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## Foreword

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ISO/IEC 8859 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets*:

- Part 1: *Latin alphabet No. 1*
- Part 2: *Latin alphabet No. 2*
- Part 3: *Latin alphabet No. 3*
- Part 4: *Latin alphabet No. 4*
- Part 5: *Latin/Cyrillic alphabet*
- Part 6: *Latin/Arabic alphabet*
- Part 7: *Latin/Greek alphabet*
- Part 8: *Latin/Hebrew alphabet*
- Part 9: *Latin alphabet No. 5*
- Part 10: *Latin alphabet No. 6*

Annexes A to C of this part of ISO/IEC 8859 are for information only.

## Introduction

ISO/IEC 8859 consists of several parts. Each part specifies a set of up to 191 graphic characters and the coded representation of these characters by means of a single 8-bit byte. Each set is intended for use for a particular group of languages.

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# Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 6: Latin/Arabic alphabet

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 8859 specifies a set of 146 coded graphic characters identified as Latin/Arabic alphabet.

This set of coded graphic characters is intended for use in data and text processing applications and also for information interchange.

The set contains graphic characters used for general purpose applications in typical office environments in at least the following languages:

Arabic, English and Latin.

Some of the characters in this set are combining characters (see clause 6).

This set of coded graphic characters may be regarded as a version of an 8-bit code according to ISO/IEC 2022 or ISO/IEC 4873 at level 1.

This part of ISO/IEC 8859 may not be used in conjunction with any other parts of ISO/IEC 8859. If coded characters from more than one part are to be used together, by means of code extension techniques, the equivalent coded character sets from ISO/IEC 10367 should be used instead within a version of ISO/IEC 4873 at level 2 or level 3.

The coded characters in this set may be used in conjunction with coded control functions selected from ISO/IEC 6429. However, control functions are not used to create composite graphic symbols from two or more graphic characters (see clause 6).

**NOTE** – ISO/IEC 8859 is not intended for use with Telematic services defined by ITU-T. If information coded according to ISO/IEC 8859 is to be transferred to such services, it will have to conform to the requirements of those services at the access-point.

## 2 Conformance

### 2.1 Conformance of information interchange

A coded-character-data-element (CC-data-element) within coded information for interchange is in conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 8859 if all the coded representations of graphic characters within that CC-data-element conform to the requirements of clause 6.

### 2.2 Conformance of devices

A device is in conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 8859 if it conforms to the requirements of 2.2.1, and either or both of 2.2.2 and 2.2.3. A claim of conformance shall identify the document which contains the description specified in 2.2.1.

#### 2.2.1 Device description

A device that conforms to this part of ISO/IEC 8859 shall be the subject of a description that identifies the means by which the user may supply characters to the device, or may recognize them when they are made available to him, as specified respectively in 2.2.2 and 2.2.3.

#### 2.2.2 Originating devices

An originating device shall allow its user to supply any sequence of characters from those specified in clause 6, and shall be capable of transmitting their coded representations within a CC-data-element.

#### 2.2.3 Receiving devices

A receiving device shall be capable of receiving and interpreting any coded representations of characters that are within a CC-data-element, and that conform to clause 6, and shall make the corresponding characters available to its user in such a way that the user can identify them from among those specified there, and can distinguish them from each other.

## 3 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 8859. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 8859 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/IEC 2022:1994, *Information technology – Character code structure and extension techniques*.

ISO/IEC 4873:1991, *Information technology – ISO 8-bit code for information interchange – Structure and rules for implementation*.

ISO/IEC 8824-1:1995, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*.

## 4 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO/IEC 8859 the following definitions apply:

**4.1 bit combination:** An ordered set of bits used for the representation of characters.

**4.2 byte:** A bit string that is operated upon as a unit.

**4.3 character:** A member of a set of elements used for the organization, control, or representation of data.

**4.4 code table:** A table showing the characters allocated to each bit combination in a code.

**4.5 coded character set; code:** A set of unambiguous rules that establishes a character set and the one-to-one relationship between the characters of the set and their bit combinations.

