An Intuitive Unicode Input Method for Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphic Writing: Applying the Input Technology of the Japanese Writing System



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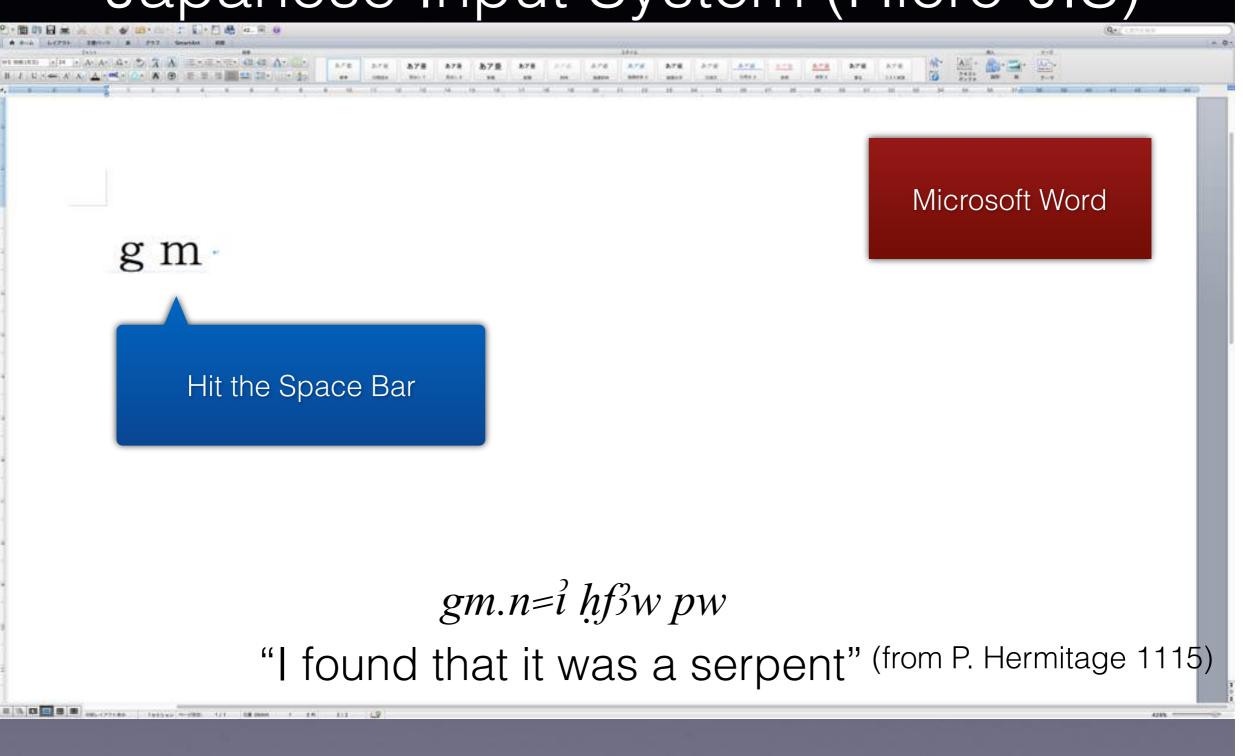
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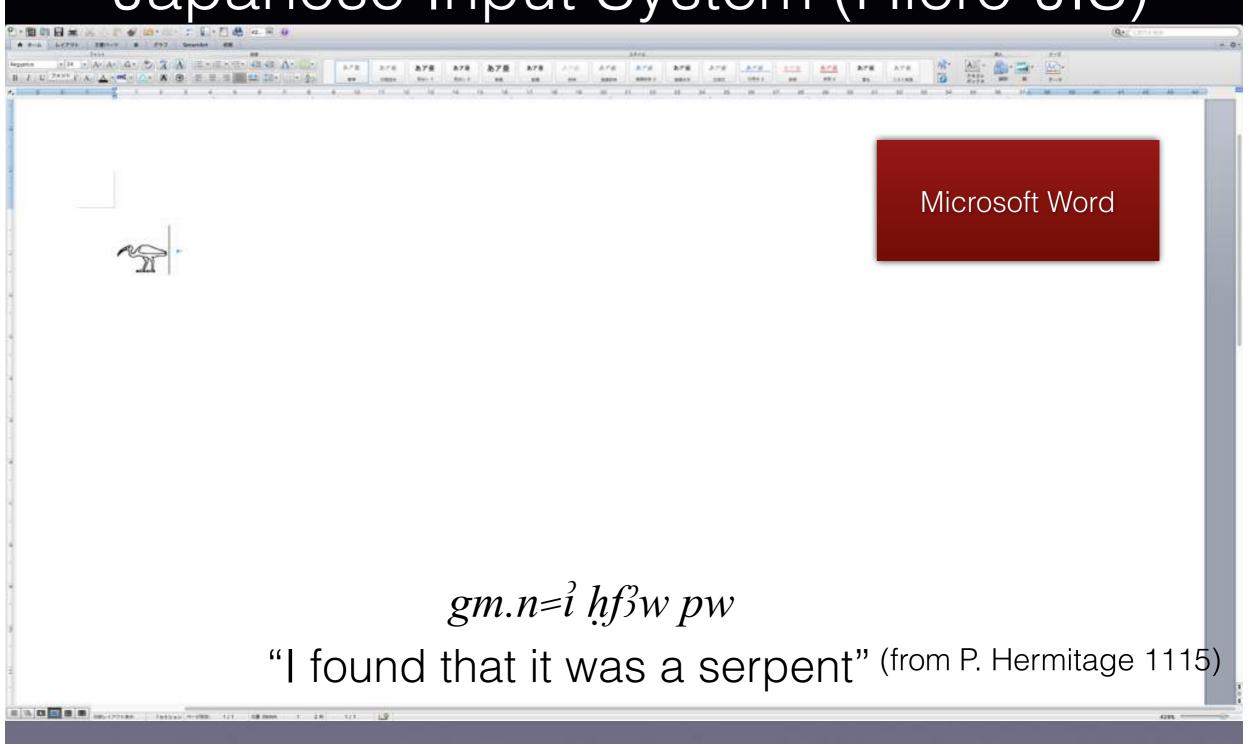


To make a fast & easy way to type Hieroglyphs that are searchable in any environment like major modern writing systems



"Follow your heart as long as you exist" (The Instruction of Ptahhotep, 186)



