

While Bitstream Charter is one of the most beautiful open-source serif fonts out there, its upper case “E” and “F” have serifs that are too large. To wit:

**E F É É É F E É F**

When hinted by TTFAutohint, this causes the “F” to look almost like a “P”, and the “E” to look like a “P” with a stem when rendered at body text sizes. That in mind, I whipped up Fontforge and reduced the size of the serifs in just these two letters:

**E É F E É F E É F**

While this gives the typeface a little less character, it also makes it more readable — both on the screen and to a lesser extent in print.

I call this modified form of Bitstream Charter “Chortle2014”, and it’s available as a free download here:

<http://samiam.org/fonts/other/>