

Typing in Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo Script in Qubee Style

The Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo script keyboard (👉) is an experimental keyboard that supports the typing of the Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo script using Qubee orthography rules. The keyboard requires the included “*Athinkra: Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo*” font which in turn encodes the script in the Unicode Private Use Area.

Basic typing: **akkam** becomes: **ᳵ᳚᳚᳚**
naqaa becomes: **᳚᳚᳚**

There is no difference when uppercase or lowercase letters are typed. **Naqaa**, **NAQAA**, and **nAqAa** will all produce **᳚᳚᳚**. However, uppercase and lowercase will be different when vowels (a, u, i, e, o) are typed alone. For example:

akkam becomes: **ᳵ᳚᳚᳚**
Akkam becomes: **᳚᳚᳚᳚**

The uppercase vowels (A, U, I, E, O) are used to type the (᳚, ᳚) vowels used in words from other languages [Note: this can change, suggestions needed].

Typing adheres to Qubee rules as much as possible, there are a few special cases where there are differences, these cases are highlighted in the table on the following page. When a sound from another language is not found in Qubee writing, the special letter “x” is used to help type it. For example:

hx ⇒ ᳚᳚
kx ⇒ ᳚᳚
sx ⇒ ᳚᳚

Apostrophe, ', is another special symbol that can be typed in the usual way of spelling words in Qubee, but will be ignored in the Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo alphabet:

har'a ⇒ ᳚᳚᳚᳚
mish'aa ⇒ ᳚᳚᳚᳚᳚
dhi'eenna ⇒ ᳚᳚᳚᳚᳚᳚
taa'ee ⇒ ᳚᳚᳚᳚

A special case is for the “glottal stop” in the Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo alphabet, where the glottal stop is typed with apostrophe after the vowel. Examples:

a' ⇒ ᳚᳚
ax' ⇒ ᳚᳚᳚
A' ⇒ ᳚᳚
Ax' ⇒ ᳚᳚᳚

Finally, to type an apostrophe by itself, press the apostrophe key two times:

' ' ⇒ '

Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo Typing Table

Key	*	a	u	i	e	o	aa	uu	ii	ee	oo	
	ᳵ *	ᳶ a	᳷ u	᳸ i	᳹ e	ᳺ o	᳻ aa	᳼ uu	᳽ ii	᳾ ee	᳿ oo	᳠ a'
+x	᳡ **/*x	᳢ ax	᳣ ux	᳤ ix	᳥ ex	᳦ ox	᳧ aax	᳨ uux	ᳩ iix	ᳪ eex	ᳫ xoo	ᳬ ax'
b	᳭ b*	ᳮ ba	ᳯ bu	ᳰ bi	ᳱ be	ᳲ bo	ᳳ baa	᳴ buu	ᳵ bii	ᳶ bee	᳷ boo	᳸ b
bb	᳹ bb*	ᳺ bba	᳻ bbu	᳼ bbi	᳽ bbe	᳾ bbo	᳿ bbaa	᳠ bbuu	᳡ bbii	᳢ bbee	᳣ bbou	᳤ bb
j	ᳶ j*	᳷ ja	᳸ ju	᳹ ji	ᳺ je	᳻ jo	᳼ jaa	᳽ juu	᳾ jii	᳿ jee	᳠ joo	᳡ j
jj	᳢ jj*	᳣ jja	᳤ jju	᳥ jji	᳦ jje	᳧ jjo	᳨ jjaa	ᳩ jjuu	ᳪ jjii	ᳫ jjee	ᳬ jjoo	᳭ jj
d	ᳱ d*	ᳲ da	ᳳ du	᳴ di	ᳵ de	ᳶ do	᳷ daa	᳸ duu	᳹ dii	ᳺ dee	᳻ doo	᳼ d
dd	᳽ dd*	᳾ dda	᳿ ddu	᳠ ddi	᳡ dde	᳢ ddo	᳣ ddaa	᳤ dduu	᳥ ddii	᳦ ddee	᳧ ddoo	᳨ dd
h	ᳶ h*	᳷ ha	᳸ hu	᳹ hi	ᳺ he	᳻ ho	᳼ haa	᳽ huu	᳾ hii	᳿ hee	᳠ hoo	᳡ h
hh	᳢ hh*	᳣ hha	᳤ hhu	᳥ hhi	᳦ hhe	᳧ hho	᳨ hhaa	ᳩ hhuu	ᳪ hhii	ᳫ hhee	ᳬ hhoo	᳭ hh
w	ᳶ w*	᳷ wa	᳸ wu	᳹ wi	ᳺ we	᳻ wo	᳼ waa	᳽ wuu	᳾ wii	᳿ wee	᳠ woo	᳡ w
ww	᳢ ww*	᳣ wwa	᳤ wwu	᳥ wwi	᳦ wwe	᳧ wwo	᳨ wwaa	ᳩ wwuu	ᳪ wwii	ᳫ wwee	ᳬ wwoo	᳭ ww
z	ᳶ z*	᳷ za	᳸ zu	᳹ zi	ᳺ ze	᳻ zo	᳼ zaa	᳽ zuu	᳾ zii	᳿ zee	᳠ zoo	᳡ z
zz	᳽ zz*	᳾ zza	᳿ zzu	᳠ zzi	᳡ zze	᳢ zzo	᳣ zzaa	᳤ zzuu	᳥ zzii	᳦ zzee	᳧ zzoo	᳨ zz
hx	ᳱ hx*	ᳲ hxa	ᳳ hxu	᳴ hxi	ᳵ hxe	ᳶ hxo	᳷ hxaa	᳸ hxuu	᳹ hxii	ᳺ hxee	᳻ hxoo	᳼ hx
hxx	᳽ hxx*	᳾ hxxa	᳿ hxxu	᳠ hxxi	᳡ hxxe	᳢ hxxo	᳣ hxxaa	᳤ hxxuu	᳥ hxxii	᳦ hxxee	᳧ hxxoo	᳨ hxx
x	ᳱ x*	ᳲ xa	ᳳ xu	᳴ xi	ᳵ xe	ᳶ xo	᳷ xaa	᳸ xuu	᳹ xii	ᳺ xee	᳻ xoo	᳼ x
xx	᳽ xx*	᳾ xxa	᳿ xxu	᳠ xxi	᳡ xxe	᳢ xxo	᳣ xxaa	᳤ xxuu	᳥ xxii	᳦ xxee	᳧ xxoo	᳨ xx
y	ᳶ y*	᳷ ya	᳸ yu	᳹ yi	ᳺ ye	᳻ yo	᳼ yaa	᳽ yuu	᳾ yii	᳿ yee	᳠ yoo	᳡ y
yy	᳢ yy*	᳣ yya	᳤ yyu	᳥ yyi	᳦ yye	᳧ yyo	᳨ yyaa	ᳩ yyuu	ᳪ yyii	ᳫ yyee	ᳬ yyoo	᳭ yy
k	ᳱ k*	ᳲ ka	ᳳ ku	᳴ ki	ᳵ ke	ᳶ ko	᳷ kaa	᳸ kuu	᳹ kii	ᳺ kee	᳻ koo	᳼ k
kk	᳽ kk*	᳾ kka	᳿ kku	᳠ kki	᳡ kke	᳢ kko	᳣ kkaa	᳤ kkuu	᳥ kkii	᳦ kkee	᳧ kkoo	᳨ kk

Key	*	a	u	i	e	o	aa	uu	ii	ee	oo	
dh	ᳵ	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	dh
dhh	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	dhh
g	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	g
gg	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	gg
c	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	c
cc	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	cc
ny	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	ny
nyy	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	nyy
ch	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	ch
chh	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	chh
ph	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	ph
phh	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	phh
A	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	A'
Ax	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	Ax'
p	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	p
pp	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	pp
v	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	v
vv	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	vv
zy	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	zy
zyy	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	zyy
ts	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	ts
tss	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ	᳻	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳾	᳾	tss

Typing Punctuation

Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo Punctuation

:	=
:	.

When a number follows ‘:’ or ‘=’ they will change back to their Latin form automatically. For example:

12=50 ⇒ 12.50

12:50 ⇒ 12:50

Keyboard Punctuation

All regular punctuation on your keyboard remains available. Most punctuation can be typed with a single keystroke as usual. Those used to input Ethiopic symbols can be entered by hitting the punctuation key two or more times until it appears.

Typing Numbers

Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo Numbers

The Sheek Bakrii Saphaloo numbers may be typed directly as shown:

ዐ	፩	፪	፫	፬	፭	፮	፯	፰	፱
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Hindu-Arabic (International) Numbers

International style numbers may be typed with a ‘#’ mark followed by the desired digit 1-9.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
#0	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9