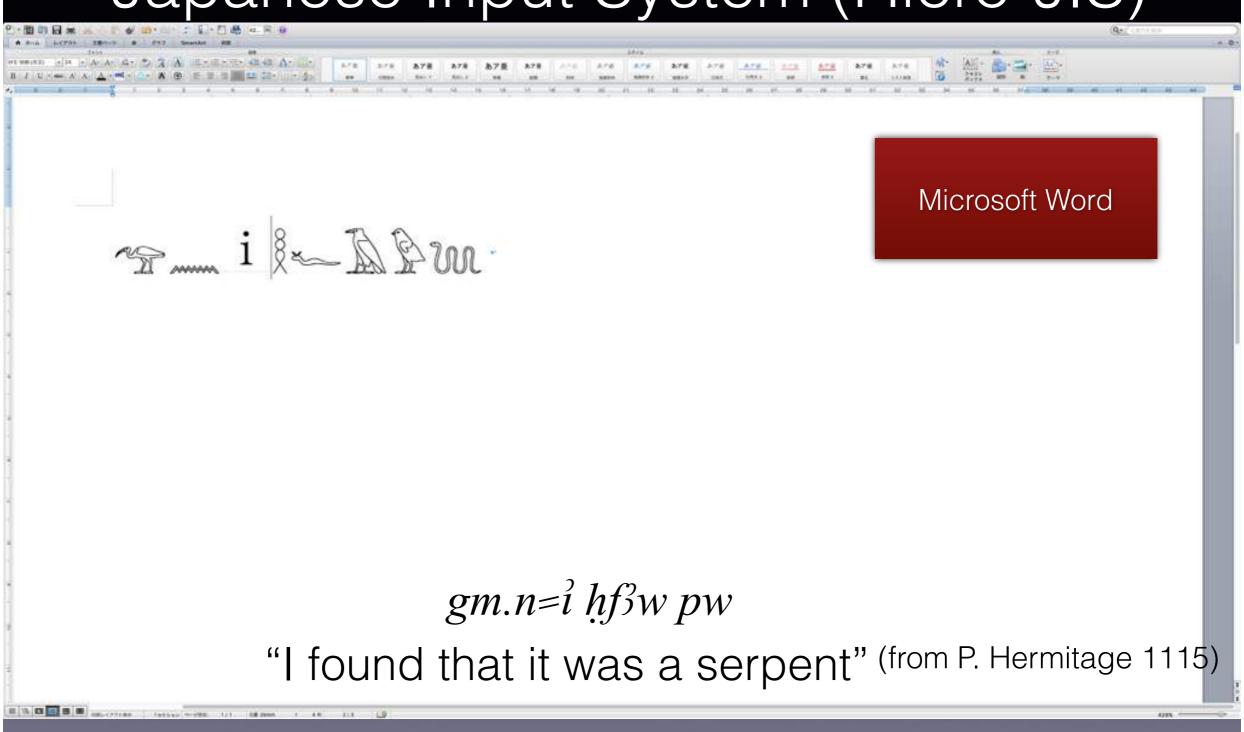


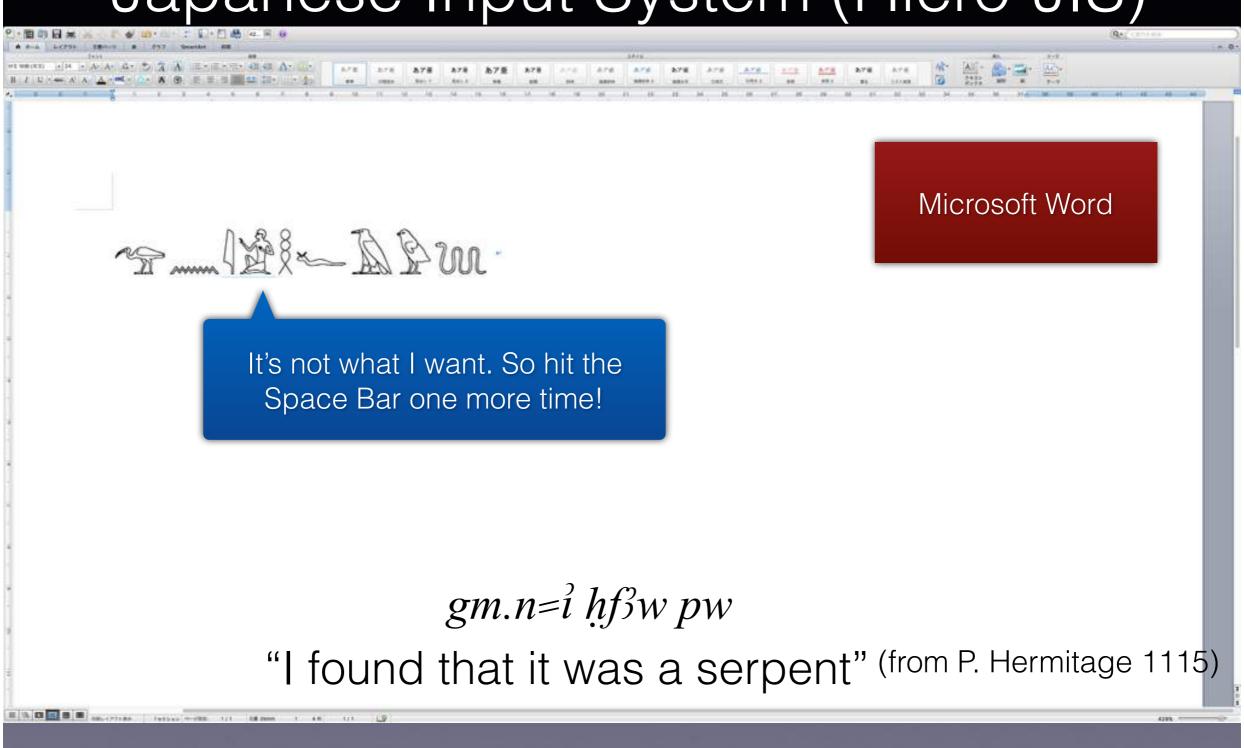


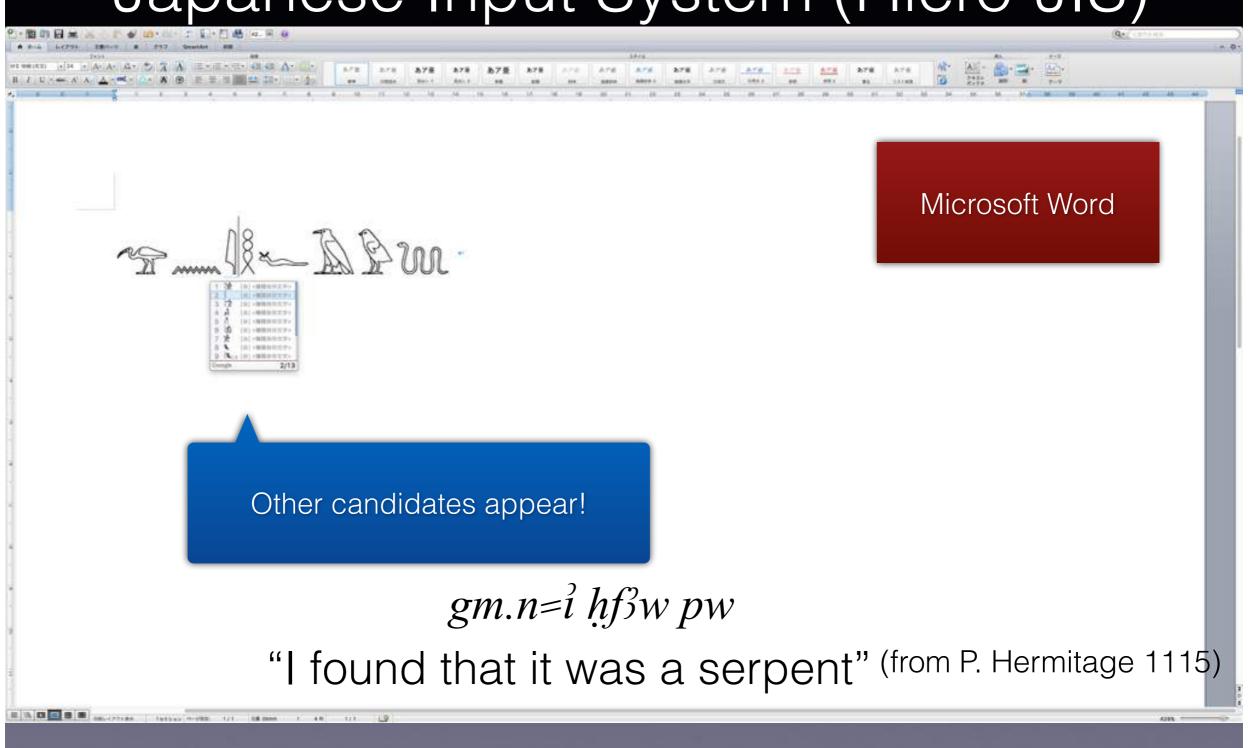




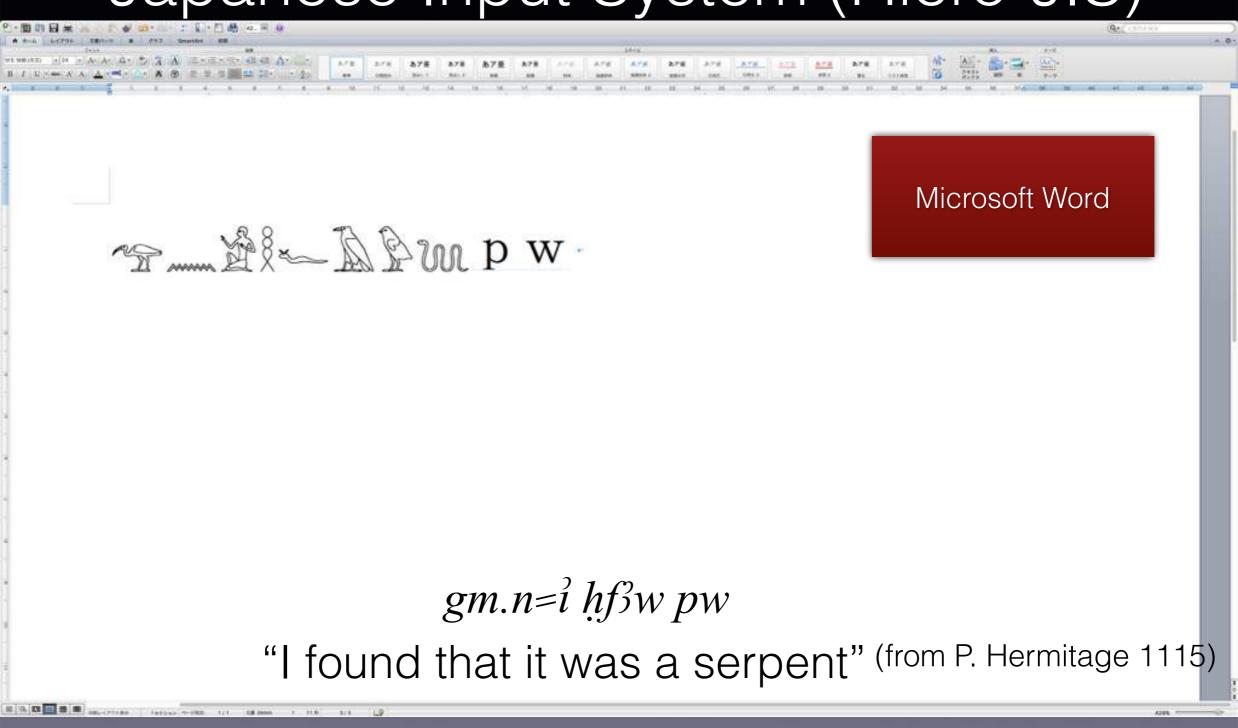














#### Mechanism of Hiero-JIS

Type transliteration of a whole Egyptian word, transliteration of phonograms, Gardiner code or English description

nTr MAMMAL A1 ...

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Hit Space Bar twice



Choose combination of glyphs from the small pull-down window using the tab and enter key.







# Other EH Input Tools with MS Office

JSesh	doesn't allow you input hieroglyphs directly on MS Office	Serge Rosmorduc
HieroTeX	doesn't allow you input hieroglyphs directly on MS Office	Serge Rosmorduc
RES and RESLite	doesn't allow you input hieroglyphs directly on MS Office	Mark-Jan Nederhof
MacScribe	doesn't allow you input hieroglyphs directly on MS Office	E. Aubourg
Glyphomat	doesn't allow you input hieroglyphs directly on MS Office	H. Wodtke

#### Difficulties of Existing Tools

- It takes time for beginners to learn Gardiner Codes and Manuel de Cordage (or an equivalent encoding system).
- It takes time to export glyphs as an image file and insert it in another program like MS Word.
- These programmes do not allow the input of Egyptian hieroglyphs directly on Word, Powerpoint, Excel, web browsers and so on.

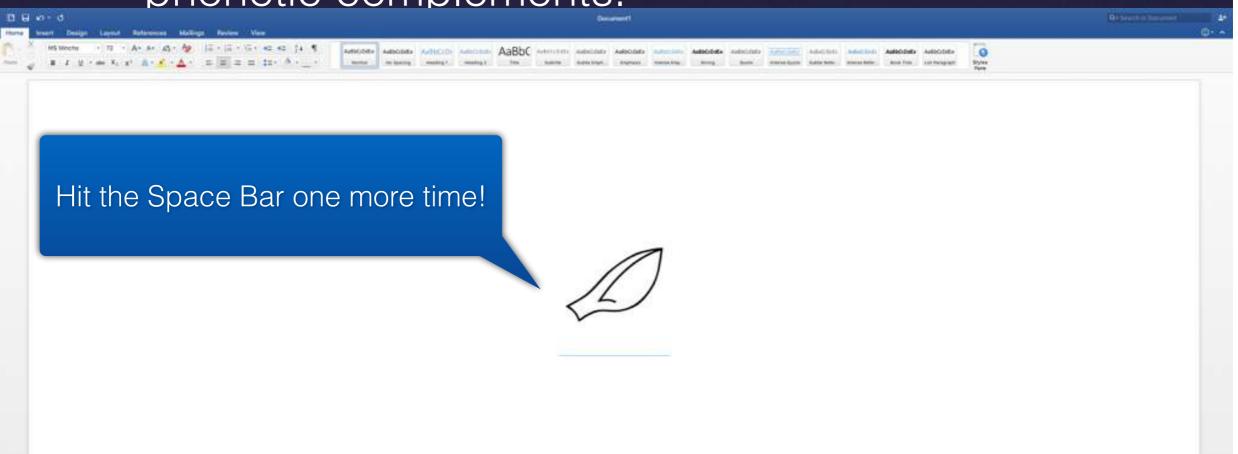
#### Type Hieroglyphs Faster

- Existing software of Hieroglyphic typeset is slow to make Egyptian texts in hieroglyphs compared with other typing systems like English, German, Arabic, Japanese, Chinese, Korean...
- HieroJIS makes it possible to type Egyptian hieroglyphs quickly like East Asian languages!!!