**4.6 coded-character-data-element (CC-data-element):** An element of interchanged information that is specified to consist of a sequence of coded representations of characters, in accordance with one or more identified standards for coded character sets.

**4.7 graphic character:** A character, other than a control function, that has a visual representation normally handwritten, printed or displayed, and that has a coded representation consisting of one or more bit combinations.

**NOTE** – In ISO/IEC 8859 a single bit combination is used to represent each character.

**4.8 graphic symbol:** A visual representation of a graphic character or of a control function.

**4.9 position:** That part of a code table identified by its column and row coordinates.

## 5 Notation, code table and names

### 5.1 Notation

The bits of the bit combinations of the 8-bit code are identified by  $b_8, b_7, b_6, b_5, b_4, b_3, b_2, b_1$ , where  $b_8$  is the highest-order, or most-significant bit and  $b_1$  is the lowest-order, or least-significant bit.

The bit combinations may be interpreted to represent numbers in binary notation by attributing the following weights to the individual bits:

Bit	$b_8$	$b_7$	$b_6$	$b_5$	$b_4$	$b_3$	$b_2$	$b_1$
Weight	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

Using these weights, the bit combinations are identified by notations of the form  $xx/yy$ , where  $xx$  and  $yy$  are numbers in the range 00 to 15. The correspondence between the notations of the form  $xx/yy$  and the bit combinations consisting of the bits  $b_8$  to  $b_1$  is as follows:

–  $xx$  is the number represented by  $b_8, b_7, b_6$  and  $b_5$  where these bits are given the weights 8, 4, 2, and 1 respectively.

–  $yy$  is the number represented by  $b_4, b_3, b_2$  and  $b_1$  where these bits are given the weights 8, 4, 2, and 1 respectively.

The bit combinations are also identified by notations of the form  $hk$ , where  $h$  and  $k$  are numbers in the range 0 to F in hexadecimal notation. The number  $h$  is the same as the number  $xx$  described above, and the number  $k$  the same as the number  $yy$  described above.

### 5.2 Layout of the code table

An 8-bit code table consists of 256 positions arranged in 16 columns and 16 rows. The columns and the rows are numbered 00 to 15. In hexadecimal notation the columns and the rows are numbered 0 to F.

The code table positions are identified by notations of the form  $xx/yy$ , where  $xx$  is the column number and  $yy$  is the row number. The column and row numbers are shown at the top and left edges of the table respectively. The code table positions are also identified by notations of the form  $hk$ , where  $h$  is the column number and  $k$  is the row number in hexadecimal notation. The column and row numbers are shown at the bottom and right edges of the table respectively.

The positions of the code table are in one-to-one correspondence with the bit combinations of the code. The notation of a code table position, of the form  $xx/yy$ , or of the form  $hk$ , is the same as that of the corresponding bit combination.

### 5.3 Names and meanings

also specifies an acronym for each of the characters SPACE, NO-BREAK SPACE and SOFT HYPHEN. For acronyms only Latin capital letters A to Z are used. It is intended that the acronyms be retained in all translations of the text.

Except for SPACE (SP), NO-BREAK SPACE (NBSP) and SOFT HYPHEN (SHY), this part of ISO/IEC 8859 does not define and does not restrict the meanings of graphic characters.

This part of ISO/IEC 8859 specifies a graphic symbol for each graphic character. This symbol is shown in the corresponding position of the code table. However, this part, or any other part, of ISO/IEC 8859 does not specify a particular style or font design for imaging graphic characters. Annex B of ISO/IEC 10367 gives further information on this subject.

### 5.3.1 SPACE (SP)

A graphic character the visual representation of which consists of the absence of a graphic symbol.

### 5.3.2 NO-BREAK SPACE (NBSP)

A graphic character the visual representation of which consists of the absence of a graphic symbol, for use when a line break is to be prevented in the text as presented.

