

Non-Spacing Marks

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This document lists some non-spacing marks within the Unicode Arabic block.

A *Non-spacing Mark* is defined as “A combining character with the General Category of Nonspacing Mark (Mn) or Enclosing Mark (Me). The position of a nonspacing mark in presentation depends on its base character. It generally does not consume space along the visual baseline in and of itself.” Glossary of Unicode Terms (<http://unicode.org/glossary/>).

Arabic Non-Spacing Marks include:

- Subtending Marks (U+0600 – U+0603)
- Honorifics (U+0610 – U+0614)
- Koranic annotation signs (U+0615 – U+061A, U+06D6 – U+06ED)
- Points (U+064B – U+0652, U+0670)
- Combining Maddaa and Hamza (U+0653 – U+0655)
- Other combining Marks (U+0656 – U+065E)

The use of non-spacing marks, particularly with a domain name label, causes some problems that may lead to major sources of spoofing and phishing.

1. Subtending Marks (U+0600 – U+0603)

This list of code points must be DISALLOWED.

2. Honorifics (U+0610 – U+0614)

ص	محمد	محمد	محمد	محمد
0610	الصباح	الصباح	السراط	السراط
ع	نوح	نوح	نوح	نوح
0611	العيد	العيد	العيد	
ف	فيصل	فيصل	فيصل	فيصل
0612				

ر		علی	علی	علی
0613				

ـ				
0614				

3. Koranic annotation signs (U+0615 – U+061A, U+06D6 – U+06ED)

This list of code points must be DISALLOWED.

4. Points (U+064B – U+0652, U+0670)

ۿ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ
ۺ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ
ۻ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ
ۻ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ
ۿ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ
ۺ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ
ۻ	جَمْعِيَّةٌ

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 0650	
 0651	
 0652	
 0670	

5. Combining Maddaa and Hamza (U+0653 – U+0655)

This is covered in a separate document titled: “Confused Characters Due to the use of Combining MADDA and HAMZA”, Arabic Script IDN Working Group, Version 2.0 12 April 2008

5. Other combining Marks (U+0656 – U+065E)

	0692	06B5	06C6	06CE	0756	0769
	077E	06C9	06EE	06EF	06FF	

						
						