

The Arabic Calligrapher of MaryamSoft MirEmad — The What + How

MirEmad is a tool for/and a set of fonts for Arabic Calligraphy in **Word** and **InDesign**.

Here is a 4-letter word formatted in Naskh in 3 different styles with MirEmad.

Comparing the three styles, you can easily see:

- the **ligature** of the first 2 letters in the Middle and Bottom,
- the **Kashida** of the brown letter in the Middle, and
- the **Swashing** of the last letter in the Bottom.

Thanks to its unique keyboard-controlled stepping motor and dynamic fonts, MirEmad makes it easy for you to:

هجري

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- balance lines (of poems) in one or more of the following ways:

I. Cycling through 3+1 possible ends* for each letter then returning to the required form by pressing Alt+Space as follows:

Word in hand	place the cursor just after the colored letter and press	once or 1+4n times to get	twice or 2+4n times to get	3 or 3+4n times to get
هجرة	Alt + Space	هجرة	هجرة	هجرة
حق	Alt + Space	حق	حق	حق

Where n = Number of Cycles -1.

* ... step-by-step from shortest to longest then shortest and so on.

3. **Kerning** letters to non-joiners by pressing Alt+Arrows as follows.

Word in hand	place the cursor just after the colored letter and go one pressing	till kerning..	If overdone, reverse with
هجرة	Alt + → →	هجرة	←
قدس	Alt + → ↑	قدس	← ↓

4 **Overlapping** letters across Swashes by pressing Alt+Arrows.

Adjacent Words in hand	place the cursor just after the colored letter and go on pressing	till overlapping.	If overdone, reverse with
حق علي	Alt + → ↑	حق علي	← ↓

5. Cycling through the available **Ligatures*** then returning to the desired one as follows:

Word in hand	Click just after the colored letter and press	once or 1+4n times to get	twice or 2+4n times to get	3 or 3+4n times to get
شهيد	Alt + H	شهيد	شهيد	شهيد
هجرة	Alt + H	هجرة	هجرة	هجرة
هجرة	Alt + H	هجرة	هجرة	هجرة

Where n = Number of Cycles - 1.

* ... step-by-step from the first available to the last then the first and so on.

See how the adjacent letter automatically changes its end to join the colored letter smoothly.

- accurately position dot(s) + marks after targeting them by pressing:

Ctrl + Alt + ← ↑ ↓ →

Place cursor between To move>	Fatha+!Sign Fatha only	Fatha+Shadda Shadda+Fatha	Body of Letter+Dot Shadda+Fatha+Dot

	To move one of these:	How to target them
1		1. place the cursor just after the following letter 2. press the right arrow once .
2		1. place the cursor just after the following letter 2. press the right arrow twice .
3	with the dots of dotted letters like Fa & Qaf	1. place the cursor just before the dotted-letter 2. press the left arrow once .

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