### 5.3.3 SOFT HYPHEN (SHY)

A graphic character that is imaged by a graphic symbol identical with, or similar to, that representing HYPHEN, for use when a line break has been established within a word.

## 6 Specification of the coded character set

This part of ISO/IEC 8859 specifies 146 characters allocated to the bit combinations of the code table (table 2).

Some of these characters are combining characters. They are identified in table 1 as such.

**NOTE** – Combining characters are described in ISO/IEC 2022:1994 subclause 6.3.3.

The coded representation of a combining character shall follow that of the base character with which it is associated. Any combining character may be associated with any non-combining character in the ranges 12/01 to 13/10 and 14/01 to 14/10 (hexadecimal C1 to DA and E1 to EA).

Control functions, such as BACKSPACE or CARRIAGE RETURN, shall not be used to create composite graphic symbols, which are made up from the graphic representations of two or more characters.

**NOTE** – There is only one set of DIGITS in this part. How these will be imaged, is a matter of local conventions. In the code table, graphic symbols for the most common styles of writing digits are given next to each other. In this way data communication between various Arabic writing countries remains possible without code conversion.

### 6.1 Characters of the set and their coded representation

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Table 1 – Character set, coded representation

Bit combination	Hex	Identifier	Name
02/00	20	U+0020	SPACE
02/01	21	U+0021	EXCLAMATION MARK
02/02	22	U+0022	QUOTATION MARK
02/03	23	U+0023	NUMBER SIGN
02/04	24	U+0024	DOLLAR SIGN
02/05	25	U+0025	PERCENT SIGN
02/06	26	U+0026	AMPERSAND
02/07	27	U+0027	APOSTROPHE
02/08	28	U+0028	LEFT PARENTHESIS
02/09	29	U+0029	RIGHT PARENTHESIS
02/10	2A	U+002A	ASTERISK
02/11	2B	U+002B	PLUS SIGN
02/12	2C	U+002C	COMMA
02/13	2D	U+002D	HYPHEN-MINUS
02/14	2E	U+002E	FULL STOP
02/15	2F	U+002F	SOLIDUS
03/00	30	U+0030	DIGIT ZERO
03/01	31	U+0031	DIGIT ONE
03/02	32	U+0032	DIGIT TWO
03/03	33	U+0033	DIGIT THREE
03/04	34	U+0034	DIGIT FOUR
03/05	35	U+0035	DIGIT FIVE
03/06	36	U+0036	DIGIT SIX
03/07	37	U+0037	DIGIT SEVEN
03/08	38	U+0038	DIGIT EIGHT
03/09	39	U+0039	DIGIT NINE
03/10	3A	U+003A	COLON
03/11	3B	U+003B	SEMICOLON
03/12	3C	U+003C	LESS-THAN SIGN
03/13	3D	U+003D	EQUALS SIGN
03/14	3E	U+003E	GREATER-THAN SIGN
03/15	3F	U+003F	QUESTION MARK
04/00	40	U+0040	COMMERCIAL AT
04/01	41	U+0041	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A
04/02	42	U+0042	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER B
04/03	43	U+0043	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C
04/04	44	U+0044	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D
04/05	45	U+0045	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E
04/06	46	U+0046	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER F
04/07	47	U+0047	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER G
04/08	48	U+0048	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER H
04/09	49	U+0049	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I
04/10	4A	U+004A	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER J
04/11	4B	U+004B	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER K
04/12	4C	U+004C	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L
04/13	4D	U+004D	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER M
04/14	4E	U+004E	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N
04/15	4F	U+004F	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O

Table 1 (continued)

