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 بہّب	hehk=1
False	بہب بہرّب	hehk=0

Initial heh doachashmee

Affects: U+06BE

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Heart shape	6	hedo=0
Round	6	hedo=1

Lam with V

Affects: U+06B5

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
V over stem	ڵؠڵؚڹڵ	lamv=0
V over bowl	ل لبلبل	lamv=1

Full Stop

Affects: U+06D4

ı	Feature	Sample	Feature setting
	Dash	.	cv85=0



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+00B1, U+00B1, U+00B1, U+00B1, U+2014, U+2010, U+2011, U+2012, 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	_	× «· ± » { } []:/- + * ()'"! ·- ‹> % ····· • ,, "", ' · —	punc=2

Sukun/jazm

Affects: U+0652

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Open down	ب و	cv78=1
Open left	َ ب	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 بِهَ ہے ہے اُ رَبِرَ حَ بِحَ بِحَبِ بِ بِ	hamz=0
Arabic style	ء أ و بؤ إ هٔ بۂ ہے ہے اُ ڑ بڑ ئے بٹے بحنب ب	hamz=1

Word spacing

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Extra tight	کیوں جوانسافی حقوق کنوں	wdsp=0
Tight	کیوں جو انسافی حقوق کنوں	wdsp=1
Medium (default)	کیوں جو انسافی حقوق کنوں	wdsp=2
Wide	کیوں جو انسافی حقوق کنوں	wdsp=3
Extra wide	کیوں جو انسافی 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
All	ديھتى كىسكٹنٹس ئھنے تکميل	shrt=3
None	ديھتى ئىسلىنىش نگھنے تىمىل دىھتى ئىسلىنىش ئىھنے تىمىل	shrt=0
Kafs and gafs	ويفتحل للننئس ويفيخ تكميل	shrt=1
Finals	دیکھتی ہے۔	shrt=2
All	ديكفتى للسكتنتس نكفينة تكميل	shrt=3

Collision avoidance

Feature	Sample	Feature setting
Off	پیٹی آنیجیل تحریج	agca=0
Kern-only	پیٹی آ پیجیل تحرِیج	agca=1
Not implemented		agca=2
On (default)	پیٹی آ پیجیل تحرِیج	agca=3

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.

Feature	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)	154, 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 صلا صلا

Paragraph of text

Default

This sentence comes from the Saraiki UDHR. All features are using the default. It includes Hook on medial heh-goal set to 'False', Initial heh doachashmee set to 'Heart shape', and Hamza set to 'Urdu style'.

Features

These sentences come from the Saraiki UDHR. It includes Hook on medial heh-goal set to 'True', Initial heh doachashmee set to 'Round', and Hamza set to 'Arabic style'.

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