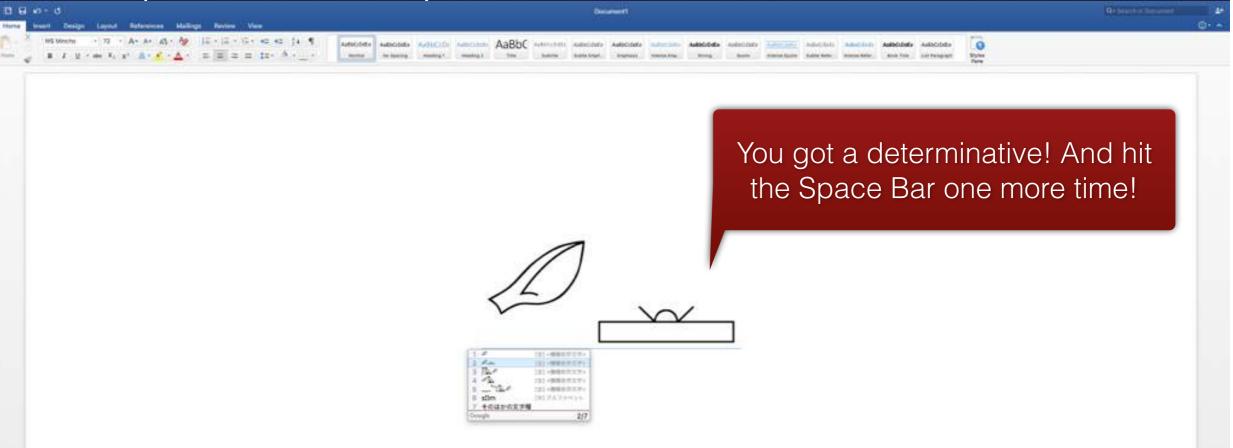
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- Thus, you have the choice of determinatives and phonetic complements.



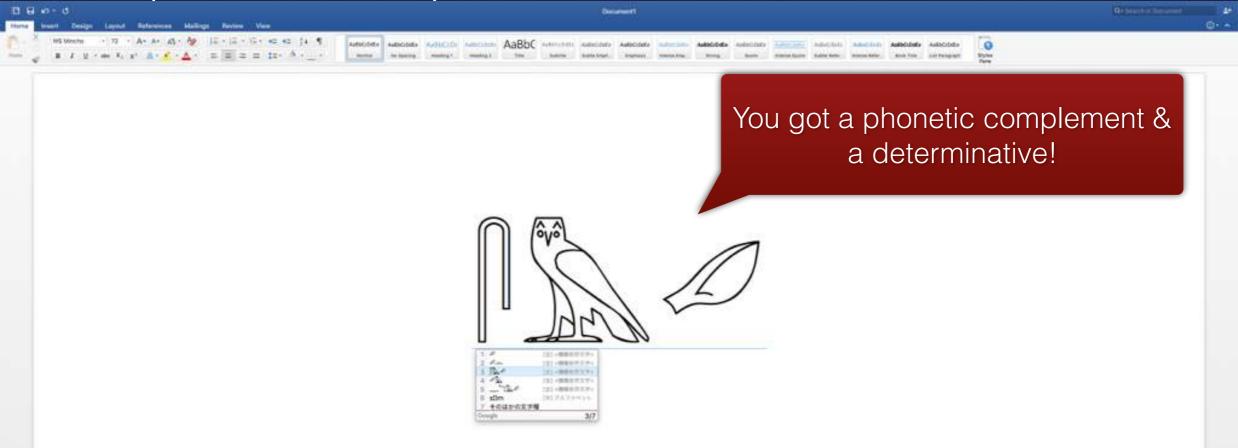
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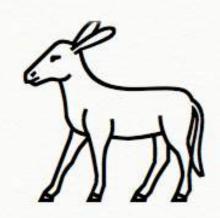


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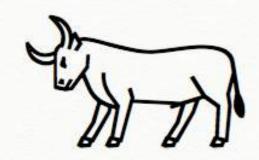


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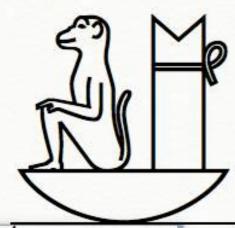


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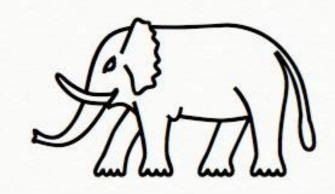
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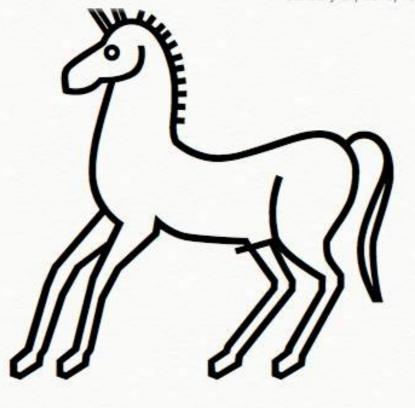
# Auxiliary Gardiner Code Input

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Type the Gardiner Code of the glyph in caps and hit the Space Bar.

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#### Phonogram Input

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, y $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , A $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , g $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , A $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , wa $\rightarrow \emptyset$ , s $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , w $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ 

# Hiero-JIS has 4 ways of Inputting

 Basics: transliteration of a word → the word in hieroglyphs including determinatives and so on Main

 Romanization of consonantal phonemes → hieroglyphs (Mnemonics; Mark-Jan Nederhof in p.c.)

Ex. 
$$n \rightarrow gm \rightarrow gm \rightarrow fr \rightarrow f$$

Auxiliary

- 3. Gardiner Code → hieroglyphs Ex. A1→ €
- 4. Category in English caps → hieroglyphs Ex. MAN→ ★

# Combination and Modification

- If you have a glyph combination which are not on HieroJIS entries, you can modify it using Category Inputting or Gardiner-Code inputting.
- If you want to type swšj "Sushi" for fun,
- You can type s→ 1, w→ 2, S→ \_\_\_, i→ 1, FISH→ .
   MAN→ 1 or with Gardiner codes

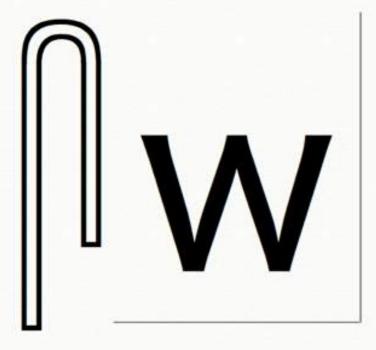
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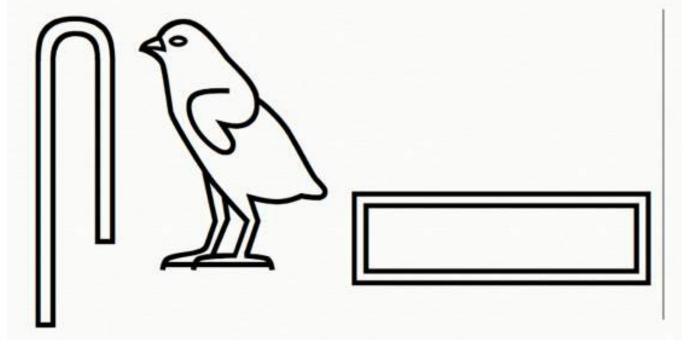


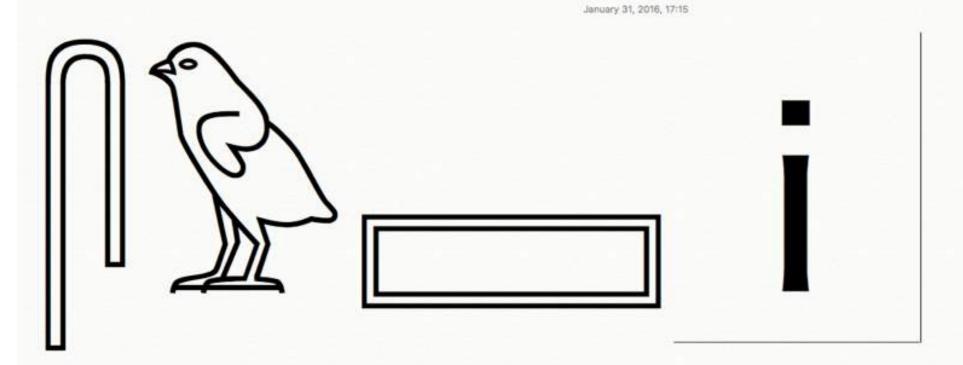












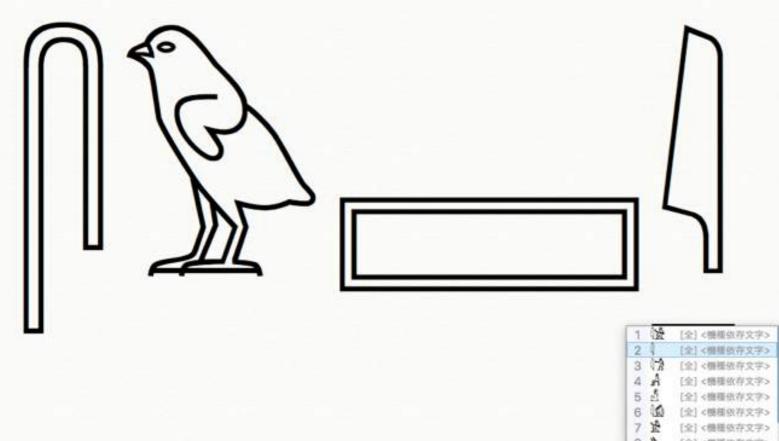


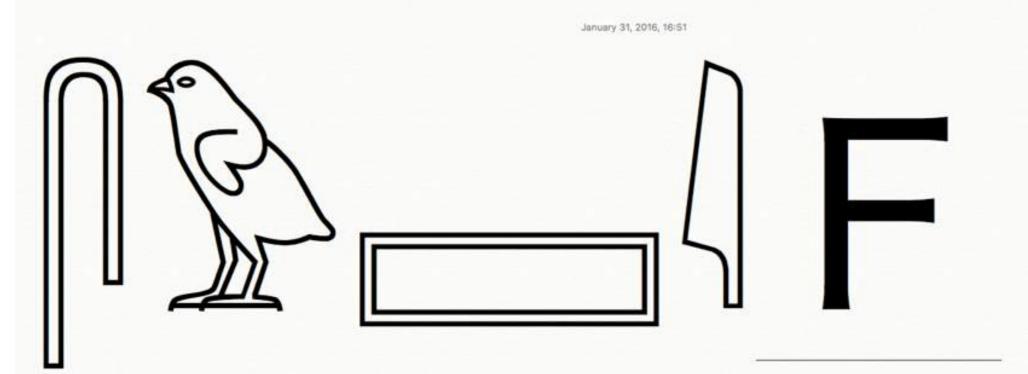
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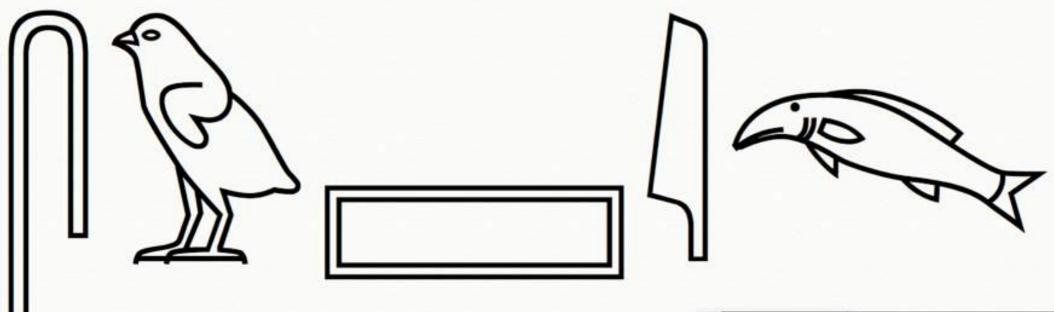
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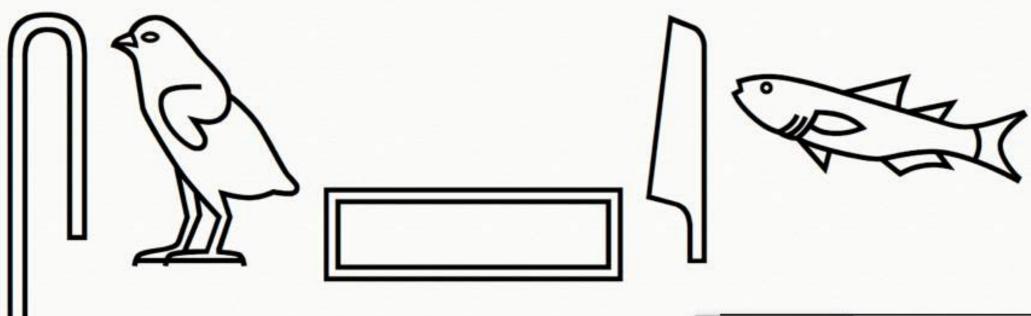








