, such as the *lam-alef* ligature, raised *kasra* with *shadda*, and subtending marks, will not function correctly unless **Ligatures** is turned on in the **Characters** panel.

Both desktop and web fonts are provided in a single, all-platforms package on the Download page.

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