Bit combination	Hex	Identifier	Name
05/00	50	U+0050	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER P
05/01	51	U+0051	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Q
05/02	52	U+0052	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R
05/03	53	U+0053	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S
05/04	54	U+0054	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T
05/05	55	U+0055	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U
05/06	56	U+0056	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER V
05/07	57	U+0057	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER W
05/08	58	U+0058	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER X
05/09	59	U+0059	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Y
05/10	5A	U+005A	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z
05/11	5B	U+005B	LEFT SQUARE BRACKET
05/12	5C	U+005C	REVERSE SOLIDUS
05/13	5D	U+005D	RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET
05/14	5E	U+005E	CIRCUMFLEX ACCENT
05/15	5F	U+005F	LOW LINE
06/00	60	U+0060	GRAVE ACCENT
06/01	61	U+0061	LATIN SMALL LETTER A
06/02	62	U+0062	LATIN SMALL LETTER B
06/03	63	U+0063	LATIN SMALL LETTER C
06/04	64	U+0064	LATIN SMALL LETTER D
06/05	65	U+0065	LATIN SMALL LETTER E
06/06	66	U+0066	LATIN SMALL LETTER F
06/07	67	U+0067	LATIN SMALL LETTER G
06/08	68	U+0068	LATIN SMALL LETTER H
06/09	69	U+0069	LATIN SMALL LETTER I
06/10	6A	U+006A	LATIN SMALL LETTER J
06/11	6B	U+006B	LATIN SMALL LETTER K
06/12	6C	U+006C	LATIN SMALL LETTER L
06/13	6D	U+006D	LATIN SMALL LETTER M
06/14	6E	U+006E	LATIN SMALL LETTER N
06/15	6F	U+006F	LATIN SMALL LETTER O
07/00	70	U+0070	LATIN SMALL LETTER P
07/01	71	U+0071	LATIN SMALL LETTER Q
07/02	72	U+0072	LATIN SMALL LETTER R
07/03	73	U+0073	LATIN SMALL LETTER S
07/04	74	U+0074	LATIN SMALL LETTER T
07/05	75	U+0075	LATIN SMALL LETTER U
07/06	76	U+0076	LATIN SMALL LETTER V
07/07	77	U+0077	LATIN SMALL LETTER W
07/08	78	U+0078	LATIN SMALL LETTER X
07/09	79	U+0079	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y
07/10	7A	U+007A	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z
07/11	7B	U+007B	LEFT CURLY BRACKET
07/12	7C	U+007C	VERTICAL LINE
07/13	7D	U+007D	RIGHT CURLY BRACKET
07/14	7E	U+007E	TILDE



Table 1 (continued)

Bit combination	Hex	Identifier	Name
10/00	A0	U+00A0	NO-BREAK SPACE
10/01	A1		(This position shall not be used)
10/02	A2		(This position shall not be used)
10/03	A3		(This position shall not be used)
10/04	A4	U+00A4	CURRENCY SIGN
10/05	A5		(This position shall not be used)
10/06	A6		(This position shall not be used)
10/07	A7		(This position shall not be used)
10/08	A8		(This position shall not be used)
10/09	A9		(This position shall not be used)
10/10	AA		(This position shall not be used)
10/11	AB		(This position shall not be used)
10/12	AC	U+060C	ARABIC COMMA
10/13	AD	U+00AD	SOFT HYPHEN
10/14	AE		(This position shall not be used)
10/15	AF		(This position shall not be used)
11/00	B0		(This position shall not be used)
11/01	B1		(This position shall not be used)
11/02	B2		(This position shall not be used)
11/03	B3		(This position shall not be used)
11/04	B4		(This position shall not be used)
11/05	B5		(This position shall not be used)
11/06	B6		(This position shall not be used)
11/07	B7		(This position shall not be used)
11/08	B8		(This position shall not be used)
11/09	B9		(This position shall not be used)
11/10	BA		(This position shall not be used)
11/11	BB	U+061B	ARABIC SEMICOLON
11/12	BC		(This position shall not be used)
11/13	BD		(This position shall not be used)
11/14	BE		(This position shall not be used)
11/15	BF	U+061F	ARABIC QUESTION MARK
12/00	C0		(This position shall not be used)
12/01	C1	U+0621	ARABIC LETTER HAMZA
12/02	C2	U+0622	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH MADDA ABOVE
12/03	C3	U+0623	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA ABOVE
12/04	C4	U+0624	ARABIC LETTER WAW WITH HAMZA ABOVE
12/05	C5	U+0625	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA BELOW
12/06	C6	U+0626	ARABIC LETTER YEH WITH HAMZA ABOVE
12/07	C7	U+0627	ARABIC LETTER ALEF
12/08	C8	U+0628	ARABIC LETTER BEH
12/09	C9	U+0629	ARABIC LETTER TEH MARBUTA
12/10	CA	U+062A	ARABIC LETTER TEH
12/11	CB	U+062B	ARABIC LETTER THEH
12/12	CC	U+062C	ARABIC LETTER JEEM
12/13	CD	U+062D	ARABIC LETTER HAH
12/14	CE	U+062E	ARABIC LETTER KHAH
12/15	CF	U+062F	ARABIC LETTER DAL

