Arabic language characters and Internet domain names

Arabic language standard charset

 Digits are not included since they can NOT be used in LGR for root zones

• U+002D: The Hyphen (-)

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استعراض موازين القوف بتركيا



اندلعت مواجهات بين الشرطة ومعارضين في اسطنبول بتركيا، في أعقاب تشييع جنازة قاصر توفى الثلاثاء الماضى متأثرا بجروح تلقاها أثناء تفريق الشرطة للاحتجاجات، بعد أن قضى 269 يوما في غيبوبة، وفور إعلان الوفاة خرج آلاف الأشخاص بشكل عفوي إلى الشوارع، ووقعت مواجهات جديدة مع الشرطة، كما خرج مساندو حزب العدالة والتنمية في ما يشبه استعراض موازين القوى.

> توقعوا إبرام الكثير من مذكرات التفاهم والاتفاقيات.. رجال أعمال: زيارة الملك لباكستان تحمل فرصاً استثمارية ذهبية للقطاع الخاص



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أجمع رجال أعمال بحرينيون على تاريخية الزيارة الملكية المرتقبة الى باكستان، وما تحمله من فرص استثمارية ذهبية للقطاع الخاص البحريني، سواء أكانت في حقول التصنيع والتجارة أو في مجال تعزيز الأمن الغذائي.

وأكدوا في تصريحات لوكالة أنباء البحرين (بنا) ان توقيت الزيارة الملكية الى إسلام آباد يعكس اهمية التوجه الى الشرق الذي بات يملك العديد من كبرى اقتصاديات العالم، والحفاظ على وشائج قربى سياسية واقتصادية وثقافية متينة مع أبرز حلفاء المملكة في القارة الأسيوية.

Arabic language standard charset

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Arabic language standard charset

- . Used in Arabic IDN Domain names
 - مصر الاتصالات-وزارة .
 - xn----ymcbaaajlc6dj7bxne2c.xxn--wgbh1c



Diacritics and Shadda

- –^{*}–U+064C ARABIC DAMMATAN
- U+064D ARABIC KASRATAN
 - J+064E ARABIC FATHA
- ––U+064F ARABIC DAMMA
- U+0650 ARABIC KASRA
- ––U+0652 ARABIC SUKUN
- U+0651 ARABIC SHADDA

Diacritics and Shadda (Cont'd)

- Diacritics:
 - مَلِكَ: King
 - مُلك Property
 - Angel بَمَلَك
- Shadda:
 - Dhotos : صُوَر
 - Do be photographed : صُوِّر
 - To take a photo : صَوَّر

Diacritics and Shadda (Cont'd)

- It is recommended that they should NOT be permitted in zone files
- They can be supported, not supported, or ignored on the client side
- They should be removed before processing (Querying a DNS)

Kasheeda

- Example:
 - ایکان And ایکان
 - العربية And العربية .

Kasheeda (Cont'd)

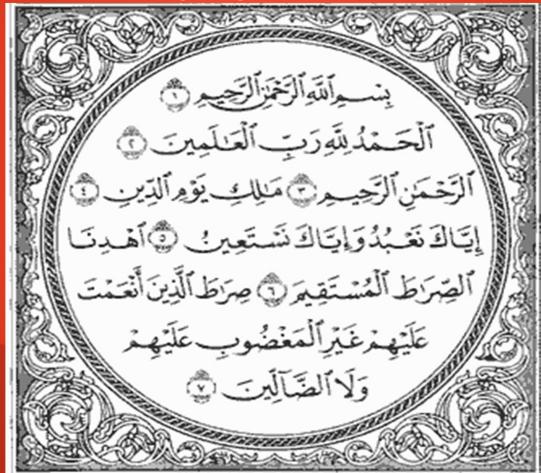
- U+0640 ARABIC TATWEEL
- Not a letter
- Does not change how a letter/word is pronounced
- Only for graphical presentation

Kasheeda (Cont'd)

- Since it has no linguistic value, it should not be allowed in zone files.
- They can be supported, not supported, or ignored on the client side
- They should be removed before processing (Querying a DNS)

Diacritics and Shadda (Cont'd)

 Understanding how Diacritics and Shadda are pronounced is crucial in Arabic language



Space Character

- The breaking space U+0020 (ASCII 32)
- The non-breaking space U+00A0 (ASCII 160)
- Not allowed to be used in domain names, even in non-IDN domains.
- . We can use the hyphen instead

Non-standard letters in Arabic language

- Using the letter جinstead of ج, or pronounced as CHE
- ج instead of ق instead of
- Using the letter instead of
- ج instead of الك. Using the letter
- ڑ Using
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Non-standard letters in Arabic language

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Non-standard letters in Arabic language • Vodafone ad (Egypt)





