Welcome!

Thanks for downloading the Lakota Keyboard Layout and Fonts Bundle v4.1! Once you’ve installed it, you’ll be able to type beautiful Lakota anywhere on your computer – including word documents, social media and emails.

How to install the keyboard layout

1. The Lakota Keyboard Layout and Fonts Bundle v4.1 can be downloaded from www.lakhota.org. Double-click to Open and continue through the introduction, License, and Installation screens. This will install the Lakota Keyboard Layout on your hard drive and activate the keyboard for the current user.

2. The installer automatically adds Lakota language settings to MacOS for the current user. In order to update language settings for another User account, rerun the installer while signed in as the other user.
How to turn on the keyboard layout

When you want to start typing in Lakota, just click the Input menu in the top right corner of your screen and select Lakota. When you are finished, click the menu again and select your other keyboard layout. You can switch between your keyboard layouts more quickly by pressing `control + space`. Optionally, you can set your shortcut preferences with the following steps:

1. Navigate to your Keyboard preferences by clicking Open Keyboard Preferences.

2. Select the Shortcuts tab along the top of the window and then select Input Sources from the menu on the left side. Then check the option Select next source in Input menu. With your mouse, click the current shortcut and then press a key or combination of keys that you’ll easily remember. By default, `control + space` will switch between keyboards.
How to use the keyboard layout

Some of the keys on the English keyboard become redundant when writing Lakota, because they produce letters (such as R and F) that don’t exist in the Lakota language. These keys (shown in blue above) are used to type the special Lakota letters:

- Q produces the letter ġ as in ġí
- F produces the nasal mark as in oháŋ
- X produces the letter ž as in žó
- . produces the glottal stop (‘) as in čík’ala
- R produces the letter š as in šúŋka
- J produces the letter h as in ųóte
- C produces the letter č as in čhó.

Every word in Lakota carries a stress mark to show which syllable is louder. You can type the stressed vowels using the keys through on the number row (shown in orange above):

- 4 produces the letter á as in pahá
- 6 produces the letter í as in thipi
- 8 produces the letter ú as in igmú
- % produces the letter é as in mašké
- & produces the letter ó as in wóphila
You can also get the stress mark by pressing the forward slash key (shown in pink above) after you type a vowel. So followed by produces á as in pahá.

Holding down the key either side of the space bar (shown in green above) makes the keys behave as they would in the English keyboard layout without requiring you to turn off the Lakota keyboard layout. You might find this function helpful if you are typing a Lakota text that requires only one or two English characters, for example in the sentence

Bismarck él wathí

which requires the letters R and C (not found in the Lakota keyboard layout).

You can order a set of stickers from www.llcbookstore.com and apply them to your physical keyboard to help you get used to the layout of the letters.

Fonts bundle

This software also installs a number of different fonts to your computer so that you can enhance the appearance of your word-processing and graphic work. These fonts are included in the software because most fonts still do not cater for the Lakota alphabet. We recommend that you print out the two final pages in this manual so that you have a visual reference of the Lakota-compatible fonts.

User support

If you need any assistance in using this product, please phone 1-888-525-6828 or email customersupport@lakhota.org.
Lakota-compatible fonts

Aargau Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Andika New Basic  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Antigone Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Antigone Pro Cd  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Arezzo Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Arezzo Pro Ex  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Arezzo Pro Rounded Cd Bold  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Arezzo Pro Xlight  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Artistic Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Avignon Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Avignon Pro Cd  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Avignon Pro Xlight  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Barbedor Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Charis SIL  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
Clearface Pro  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
DejaVu Sans  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
DejaVu Sans Condensed  Šunǧila čík’ala kiŋ hóthéŋka žolówan.
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