Table 1 (concluded)

Bit combination	Hex	Identifier	Name
13/00	D0	U+0630	ARABIC LETTER THAL
13/01	D1	U+0631	ARABIC LETTER REH
13/02	D2	U+0632	ARABIC LETTER ZAIN
13/03	D3	U+0633	ARABIC LETTER SEEN
13/04	D4	U+0634	ARABIC LETTER SHEEN
13/05	D5	U+0635	ARABIC LETTER SAD
13/06	D6	U+0636	ARABIC LETTER DAD
13/07	D7	U+0637	ARABIC LETTER TAH
13/08	D8	U+0638	ARABIC LETTER ZAH
13/09	D9	U+0639	ARABIC LETTER AIN
13/10	DA	U+063A	ARABIC LETTER GHAIN
13/11	DB		(This position shall not be used)
13/12	DC		(This position shall not be used)
13/13	DD		(This position shall not be used)
13/14	DE		(This position shall not be used)
13/15	DF		(This position shall not be used)
14/00	E0	U+0640	ARABIC TATWEEL
14/01	E1	U+0641	ARABIC LETTER FEH
14/02	E2	U+0642	ARABIC LETTER QAF
14/03	E3	U+0643	ARABIC LETTER KAF
14/04	E4	U+0644	ARABIC LETTER LAM
14/05	E5	U+0645	ARABIC LETTER MEEM
14/06	E6	U+0646	ARABIC LETTER NOON
14/07	E7	U+0647	ARABIC LETTER HEH
14/08	E8	U+0648	ARABIC LETTER WAW
14/09	E9	U+0649	ARABIC LETTER ALEF MAKSURA
14/10	EA	U+064A	ARABIC LETTER YEH
14/11	EB	U+064B	ARABIC FATHATAN (combining character)
14/12	EC	U+064C	ARABIC DAMMATAN (combining character)
14/13	ED	U+064D	ARABIC KASRATAN (combining character)
14/14	EE	U+064E	ARABIC FATHA (combining character)
14/15	EF	U+064F	ARABIC DAMMA (combining character)
15/00	F0	U+0650	ARABIC KASRA (combining character)
15/01	F1	U+0651	ARABIC SHADDA (combining character)
15/02	F2	U+0652	ARABIC SUKUN (combining character)
15/03	F3		(This position shall not be used)
15/04	F4		(This position shall not be used)
15/05	F5		(This position shall not be used)
15/06	F6		(This position shall not be used)
15/07	F7		(This position shall not be used)
15/08	F8		(This position shall not be used)
15/09	F9		(This position shall not be used)
15/10	FA		(This position shall not be used)
15/11	FB		(This position shall not be used)
15/12	FC		(This position shall not be used)
15/13	FD		(This position shall not be used)
15/14	FE		(This position shall not be used)
15/15	FF		(This position shall not be used)