

TYPING IN ASSYRIAN (SYRIAC / ARAMAIC)

Download the fonts and free word processor at

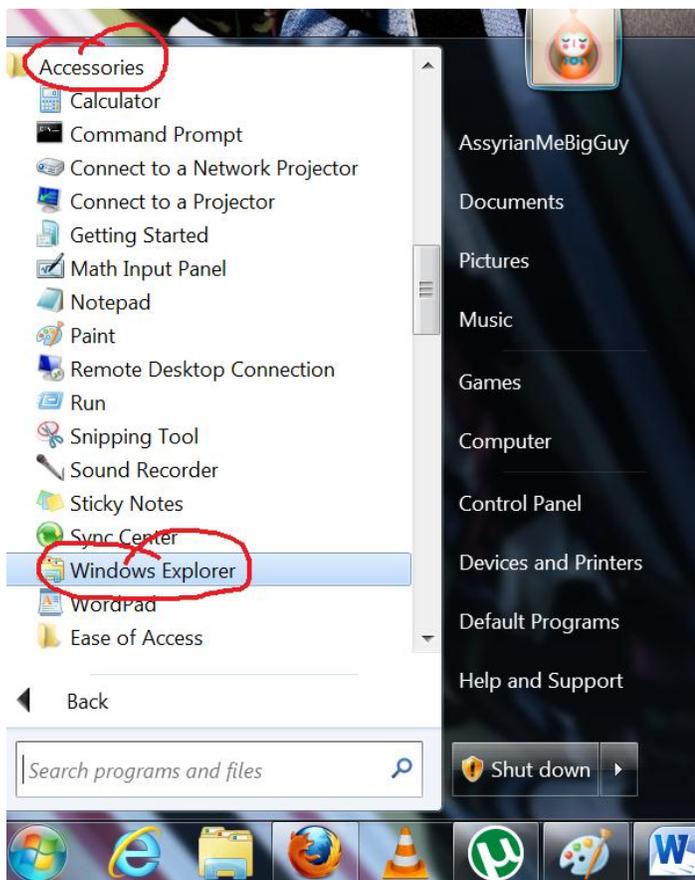
www.learnassyrian.com/typeassyrian.zip

You will need to install the word processor and the fonts. The program is called “AbiWord” and is a free, fully functional, and amazing word processor that supports Left-to-Right typing. Double-click the AbiWord.exe file and install the program. The program is located within the files that you have downloaded. The website for the program is www.abisource.com

Now install the fonts. We need to start Windows Explorer, find the font files, and right-click, and then install.

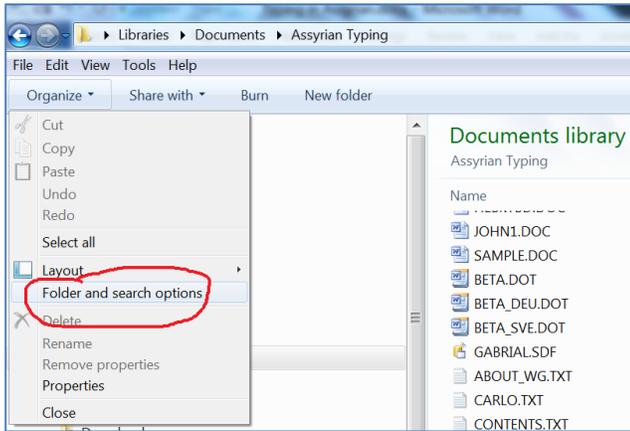
Start Windows Explorer by going into the Accessories folder and clicking “Windows Explorer”. A quick shortcut key is “WINDOWS KEY – E” (⊞-E). The windows key ⊞ is next to the CTRL key.

Hold down the ⊞ key and tap the letter E.

