

# Charis - Design

Charis is optimized for readability in long printed documents. It is highly readable and holds up well in less-than-ideal reproduction environments due to its simple and robust design with strong serifs and clear features.

[illegible]

Charis Sample - Precomposed Latin Diacritics

For a complete list of characters included in Charis, see [Character Set Support](#).

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