Inscript Malayalam Keyboard Help

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Overview

This keyboard lets you type in Malayalam with the standardised Inscript layout. It is easy to use for people familiar with Malayalam, or with other Inscript keyboards. The keyboard uses a normal English (QWERTY) keyboard.

If a special font is needed for this language, most computers will download it automatically.

Click here to see other keyboard layouts for Malayalam.

Using this Keyboard

Keyboard Layout

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Caps Lock A S D F G H J K L ; ' Enter
Shift Z X C V B N M , . / Shift
Ctrl Alt Ctrl
Shift + Ctrl
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 - = Backspace



Quickstart

The Inscript keyboard layout was designed to make it easy to type in all Indian scripts. It uses the same layout for all languages, and has been standardised by the Government of India. There are separate keys for consonants and vowels. Most Malayalam characters have both consonant and vowel parts, and each part should be typed separately. The consonant part is always typed before the vowel, no matter where the vowel part is written.

For example, typing will produce the vowel . If this vowel is combined with a consonant, though, such as . , the vowel part is typed with after the consonant has been typed. If you press Backspace once, only the vowel part will be erased, and you can type a different vowel.

Examples



Keyboard Details

The On Screen Keyboard shows the 35 normal consonants 由 u の 电 部 u 函 部 u 函 m s o w w m o u a w n u a m e u o e u u a w v o e u o e u a w v o e u

Malayalam vowels and consonants are usually combined, so when you type a consonant and a vowel part, they will be joined into one character. If you use the arrow keys to move through the text, you only need to press an arrow key once to move past each character. If you press Delete before (on the left of) a combined consonant and vowel, it will be erased completely, but if you press Backspace after a character, only the vowel part will be erased

(even if the vowel part appears before the consonant).

Vowels and Consonants

When you type consonants and vowel parts, you should always type the consonant part first, even when the vowel part appears on the left of the consonant. If you type any of the independent vowels, they will not be combined with consonants.

All the consonants naturally include the vowel sound (GO), so if you want to produce a consonant with no vowel, you need to add the \circ mark. You can do this by typing d right after typing a consonant. After you have typed the \circ mark, you cannot type a vowel to combine with that consonant.

Malayalam includes many combined consonants, and these are not on the keyboard. To type a combined consonant, type the first consonant, then the mark, then the second consonant. The computer will then combine the two consonants into a single combined character. For example, typing kdk produces the combined consonant do.

Keystroke Examples

In the following table you can see examples of how to type the different vowels with the consonant . For a table of all the normal Malayalam characters and how to type them, click here.

Consonant	Vowel	Combined	Keystrokes
ക	័	ക്	kd
	അ	ക	k
	ആ	കാ	k e
	ഇ	കി	k f
	ഈ	കീ	kr
	ව	കു	k g
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	ഒ	കൊ	k:
	ഓ	കോ	ka
	ഔ	കൌ	kq

Troubleshooting

Fonts

If you see squares when you type, or the Malayalam characters do not appear correctly, please read the KeymanWeb troubleshooting guide.

Problem Solving

If a vowel does not combine with a consonant, make sure you have typed the consonant first. Also check that you have not typed another vowel already, or a standalone vowel, or the or mark.

Further Resources

Related Keyboard Layouts

Other Keyboard Layouts for the Malayalam language:

Mozhi Malayalam

ISIS Malayalam

Other Internet Resources

Download Inscript Malayalam for Keyman Desktop

Malayalam Alphabet at Omniglot.com Malayalam Language at Wikipedia.org

Malayalam Script at Wikipedia.org

Technical Information

System Requirements

It is recommended that you use an English QWERTY hardware keyboard with this keyboard.

Unicode Version

This keyboard complies with Unicode 5.1

Keyboard Authorship

Tavultesoft gratefully acknowledges the contribution made by the authors in developing this keyboard and making it freely available for use with Keyman Desktop and KeymanWeb. Their effort assists in enabling people to communicate in their own language.

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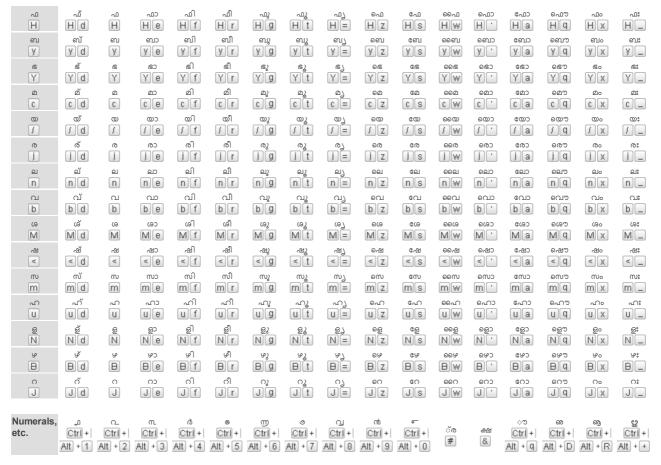
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Keyboard Reference Chart

The following chart lists all the characters available with this keyboard. Below each character are the keys used to type it.

Because Malayalam includes hundreds of combined consonants, these are not shown on this chart. You can type some combined consonants by typing a mark (d) between the two consonants.

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