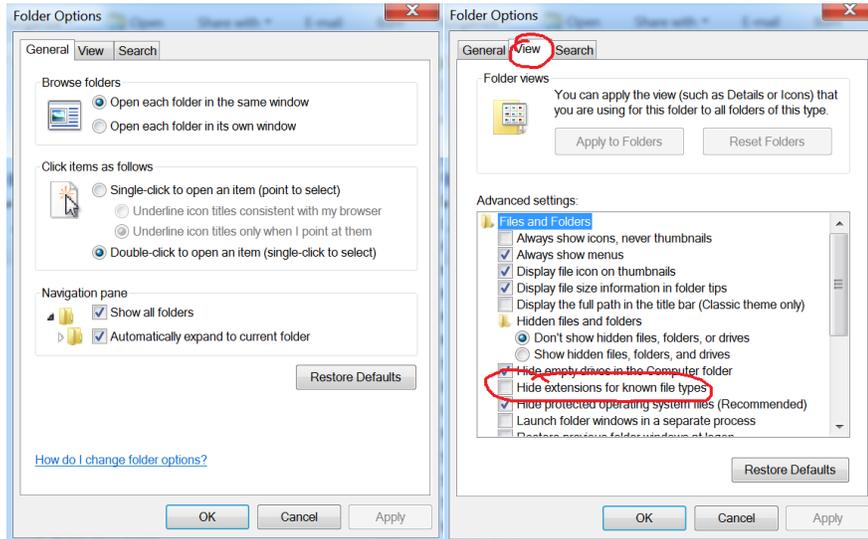


Optionally, you can view the extensions of files. Microsoft insists that you don't need to see the extension of files by default, but I disagree.

Click "Organize" and "Folder and Search Options".

