

DLIA Dinka (Basic) Unicode Keyboard Layout

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This keyboard was developed to facilitate typing text written in the current Dinka orthography.

How to type in Dinka

This keyboard layout was developed in conjunction with the Dinka Language Institute of Australia (DLIA). The keyboard layout is a Unicode based keyboard layout for [Tavultesoft Keyman](#). The layout was designed for extensive typing in Dinka with limited typing in English. If you will be typing predominately in English with occasional limited typing in Dinka, we would recommend using the [Southern Sudanese Keyman](#) keyboard layout.

Correct display of all Dinka letters requires Windows XP with Service Pack 2 installed. Dinka text will correctly display on older versions of Windows in Microsoft Office 2003. For further information refer to <http://www.openroad.net.au/languages/african/dinka/>.

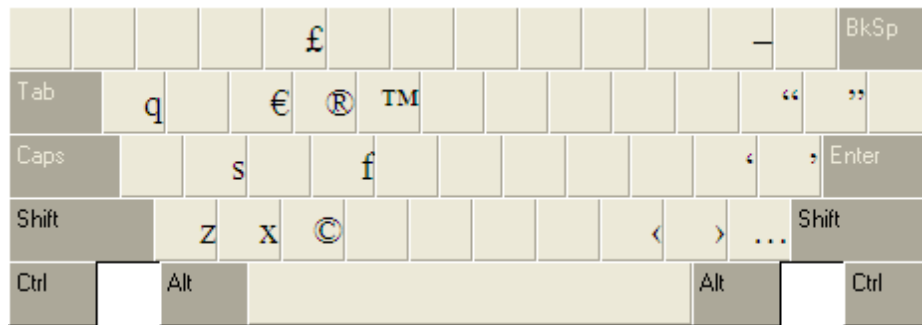
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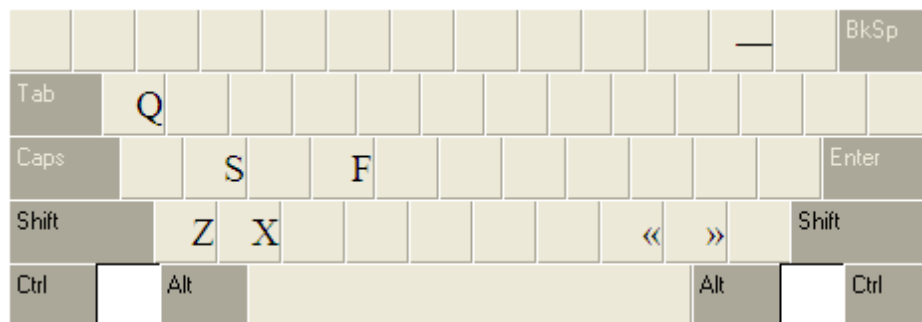
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Right-Alt



Shift Right-Alt



Typing additional Dinka letters

To get: η Ŋ ε Ε γ Υ ρ Ϝ
Type: q Q s S f F x X

Typing breathy vowels

To get: ä Ä ë Ë ě Ě ĩ Ĭ ö Ö ȳ Ȳ
Type: a; A; e; E; s; S; i; I; o; O; x; X;

1. To type a breathy vowel, type the vowel followed by the diaeresis key, which is the semi-colon/colon key on the standard US keyboard layout (**a + ; = ä**).
2. Short cuts for long breathy vowels: to type a long breathy vowel, it is possible to type the vowel then the diaeresis key then retype the vowel and diaeresis key (**a + ; + a + ; = ää**). A quicker method, is to type the vowel twice then type the diaeresis key (**a + a + ; = ää**).

Fonts

The *Doulos SIL* font is installed with the Dinka keyboard layout. Additional fonts include:

- [Charis SIL](#);
- [AfRomanSerif](#);
- [AfSans](#); and

- [Gentium](#).

For information on installing fonts in Windows XP, please read the [MyLanguage font installation guide](#).

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