Assamese font display and text input on Mac OSx Catalina Updated on: Mar 09, 2020

1. Before you begin

The processes listed below in 2 and 3 are tested by a single user. The Assamese Keyboard for Mac is still in its beta stage, hence, there might be occasional bugs associated with it. This keyboard has been tested by a single user on a couple of browsers and text editors. In terms of display of fonts, Mozilla Firefox performs much better than Safari browser. Microsoft Office 2008 and 2011 for Mac does not support the Assamese keyboard layout. However, Apple's TextEdit supports it quite well. Unicode compliant Assamese websites like www.xobdo.org are displayed pretty well on Mac. However, Assamese texts on the Assamese Wikipedia are often displayed with errors. The Assamese $\mathfrak A$ is often displayed as $\mathfrak A$ and 'ref-kar' is displayed as $\mathfrak A$.

2. Inputting Assamese Text on Mac OSx

Save the attached keyboard layout in the following location on your Apple mac:

- 1. Go to FINDER
- 2. Click on MacintoshHD> Library > Keyboards Layout
- 3. Drag and drop the downloaded Assamese keyboard
- 4. Restart your Mac

3. Choose the keyboard and activate

- 1. Go to System Preferences
- 2. Click on **Keyboards** (see Figure 1 below)
- 3. On the **Keyboards** menu, click on the **Input Sources** tab (Figure 2)
- 4. Click on the "+" sign at the bottom of the page (Figure 2)
- 5. Scroll to the bottom of the list of languages on the left and select **Others**
- 6. Select the **Assamese Phonetic** keyboard on the right panel (Figure 3) and click **Add**
- 7. On the taskbar the **Assamese Phonetic** option may be visible. (Figure 4)
- 8. Select **Assamese Phonetic** and start typing

4. Keyboard Layout

- a. Normal
- b. shift
- c. alt
- d. alt + shift

Figure 1

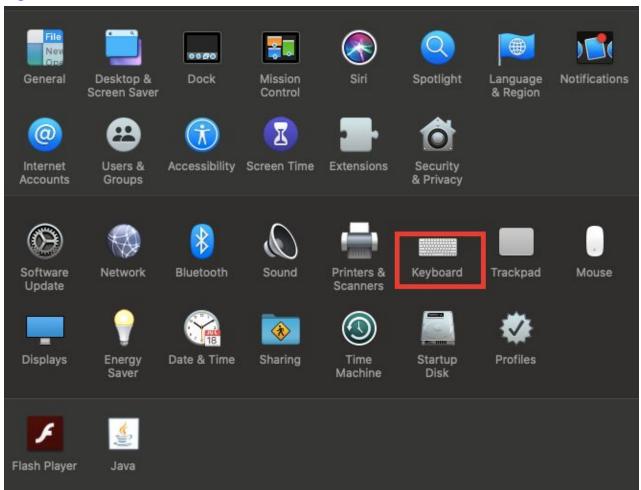


Figure 2

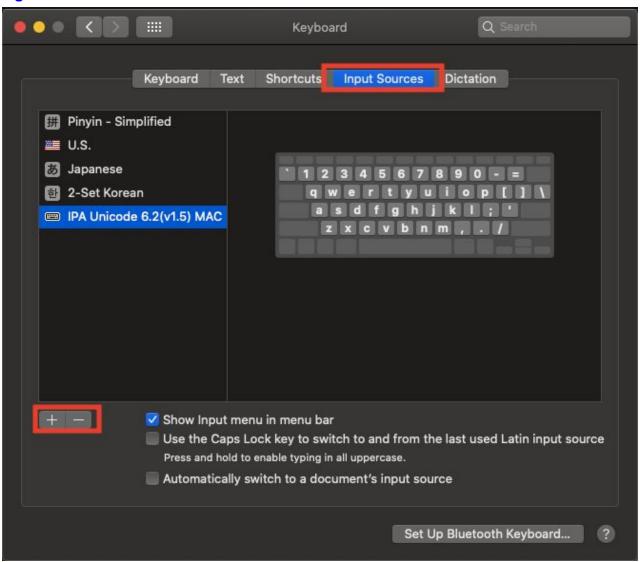


Figure 3

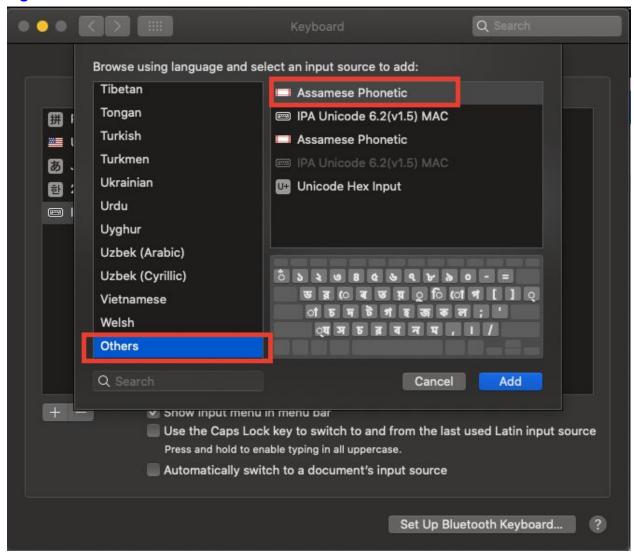
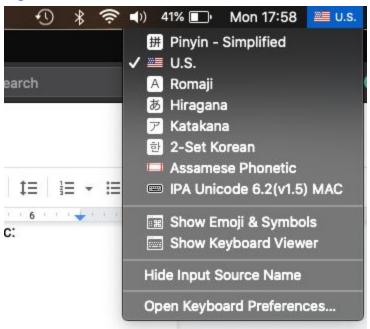


Figure 4



Normal Layout



Shift



alt



alt + shift

