

Aa Bb Cc
 Dd Ee Ff
 Gg Hh Ii
 Jj Kk Ll
 Mm Nn Oo
 Pp Qq Rr
 Ss Tt Uu
 Vv Ww Xx
 Yy Zz 0123456789
 . , @ ! ? - + = * " ' ^ \$ & %
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 heavily reliant on
 distinctions involving
 individual symbols, and
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between letters more
 unambiguous in
 situations like
 password entry boxes
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 are unacceptable.
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 also used in terminal
 emulation and for
 laying out tabulated
 data in plain text
 documents. In technical
 manuals and resources
 for programming
 languages, a monospaced
 font is often used to
 distinguish code from
 natural-language text.
 It is also used in
 disassemblers when it
 outputs the information
 when an instruction

have been executed
 sorted in columns so
 that they line up
 vertically.