

Re: Arabic cursive in Unicode

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Danny wrote:

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Andreas Prilop wrote:

On 21 Nov 2006, Danny wrote:

I'm trying to draw up a table of Arabic cursive characters for a text editor: I want to take the raw data and translate into a sequence of cursive variants.

What do you mean by "cursive characters", "cursive variants"?

I mean that I need to take the 'actual' characters (in the 06 range) and convert to the presentation forms (in the F range). This is in order to make my own Arabic rendering engine (bypassing the OS)

What do you mean by "presentation forms"? All the "isolated" shapes of letters can occur within or at the end of words -- the "four" shapes of Arabic letters exist only because some letters can connect with letters on both sides, and some can connect only with letters before them (to their right).

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I mean exactly what I think you think I mean :) I mean the four (or two, or one) variants of a letter (or ligature) that are displayed according to its position within a word. I'm pretty sure the term is the one used by Unicode – I was reminded to use it by Andreas' post.

I'm sorry, but I have no idea what you mean. "Presentation form" is not a term used in the study of writing systems, or of Arabic, or in typography.