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Romanization of Arabic

Isolated	From Right	Both Sides	From Left	Romanization	Name	Num Value
ا	ا	—	—	ʾ, $\bar{a}$ *, **	ʾalif	1
ب	ب	ـبـ	بـ	b	$b\bar{a}$ʾ	2
ت	ت	ـتـ	تـ	t	$t\bar{a}$ʾ	400
ث	ث	ـثـ	ثـ	th	$th\bar{a}$ʾ	500
ج	ج	ـجـ	جـ	j	$j\bar{\imath}m$	3
ح	ح	ـحـ	حـ	ḥ	$ḥ\bar{a}$ʾ	8
خ	خ	ـخـ	خـ	kh	$kh\bar{a}$ʾ	600
د	د	—	—	d	$d\bar{a}l$	4
ذ	ذ	—	—	dh	$dh\bar{a}l$	700
ر	ر	—	—	r	$r\bar{a}$ʾ	200
ز	ز	—	—	z	$z\bar{a}y$	7
س	س	ـسـ	سـ	s	$s\bar{\imath}n$	60
ش	ش	ـشـ	شـ	sh	$sh\bar{\imath}n$	300
ص	ص	ـصـ	صـ	ṣ	$ṣ\bar{a}d$	90
ض	ض	ـضـ	ضـ	ḍ	$ḍ\bar{a}d$	800
ط	ط	ـطـ	طـ	ṭ	$ṭ\bar{a}$ʾ	9
ظ	ظ	ـظـ	ظـ	ẓ	$ẓ\bar{a}$ʾ	900
ع	ع	ـعـ	عـ	ʿ	ʿayn	70
غ	غ	ـغـ	غـ	gh	ghayn	1000
ف	ف	ـفـ	فـ	f	$f\bar{a}$ʾ	80
ق	ق	ـقـ	قـ	q	$q\bar{a}f$	100
ك	ك	ـكـ	كـ	k	$k\bar{a}f$	20
ل	ل	ـلـ	لـ	l	$l\bar{a}m$	30
م	م	ـمـ	مـ	m	$m\bar{\imath}m$	40
ن	ن	ـنـ	نـ	n	$n\bar{u}n$	50
ه	ه، ة	ـهـ	هـ	h, t ***	$h\bar{a}$ʾ	5
و	و	—	—	w, $\bar{u}$	$w\bar{a}w$	6
ى	ى	ـيـ	يـ	y, $\bar{\imath}$	$y\bar{a}$ʾ	10

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پ	پ	‍پ‍	پ‍	p	pā
چ	‍چ	‍چ‍	چ‍	ch	chīm
ژ	‍ژ	—	—	zh	zhāy
ج‍	‍ج‍	‍ج‍	ج‍	zh	zhīm
گ	‍گ	‍گ‍	گ‍	g	gāf
ڤ	‍ڤ	‍ڤ‍	ڤ‍	v	vā
ڢ	‍ڢ	‍ڢ‍	ڢ‍	f	fā
ڧ	‍ڧ	‍ڧ‍	ڧ‍	q	qāf
ۋ	‍ۋ	‍ۋ‍	ۋ‍	v	vā

Vowels and Diphthongs

◌َ	a	◌َ ا	ā	◌ِ ي	ī
◌ُ	u	◌َ ى ****	á	◌َ وْ	aw
◌ِ	i	◌ُ و	ū	◌َ يْ	ay

* أ *hamzah* is omitted at the beginning of a word; elsewhere, it is written, eg., أَحمَد *Aḥmad*, but مُؤَسَّسَة *mu'assasah*, دَائِم *dā'im*, خَطِيء *khaṭī'*.

** The preposition لِ in combination with following article أَلْ is written *lil-*, e.g., لِلكِتَاب *lil-kitāb*, لِلشَّمس *lil-shams*. Note that the ل of the article is not assimilated to the "sun"-letters, e.g., أَلسَّفِير *al-safīr*.

*** ة is romanized *at* in a word in the construct state. To distinguish romanized ة in contact with another consonant from a roman digraph representing a single Arabic consonant, a single prime ´ is placed between the two distinct letters, e.g., *ad´ham* = أَدهَم, *akramat´hā* = أَكرَمَتهَا.

**** مُصطَفَى *Muṣṭafá*, but دَنَا *danā*.