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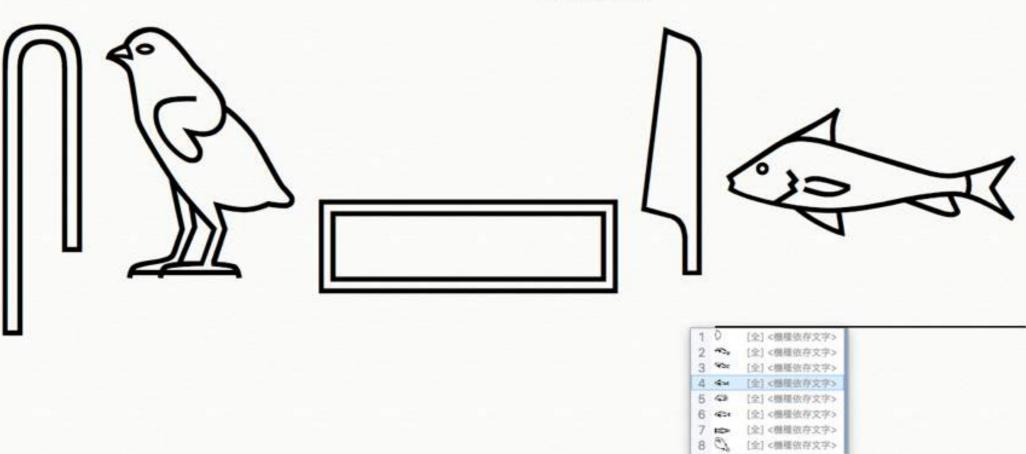


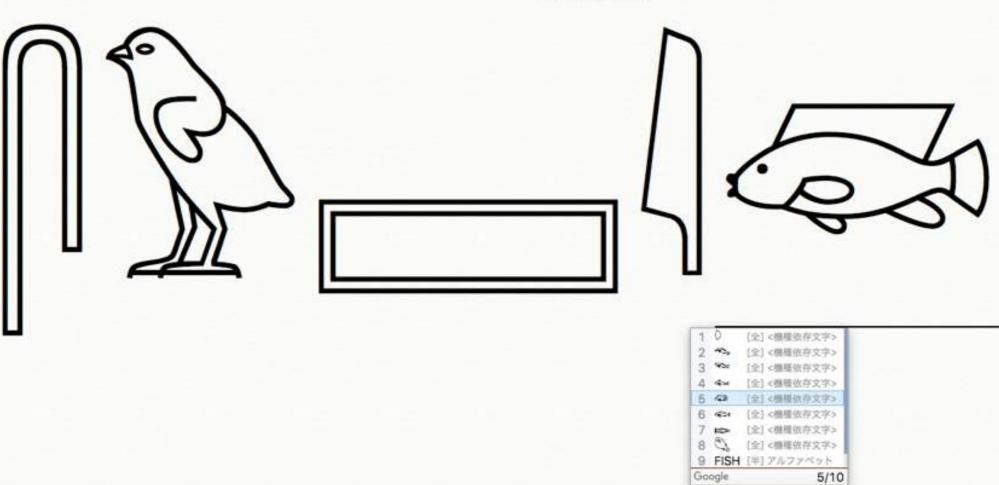
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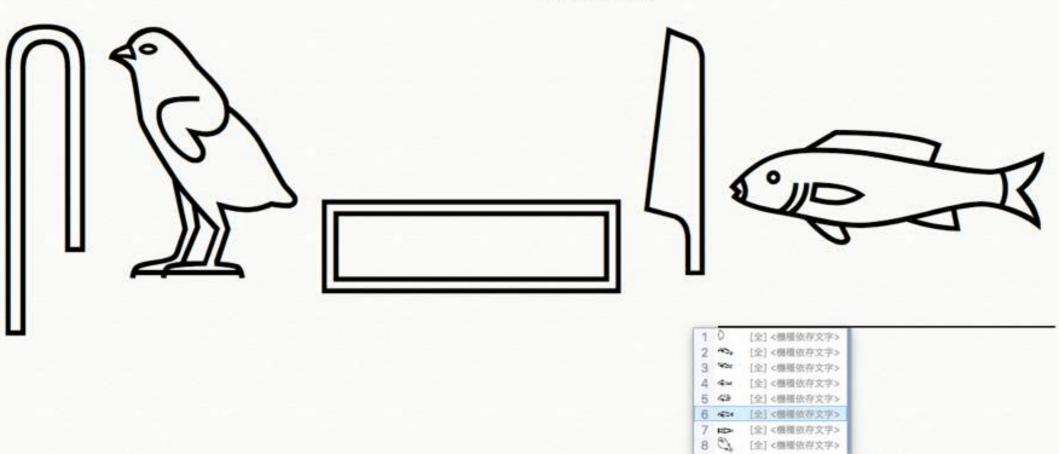




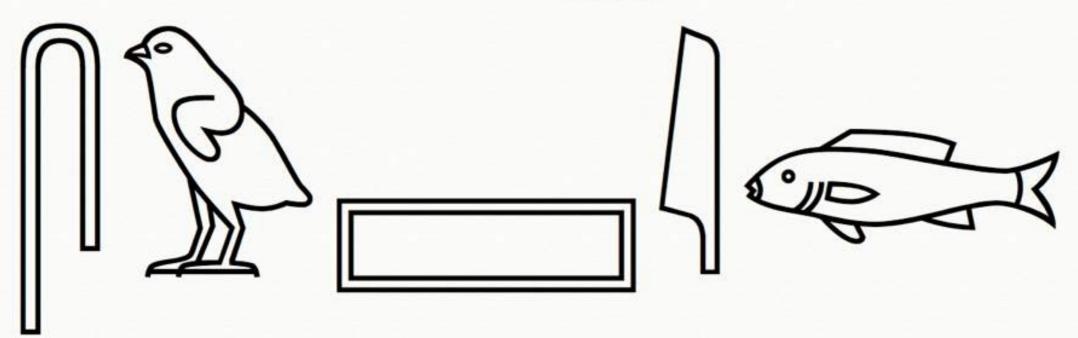
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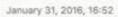


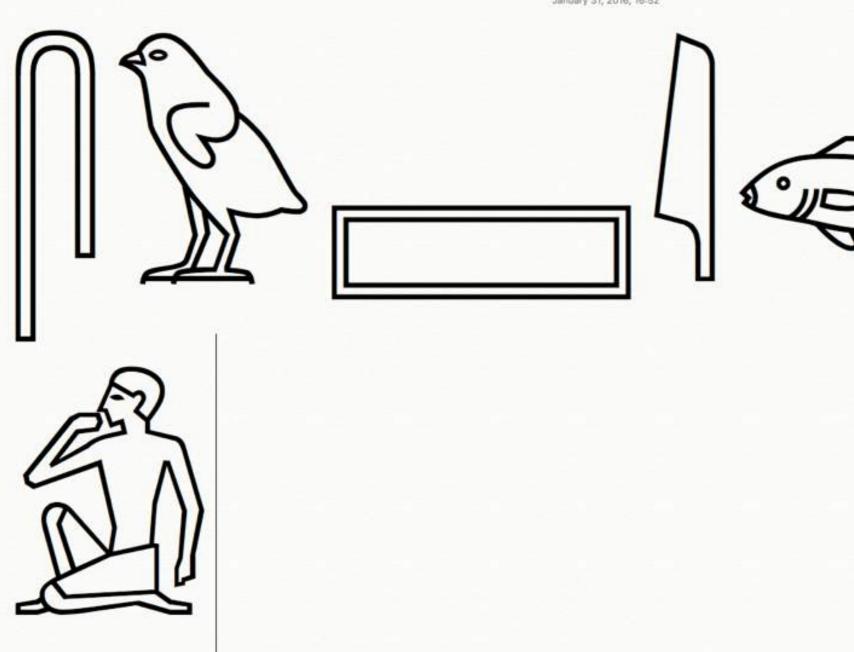




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#### Ancient Egyptian Unicode

- In 2009, based on Michael Everson and Bob Richmond's "Proposal to encode Egyptian Hieroglyphs in the SMP of the UCS" (L2/07-097; N3237), which was submitted a few years earlier, Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs are added to Unicode characters. It was 3 years later than Cuneiforms were added.
- 10 years later than Ogham and Runic.

## Applying Japanese Input System to Egyptian Hieroglyph (Hiero-JIS)

- Hiero-JIS is using Egyptian Hieroglyphic Unicode Characters Fullwidth Alphanumeric Input of Google Japanese Input (GJI; Freeware) and its User-Dictionary Extension Tool.
- Japanese Input System is able to input the mixture of logograms, different phonograms (hiragana, katakana, Roman alphabet and Greek alphabet) and emojis.
- The number of internet users who are Japanese citizens is ca.
   100,440,000 (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan. 第2部 情報通信の現況・政策の動向, 2014, <a href="http://www.soumu.go.jp/johotsusintokei/whitepaper/ja/h26/html/nc253120.html">http://www.soumu.go.jp/johotsusintokei/whitepaper/ja/h26/html/nc253120.html</a>, accessed on 2015-11-04) Most of them are Japanese speakers.

# Japanese = mixture of different types of graphemes

- 漢字 *kanji* (Chinese Characters) · · Logographic. a ) Most of them are compounds of 部首 *bushu* radicals (determinatives) and phonograms of the rebus principle in a square. b) A few are ideographic. Total number of Unicode chars.: more than 30,000. Ex. 森鷗外
  - 部首 bushu radicals · · · indicating the category, equivalent to determinatives
- ひらがな hiragana・・・ syllabic phonograms, ca. 85 (55+25+1+4) Ex. もりおうがい
- カタカナ katakana ・・・ syllabic phonograms, ca. 85 (55+25+1+4) Ex. モリオウガイ
- Roman Alphabet · · · phonemic phonograms, 52 (26x2) Ex. Mori Ōgai
- 絵文字 emoji · · · 答答以其本文本人のよび論理がび
   some are logographic, some are ideographic.

