Welcome!

Thanks for downloading the Lakota Keyboard Layout and Fonts Bundle v.3! 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

The Lakota Keyboard Layout and Fonts Bundle v.3 can be downloaded from www.lakhota.org. Double-click on the file to begin the installation. If you are ever prompted for permission to continue, just click Run or Allow. You may have to turn off your anti-virus software temporarily to ensure the keyboard installs successfully.

How to turn on the keyboard layout

Once you have installed the software, just press the key in the top left corner of your keyboard (shown in yellow in the diagram below) to turn on the Lakota keyboard layout. When you are done typing Lakota, just press the key again to switch back to the English keyboard layout.

Alternatively, you can see a list of keyboard layouts that you have installed in the language toolbar in the bottom right corner of your screen:

Windows 7: click the icon and select US - Lakota from the list.
Windows 8: click the ENG - US tab and select US - Lakota from the list.

If Lakota doesn't immediately appear:
- Click on the Keyboard icon in toolbar to bring up the text services toolbar. Click on the options button and go to settings.
- Click Add. Under "English (United States)" you will see a "US-Lakota" option. Check that. Click ok. Then click Apply.
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 ǧ as in ģí
- 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 ň as in ňóté
- C produces the letter č as in čó.

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 thípi
- 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 A followed by ? produces á as in pahá.

Holding down the key to the right 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  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Andika New Basic  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Antigone Pro  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Antigone Pro Cd  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Arezzo Pro  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Arezzo Pro Ex  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Arezzo Pro Rounded Cd Bold  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Arezzo Pro Xlight  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Artistic Pro  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Avignon Pro  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Avignon Pro Cd  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Avignon Pro Xlight  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Barbedor Pro  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Charis SIL  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Clearface Pro  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
DejaVu Sans  Šuŋgilá čík’ala kiŋ hóthänka žolówaŋ.
Šuŋģíla čík’ala kiŋ hóňhanka žolówan.