

Re: Arabic cursive in Unicode

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21 Nov 2006 20:33:38 -0800: "Peter T. Daniels"
<grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxx>: in sci.lang:

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.

But it is in Unicode. <http://rudhar.com/lingtics/uniclnks.htm>
0600 is Arabic, FB50 is Arabic Presentation Forms–A and FE70 is Arabic Presentation Forms–B. The question may be: should these be used, and if so, how?

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