	Phonograms	Logograms	Determinatives	Others
Modern Japanese	i) Phonemic Parts of Chinese characters, ii) Hiragana Syllabary iii) Katakana Syllabary, iv) Roman Alphabet	Chinese Characters (Ideograms and combination of phonograms and determinatives)	Parts of Chinese Characters called radicals	emoji
Egyptian Hieroglyph	monoconsonantal, biconsonantal, triconsonantal	more ideographic	not incorporated into logograms	

#### Double Conversion

Input: Romanization (Romaji)
fausutohaakumamefisutoferesuakumatoraiputihinos
akabaniitta

First Output: Hiragana ふあうすとはあくまめふぃすとふぇれすとらいぷちひのさかばにいった。

Second Output: Mixture ファウストは悪魔メフィストフェレス とLeipzigの 酒場に行った。

"Faust went to a pub in Leipzig with Mephistopheles the Devil."

October 30, 2015, 8:25 PM

# ファウストは悪魔メフィストフェレス と Leipzigの酒場に行った。」

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### ファウストはあくま



#### ファウストは悪魔



## ファウストは悪魔め ふいすとふえれす

## ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレス

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#### くま



# ファウストは悪魔メフィストフェストスト

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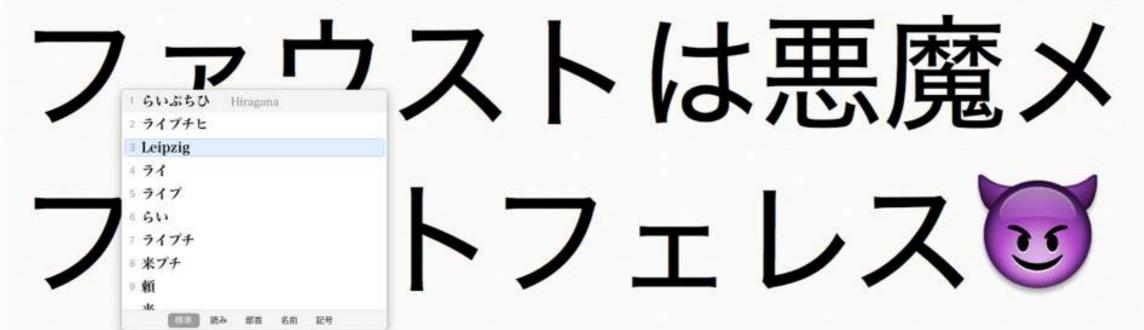


## ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレス



#### ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレス び とらいぷちひ

#### ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレス ひ とライプチヒ



## ك <u>Leipzig</u>

## ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレス とLeipzigの

## ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレスじ とLeipzigのさかばに いった。

## ファウストは悪魔メ フィストフェレスじ とLeipzigの酒場に 行った。

#### Conversion Options

- Input: akuma => Output: ▼、悪魔、アクマ、阿久 魔、開く間、あくま、akuma、akuma、etc.
- Input: raiputihi => Output: ライプチヒ、らいぷち ひ、Leipzig、ライプチヒ、 r a i p u t i h i、 raiputihi、来プチ日、etc.
- (Pre-installed Japanese Input of Mac OS El Capitan)

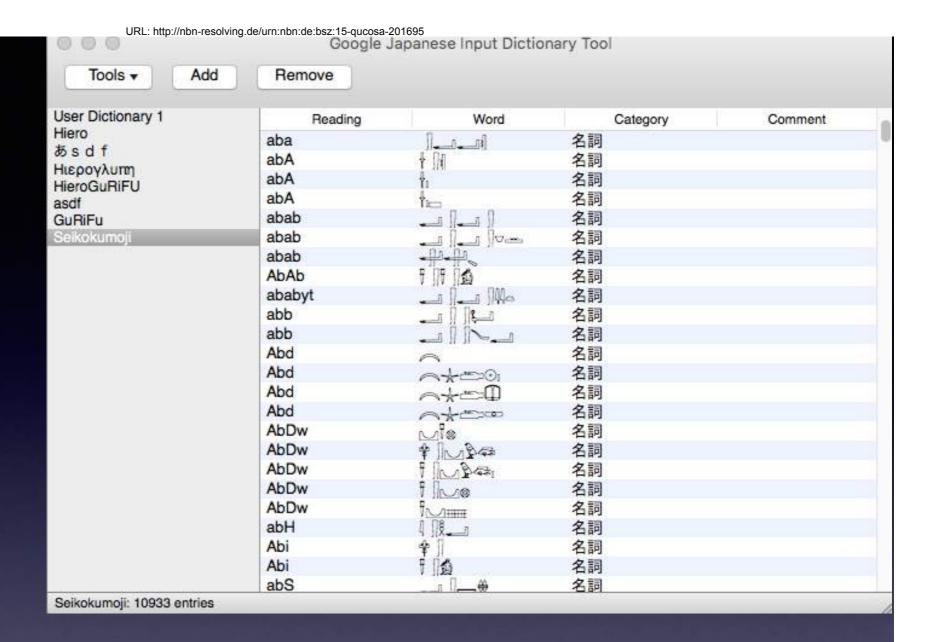
## I applied this to Egyptian Hieroglyphs

Input gmniHfAwpw

Output

"I found it was a serpent." (P. Hermitage 61-62)

### So far,



• Word-To-Word Input entries were over 10,000 in November 2015. But as a result of the collaboration with TLA (Thesaurus Linguae Aegyptiae, <a href="http://aaew.bbaw.de/tla/">http://aaew.bbaw.de/tla/</a>, accessed on 2016-01-31), it has now over 50,000 entries.

#### Collaboration

- Importing MdC of other major projects.
- Thesaurus Linguae Aegyptiae (<a href="http://aaew.bbaw.de/tla/">http://aaew.bbaw.de/tla/</a>, accessed on 2016-01-31), over 40,000 entries.
- Le Projet Ramsès (<a href="http://ramses.ulg.ac.be/">http://ramses.ulg.ac.be/</a>, accessed on 2016-01-31), over 80,000 entries.
- HieroJIS Word-To-Word entries will be over 130,000 entries.

## The Problem: How to manage with the group writing

- The group (quadrat) writing is not only used for Egyptian hieroglyphs.
- It is also used in the Chinese characters (used in Chinese, Japanese, Korean), the Korean alphabet and the Mayan hieroglyphs.
- Chinese compound logograms have a structure that resembles the group writing.
- The Korean alphabet, too. A group of Korean alphabetical letters that makes a syllable is written in a square.