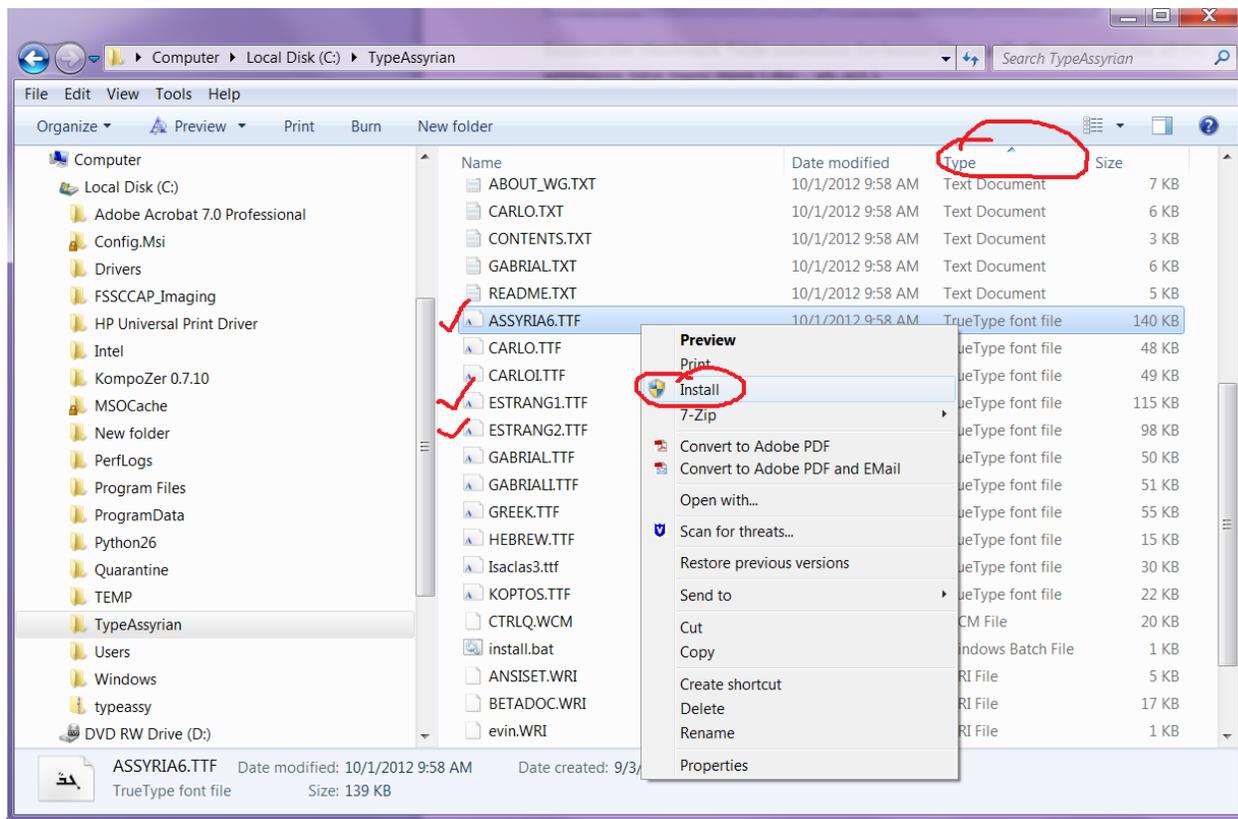


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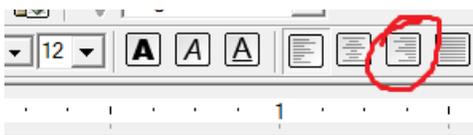
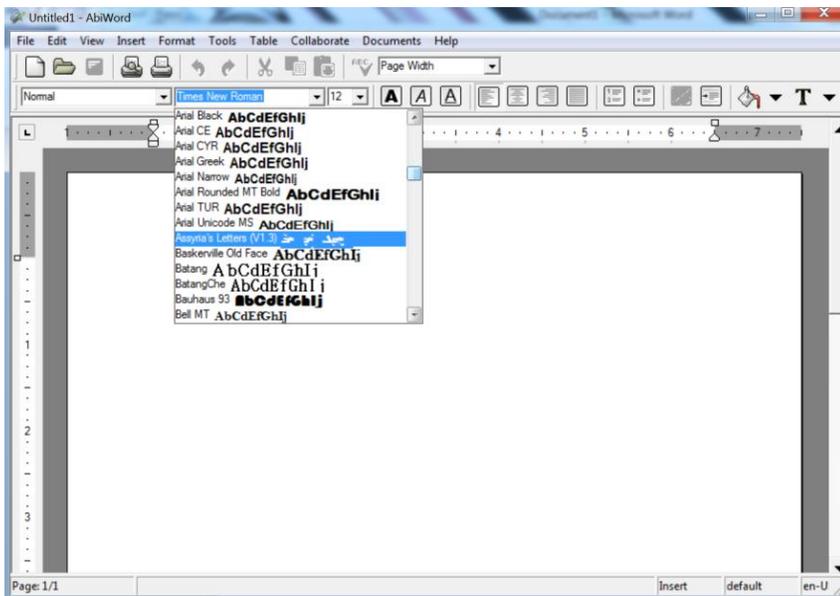
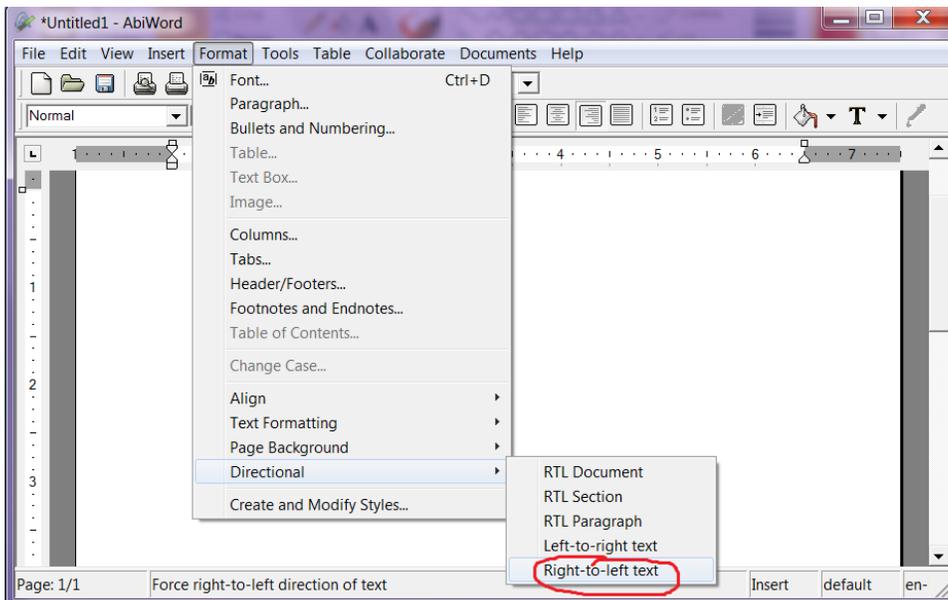
Remove the checkmark "Hide extensions for known file types". Now you can see all the .mp3 and .jpg extensions (plus many more (.doc , .xls, ect.)).

Find the files that you have downloaded. Sort by Type by clicking on "Type". Right-click the TrueType font file Assyria6.ttf and regular click "Install". Do the same for "Estrang1.ttf" and "Estrang2.ttf". You can install the rest of the TrueType fonts and any that you have downloaded from www.atour.com/fonts



Your fonts are now installed.

Start AbiWord. Select “Right-to-Left text” and your Assyrian font. You can select Assyrian Letters” or “Estrangela” or any other fonts that you like.



Select the “Right Alignment” button.

