

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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 individual symbols, and
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 letters more unambiguous
 in situations like

password entry boxes
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