#### Group Writings







## Various positions of 木 "wood" in Chinese Characters

# 木林紫海果堰寨

#### Various positions of Korean /m/

- Left:  $\square \vdash$  /ma/ =  $\square$ /m/ +  $\vdash$  /a/
- Top: 무 /mu/ = □ /m/ + ¬ /u/
- Bottom: **!** /ham/ = **=** /h/ + **!** /a/ + **□** /m/
- Bottom right :  $\frac{1}{3}$  /g<sup>j</sup>alm/  $\frac{1}{3}$  /g/  $\frac{1}{5}$  /l/  $\frac{1}{3}$  /m/
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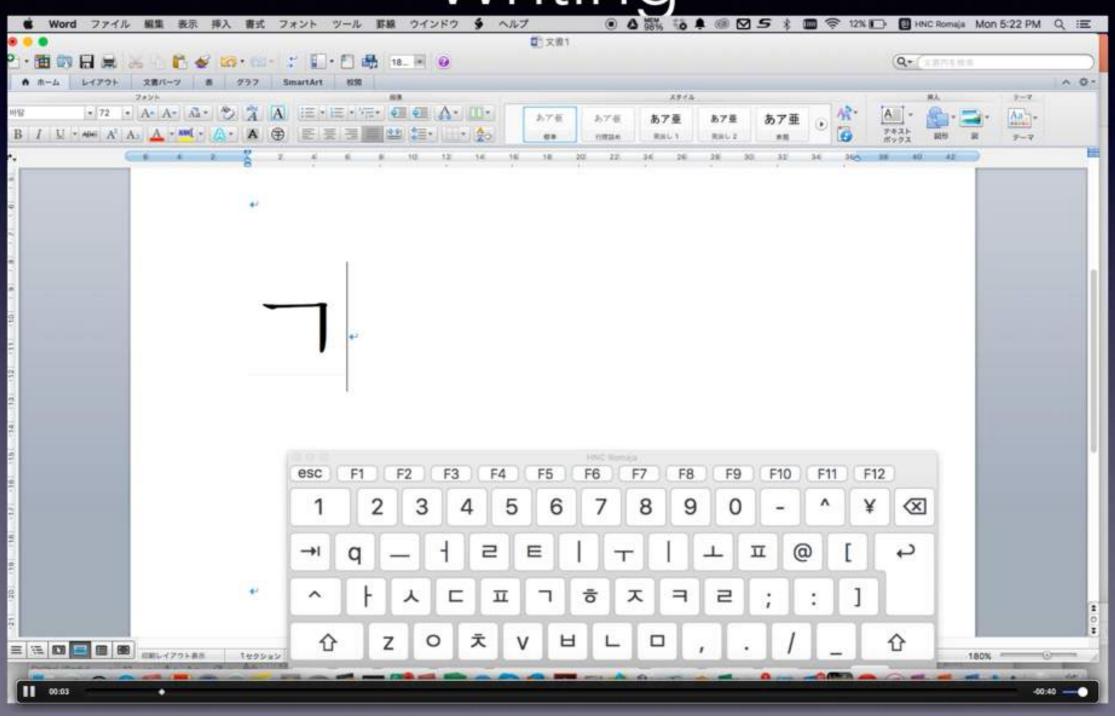
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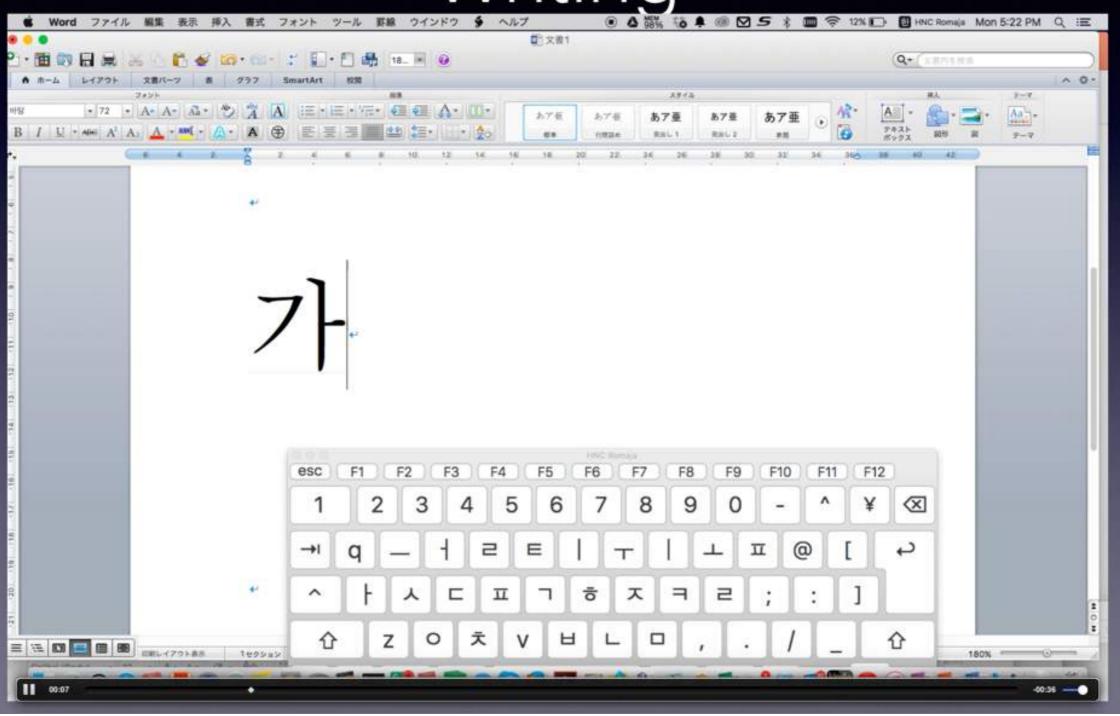
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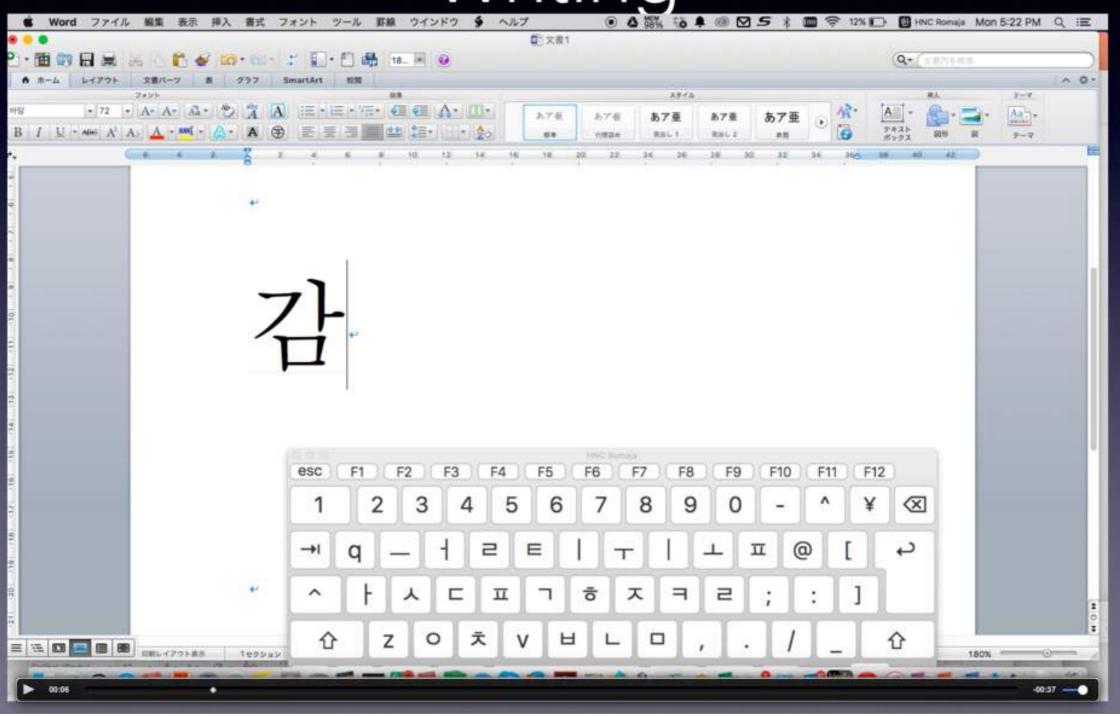
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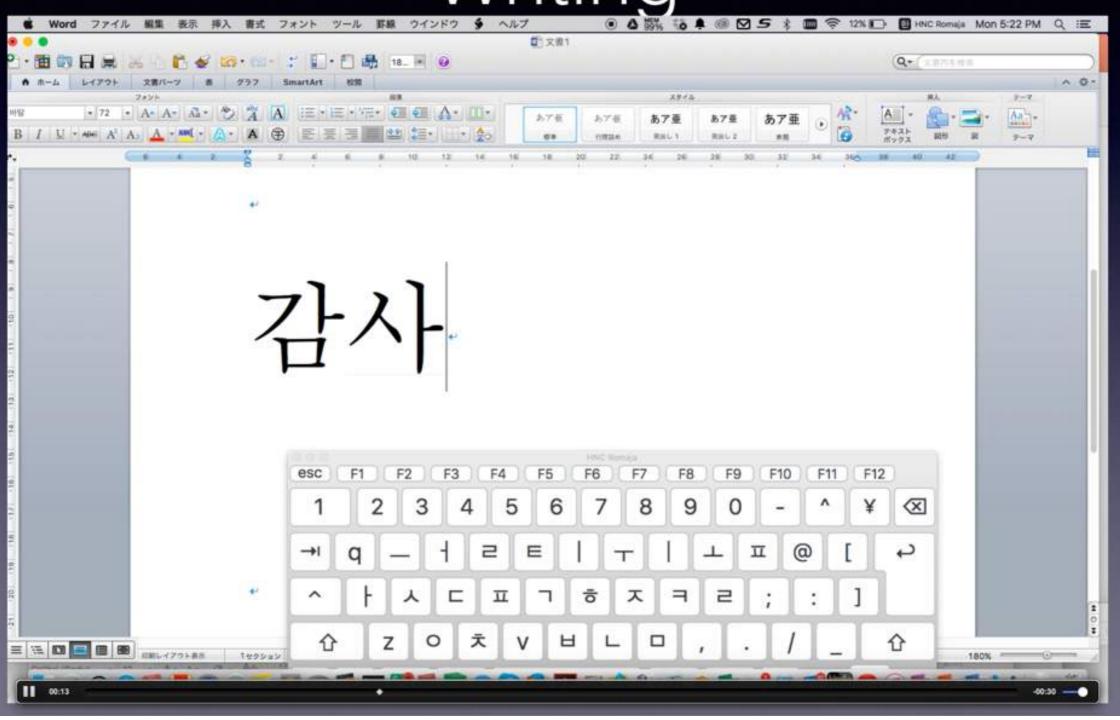
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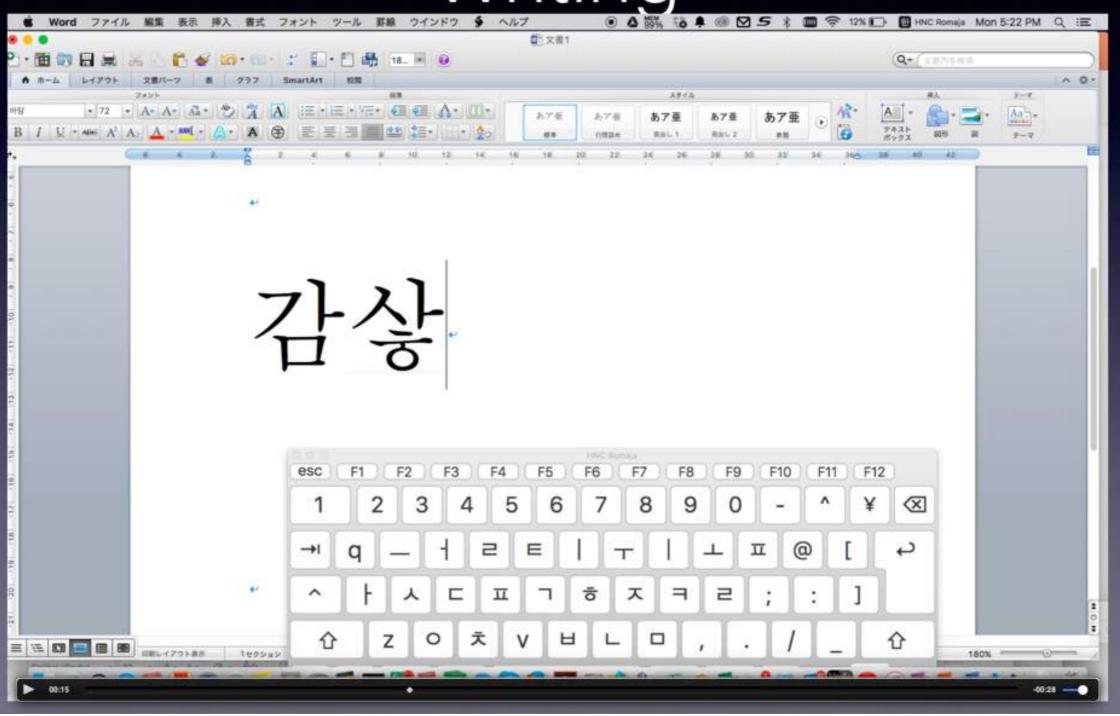
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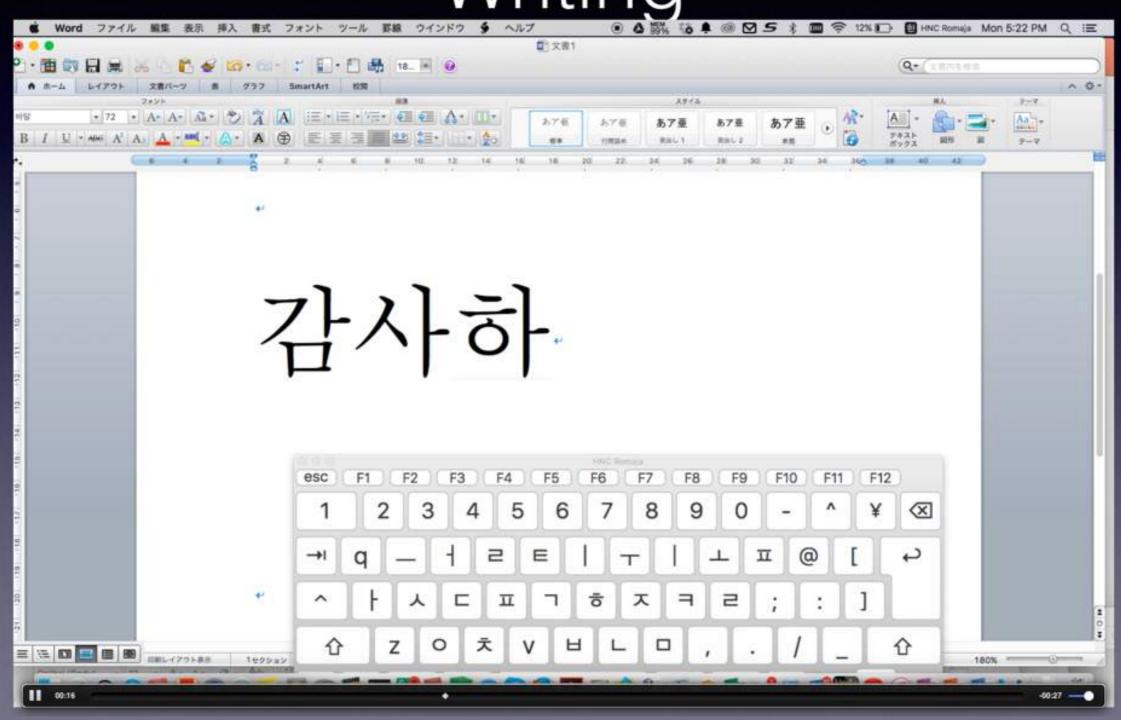