Non-standard letters in Arabic language

 From a construction company official web page (Egypt)

Non-standard letters in Arabic language



 A company in Ramallah facebook page

21,626 likes · 6 talking about this · 13 were here

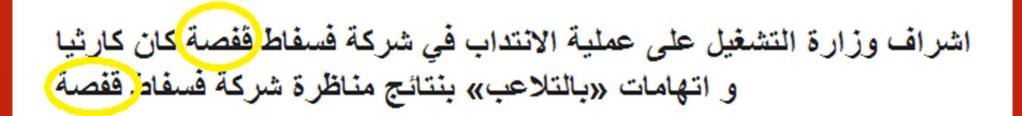
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From a Tunisian news blog

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Zero-width non-joiner (ZWNJ)

- U+200C
- Non-printable

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• When placed between two characters that would otherwise be connected into a ligature, a ZWNJ causes them to be printed in their final and initial forms, this is the effect of space character also.

Zero-width non-joiner (ZWNJ)

- Security issues arise if permitted in labels, what if used between letters that are not originally joined?

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Zero-width non-joiner (ZWNJ)

- Each browser deals with ZWNJ differently:
 - Chrome converts it to space
 - MS Explorer removes it.
- It's use is not common in Arabic, but very popular in some other languages like Persian.
- Should not be permitted in labels, a hyphen should be used instead.

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Character Folding

- Multiple characters that may look alike are folded into one character (shape)
- In some countries some characters may be used interchangeably due to their shape similarity. For example, using and interchangeably at the end of a word is not allowed in such countries while it is very common in others.
- and 4-at the end of word at the end of word
- Ĩ,ĺ,!, and !
- ؤ andو

Character Folding (Cont'd)

- It may change the meaning of a word:
 - means "Above" على is a noun, but علي
 - means peaceful سلمي is a noun, but سلمي.
- Against some spelling rules:
 - Writing the word العربيه (Arabic language) is against the spelling rule, it should only be written as العربية.

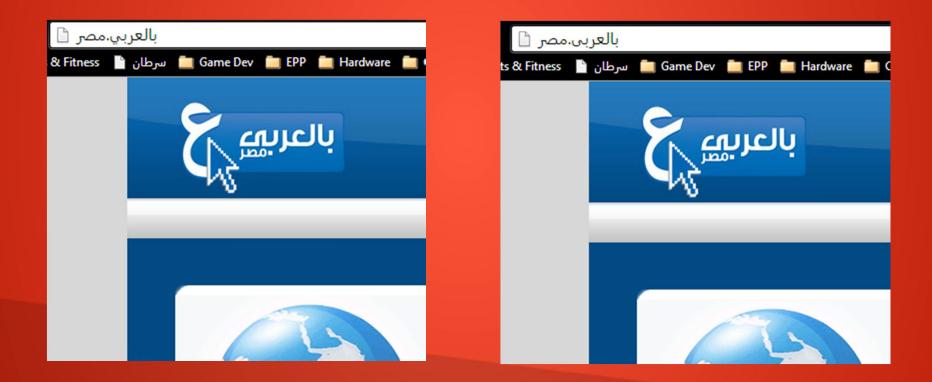
Character Folding (Cont'd)

- Some types of spelling mistakes will not be an issue, at least technically
- Will help avoid phishing
- Cons:
 - Against spelling rules, against preserving Arabic language ethics
 - . Requires extra levels of processing on registry/registrar side
 - DNS and WEB DEVELOPMENT/HOSTING have to be aware if folding exists for a domain
 - With one folded domain, a registrant can run several different instances with single bought domain name which means a lost income for the registry/registrar.
 - Secure communication like HTTPS and will need special attention.

.masr approach regarding folding

- 1- Established a permitted code point repository.
 - Excluded the Diacritics, Shadda, Tatweel, and non standard Arabic letters.
- 2-No numbers allowed at beginning of the label (RegEx)
- 3- No hyphens allowed at the end of beginning of a label
- 4- Established a folding rules:
 - Folding and *c*at the end of a label.
 - Folding Eastern (Indic) and Western Arabic numbers
 - No folding between -and -at the end of label
 - No folding between different Alef (! ")

.masr approach regarding folding (Cont'd)



- Folding all Alef (111)

- ی and ع and ا
- ة Folding •and
- At time of registration the registrant is given only the requested variation of a domain
- All other variations are blocked.
- The registrant is allowed activate any of the blocked variation, and the remaining will stay blocked.

Folding in .emarat (Cont'd)

- Example: in case of registering



Folding in .qatar

- The registrant is given only the requested variation of a domain
- All other variations are blocked.
- The registrant is allowed to later request up to five (5) variation or a domain, any remaining variations will be blocked.





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