How to produce IPA fonts with a computer

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1. How to type IPA fonts

Most IPA symbols are not available in Microsoft Word (even in the *Sonderzeichen/special characters*), and this probably holds for most other word processing programmes.

1.1. Simple solution

This method is for people who will not use IPA regularly or who don't wish to install fonts or programmes on the computer they are using.

There are various websites which allow you to click on IPA symbols and then copy them into the document you are using. You can find a selection by doing a Google search for *IPA keyboard*. An example of such a site is: http://weston.ruter.net/projects/ipa-chart/view/keyboard/

1.2. Other solutions

If you plan to use IPA script a lot, go to one of the websites below and follow the instructions. (I could not decide which website is the best.)

http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/wells/phoneticsymbols.htm

http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/people/hayes/fonts/#insertsymbolswithyourwordprocessor

http://www.unc.edu/~jlsmith/ipa-fonts.html

http://www.llc.manchester.ac.uk/intranet/ug/useful-links/computing-resources/wordprocessing/

http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/resource/phonetics/

2. Embedding the fonts (if the file is to be read on more than one computer)

If you want to produce IPA script electronically in such a way that it can be read or printed on another computer, you must embed the fonts in the document, as described below. Even if you convert a document into a pdf file on the computer on which you wrote it, the fonts will not necessarily be displayed correctly on another computer.

How to embed fonts:

Embedding fonts in recent versions of Microsoft Word is fairly straightfoward: Go to Datei / Optionen / Speichern / Schriftarten einbetten and tick the boxes there.

Other websites on the subject:

http://www.morovia.com/font/support/embed-font-doc.asp

http://www.prepressure.com/pdf/basics/fonts (very detailed site)