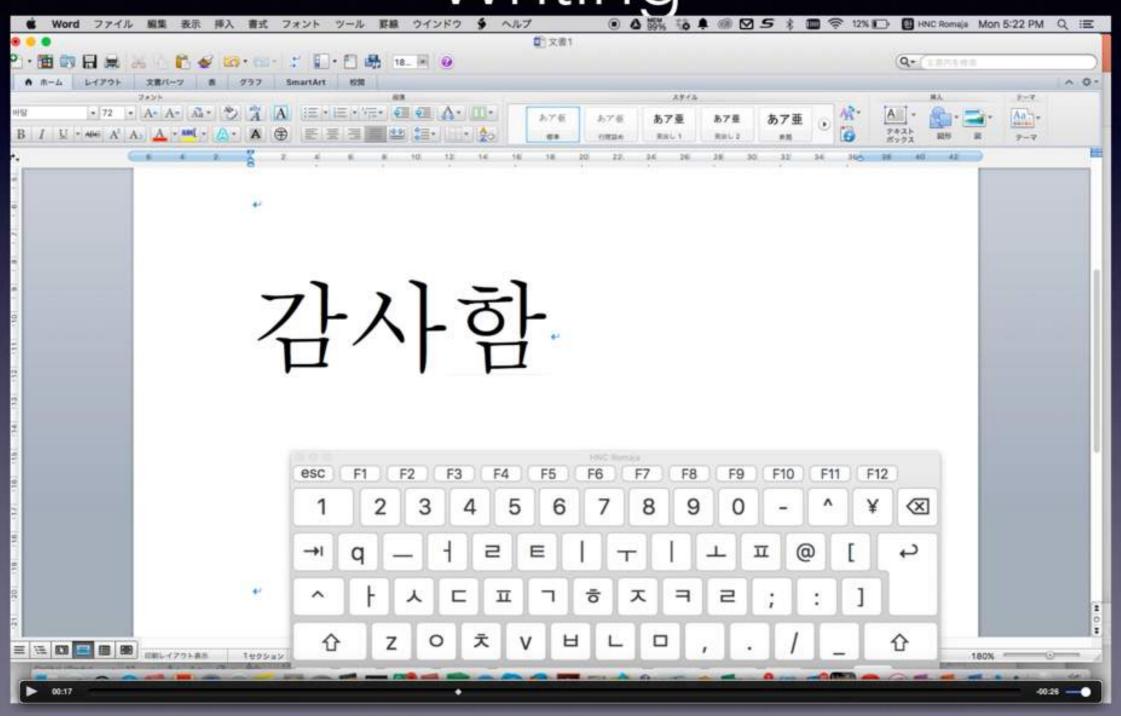


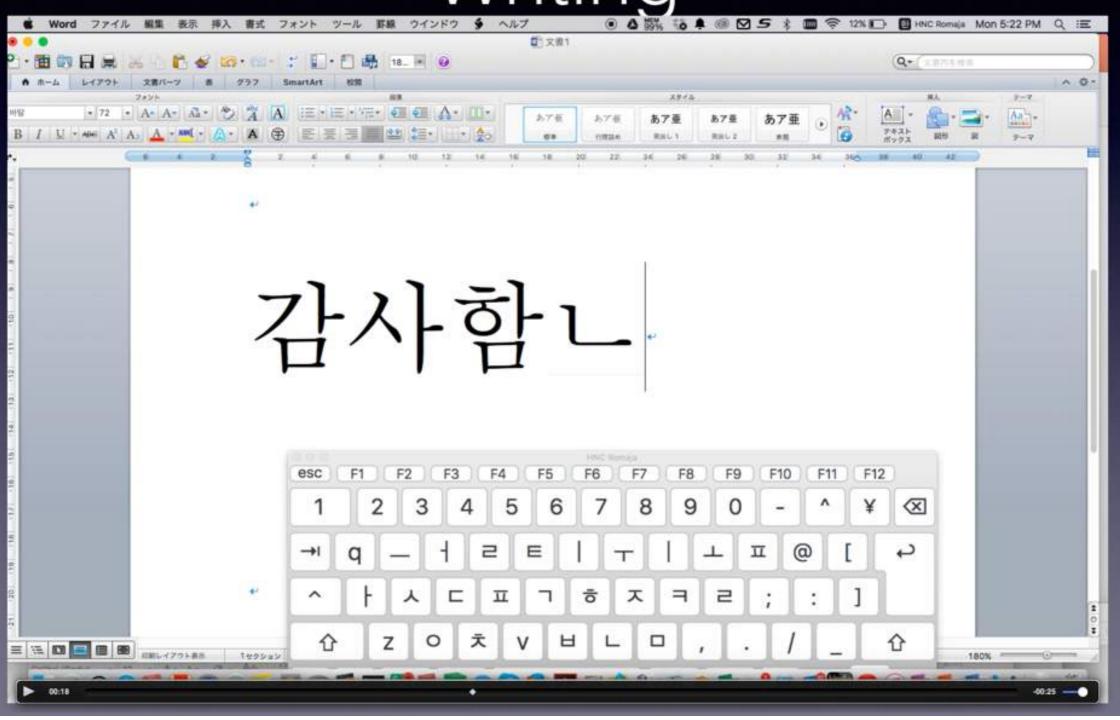


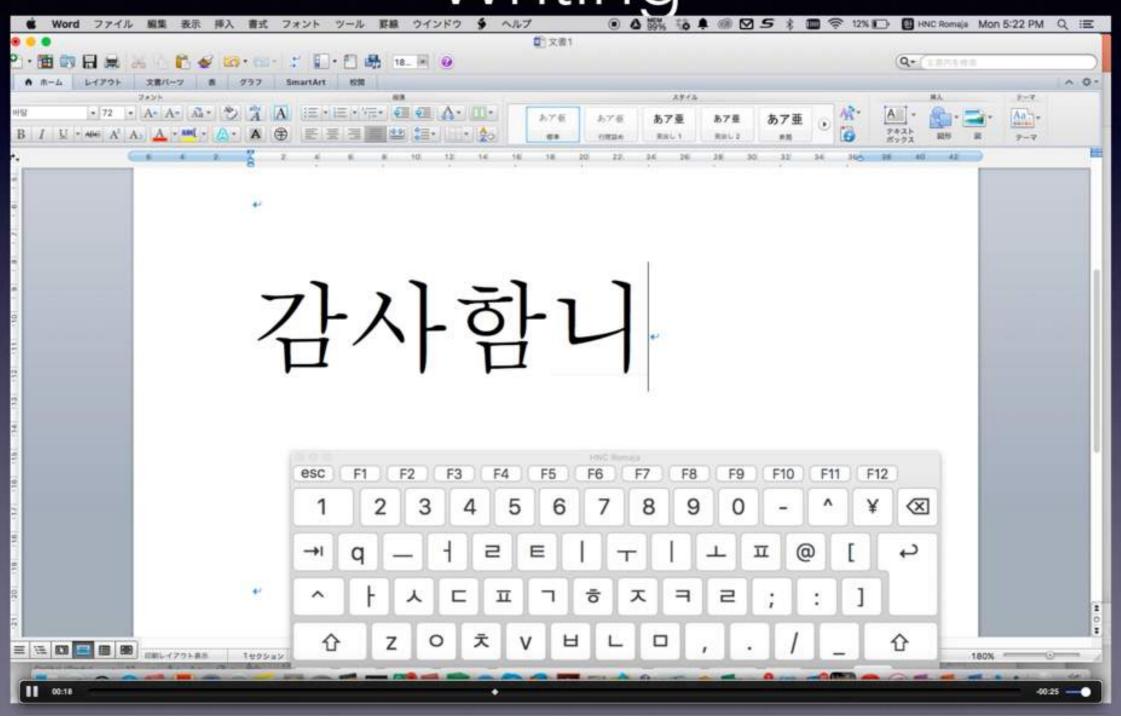


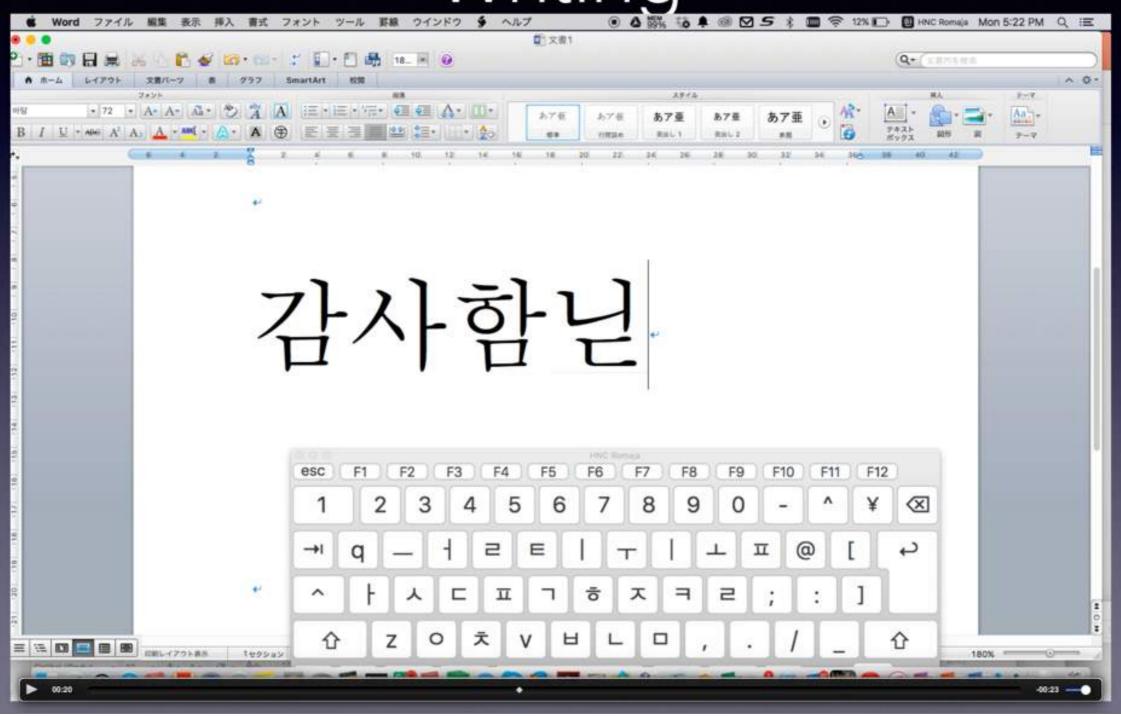


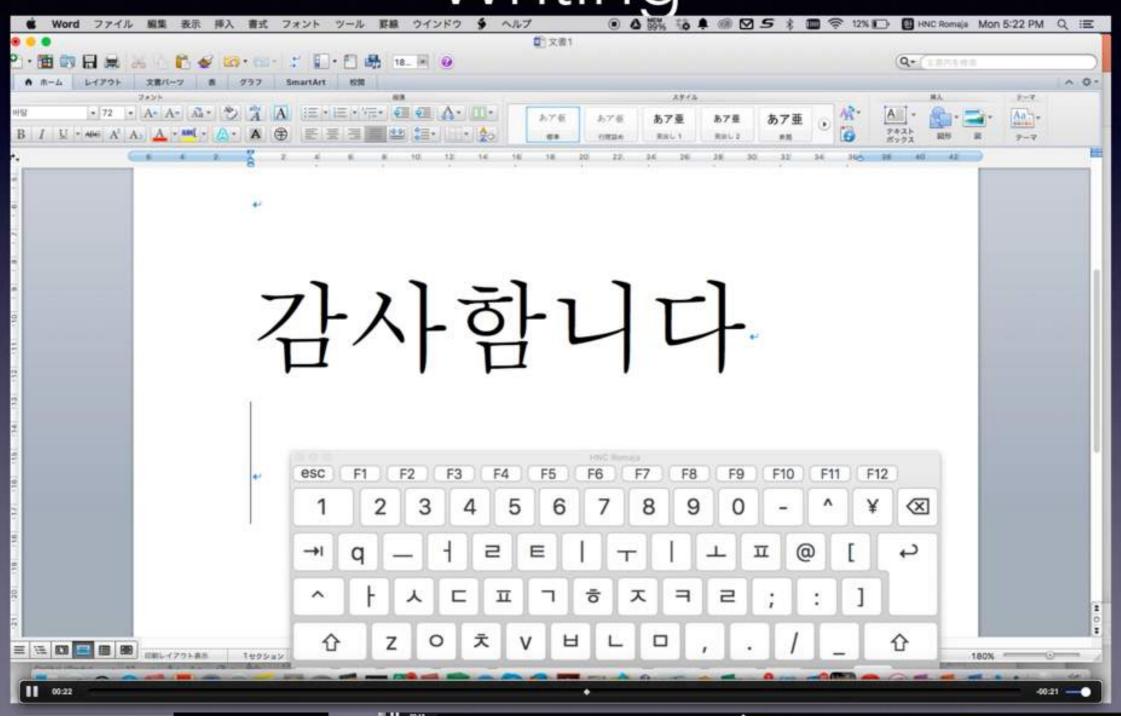












## Korean Syllable Unicode Characters

- These are all the combinations of Korean alphabetical letters, forming squares.
- The total number of these Unicode characters is over 10,000 in Unicode 8.0.

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## Chinese Cangjie (Tsang Chieh) Input

- Input: 日 + 火 → Output: 炅
- A combination of Unicode characters of radicals generates a complex Chinese character (one Unicode character).
- The number of the CJK Unicode characters (Chinese, Japanese and Korean) in Unicode 8.0 is over 80,000.

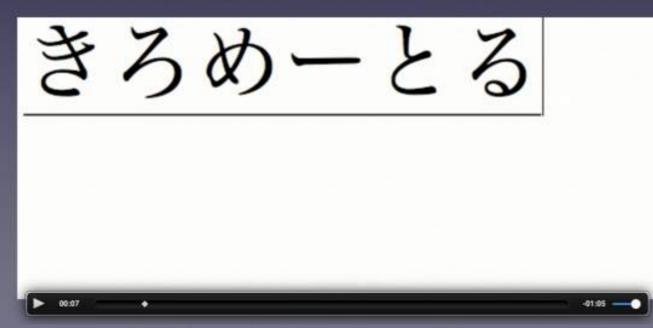
## Chinese Cangjie (Tsang Chieh) Input

- Input: 日 + 火 → Output: 炅
- A combination of Unicode characters of radicals generates a complex Chinese character (one Unicode character)
- The number of the CJK Unicode characters (Chinese, Japanese and Korean) in Unicode 8.0 is over 80,000.

- More applicable conversion system to Hiero-JIS
- Double conversion

### Japanese 型

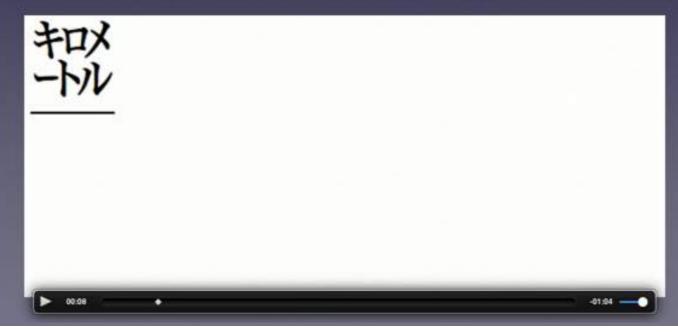
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## Mechanism of the Double Conversion

Key of Conversion (transliteration of a word etc.)

1st Converstion

Individual Hieroglyphic Unicode Characters

2nd Conversion

One Unicode Character of a Group Writing Unit

## Using the Japanese Double Conversion

- Input:Dd→1st Output: →2nd Output: →
- Input:anX→1st Output: → 2nd Output: →
- Input:ntt→1st Output: \_\_\_ →2nd Output: \_\_\_

# Egyptian Group (quadrat) Writing in Unicode

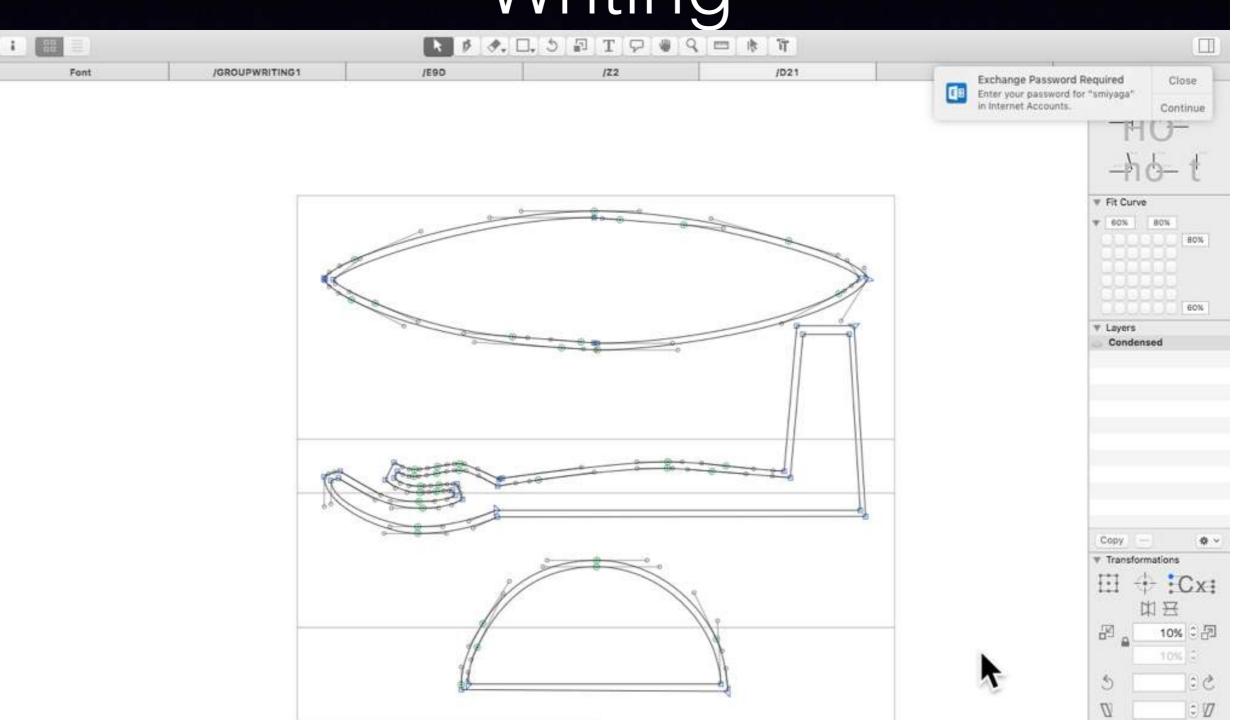
- Unicode Standard 8.0 has only individual hieroglyphs which are on the Gardiner's sign list (The Unicode Standard 8.0, 2015, <a href="http://unicode.org/charts/PDF/U13000.pdf">http://unicode.org/charts/PDF/U13000.pdf</a>, accessed on 11-4-2015).
- This is like putting just parts of Chinese characters
   Separately but not Chinese group writing characters themselves.
   Ex. > (related to water) 先 (/sen/), but not 洗 (/sen/ "wash")
- Or putting Korean alphabetic letters separately and not combining them to form a group writing square.

  Ex. ¬ (/g/) ト (/a/) □ (/m/), but not 감 (/gam/)

#### Problem of Unicode Area

- Unicode Consortium should expand Egyptian Hieroglyphic Area in Unicode. It should include group writing as one character like Korean Syllable Signs or Japanese ☼