You are ready to type!!!! Learn the keyboard below. I find this font the easiest. There are plenty more Assyrian (Syriac / Aramaic) fonts at www.atour.com/fonts

Documentation and help for AbiWord is located at www.abisource.com/help/en-US/

Creating .PDF Files

After you are done with your document, you can save the file for further editing (save often) and export the file to publish or to post online. You will need a free PDF converter called Cute PDF.

.PDF files are a ubiquitous file format that can be created by any computer and any application and be read by any computer. Before Adobe created this file format, exchanging files was cumbersome.. Formatting would be thrown off from the other person not having the exact application, operating system, or having the used fonts installed on the computer. For example, a WordPerfect file created on a Macintosh would lose formatting when converted over to a Word application on a PC. Adobe created a system where the .PDF file format would save your exact format and fonts and can be read by anyone with the free Adobe Reader program. Creating .PDF files required the Adobe Acrobat program, but that program is costly. A free .PDF Creator is now provided to you by Acro Software Inc from www.cutepdf.com.

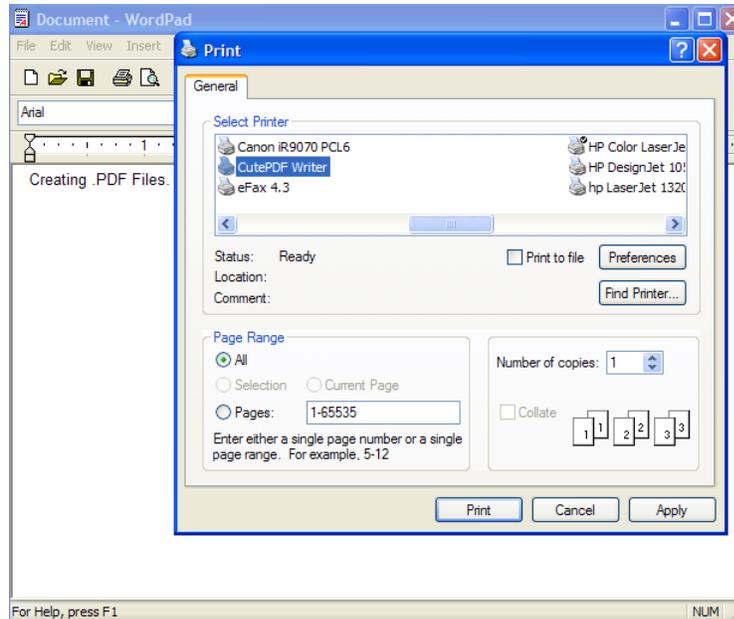


Download the free .PDF maker, “CutePDF Writer”

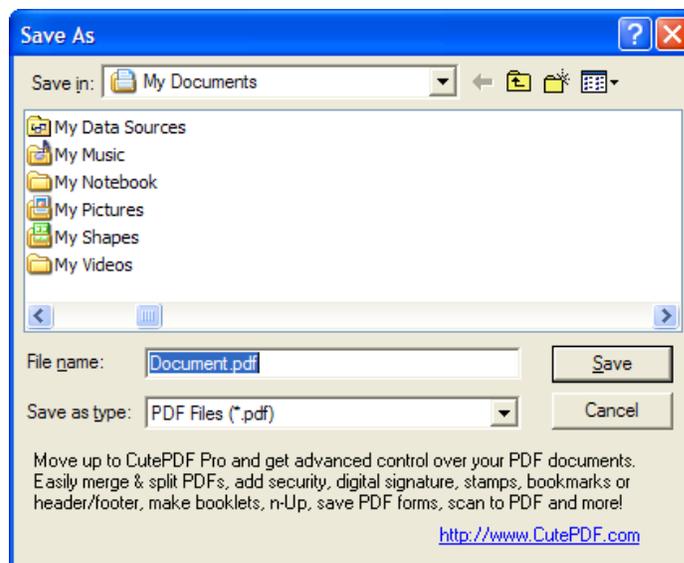
Once you download it, click “Run” or “Open” and install the program.

NOTE: Some free programs install a toolbar or extra software to pay the bills. You can uncheck any other programs or toolbars when installing. Just read the prompts as you install.

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You now have the application installed on your computer. To create a .PDF file, you just print from any application to your “CutePDF Writer” driver instead of your printer driver. You can use any application from Excel and Word to Firefox and Photoshop. Even Adobe Reader. You can even cut out a page by printing only certain pages, instead of “All”. For example, you would print 20 pages of a 22 page document by clicking “Pages” and type “1-20”. Or, if you want to skip a page, type “1-10,15-22” and 11-14 will be skipped.



You will then be prompted for a filename. You’re .PDF file is now created.