- This could be a base of Demotic or Hieratic Unicode characters
- Until they expand Egyptian Hieroglyph Unicode Characters, I use Unicode Supplementary Private User Areas (U+F0000-FFFF Supplementary Private Use Area-A & U+100000-10FFFF Supplementary Private Use Area-B) or other script areas and make their font using Glyphs. Ex. = U+F0030. I guess it will be over 10,000 Unicode characters.

# Making Fonts of Group Writing



## EGPZ Project by Bob Richmond

- EGPZ Project This is the project to make and add Hieroglyph Unicode characters to be used practically.
- He's making "Group (Quadrat) Writing" Unicode Characters according to his analysis of frequency.
- But it seems that EGPZ is not available right now (2016, Jan). The website says this will be released in the future. (<a href="http://egpz.org/Page/Fonts">http://egpz.org/Page/Fonts</a>)
- Richmond & Everson made Unicode Consortium add Egyptian Hieroglyphs into Unicode in 2009.

#### EGPZ's Quadrat Unicode Characters



U+ec63

Z1&D36



U+ebfa

P6&D36&N5&Z1



U+ebf9

P5&Z2d&G43



U+ebc0 I10&S43&M17&N35



U+ebbc | 110&034&19

Photos are from Richmond, Bob. 31st August 2007. EGPZ 1.0 BETA Specification, http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/

download; is ession id = 16FFD7C8DC879E483A2B2A0E5E0E811D? doi=10.1.1.182.4847&rep=rep1&type=pdf, accessed on 2016-01-21.

### FULL HIEROGLYPH UNICODE GROUP WRITING CHARACTERS



### FAST & EASY HIEROGLYPH INPUT SYSTEM

It is easier for OCR software; ex. OCRopus



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based on
Unicode

### Conclusions

- Hieroglyphs Input using Japanese Input System (Hiero-JIS) makes it easier and faster even for beginners to input Hieroglyphs on computers.
- It will have ca. 130,000 entries
- 1 Macro Input and 3 Micro Input Methods

Macro: transliteration of a word → a whole word in Hieroglyphs

Micro: transliteration of a phonogram → a phonogram (Mnemonics)

a Gardiner code → a hieroglyph

an English Word→ a hieroglyph

- Hiero-JIS makes you input Hieroglyph directly everywhere, because it uses Unicode characters.
- Testing to make it possible to input group writing units, by regarding a group writing unit as one Unicode character. If this group writing Unicode is available, HieroJIS can be fully used as an alternative of existing Hieroglyphic programmes.



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