

# Uyghur on OS X, Donkey (3.0)

## INTRODUCTION

I'm stoked to announce that we can type Uyghur in OS X. I'm calling this version of Uyghur on OS X Donkey. There are four very nice looking fonts available and a great little multi-lingual application called Mellel, that makes sweet documents. By the way, Mellel is developed on a Mac for Mac!

In the next Donkey update (3.5), I'll include a keyboard making utility and instructions on how to make your own personalized keyboard. With the utility called Ukelele, that Nathan found for us, it's a snap! You can find it online and check it out for yourself ([versiontracker.com](http://versiontracker.com)). However, the instructions and help files are somewhat confusing. So I'll be sending a QuickTime movie tutorial for how to use Ukelele, so that you don't have to waist so much time figuring it out.

## THE BOTTON LINE

Download and install Mellel. Then follow my super simple, picture illustrated, instructions in the document *Install & Use U on OS X.pdf*, and you'll be typing beautiful Uyghur in 10 minutes.

## ATTACHED FILES

### A. KEYBOARDS

- UyghurArabicUnicode
- PC UyghurArabicUnicode

### B. FONTS

- UyEsUni.ttf (Uyghur Esliye Unicode)
- UyNaUni.ttf (Uyghur Nasq Unicode)
- UySuUni.ttf (Uyghur Sulus Unicode)
- UyTuzUni.TTF (Uyghur Tuz Unicode)

### C. REFERENCE FILES

- Install & Use Uyghur in OS X.pdf

## FONTS

I gave up on UighurSoft developing unicode fonts, when I was directed by a person on the UighurLanguage Yahoo Group to [oyghan.com](http://oyghan.com) and [ukij.org](http://ukij.org). He said at those sites I could get four commonly used Uyghur unicode fonts from. And they are beautiful.

Keep in mind that unicode is not some hole-in-the-wall, made in someone's garage, font format. It's the international standard, that all the big payers have moved to (Mac, Microsoft, Linux, Adobe, Quark, etc.).

Remember the *Glitch* that I wrote about before? Well forget about it. It's nonexistent since we are using unicode 4.0 fonts.

## KEYBOARDS

I've made two keyboards, *UyghurArabicUnicode* and *PC UyghurArabicUnicode*. The former follows the American keyboard layout, and the ArQwertyNew keyboard used back in the day with Nisus under OS 9. Most of you are probably still using this. There are some changes from ArQwertyNew to the *UyghurArabicUnicode* that that I think are an improvement. However, if you don't like the layout, then you can easily modify it or make your own. As I mentioned in the introduction to this document, I'll be sending a utility to help you do that.

The *PC UyghurArabicUnicode* layout follows the same layout that Uyghurs use in Xinjiang on their PC computers. So if you have Uyghurs typing on your Mac(s), then you'll want them to switch to this layout; and they will feel right at home. In fact, they'll feel even better since they're typing on a Mac!

## WORD PROCESSING PROGRAMS

1. Microsoft Office V. X and Office 2004: No right to left scripting support.
2. TextEdit (included in OS X): letters don't connect properly. TextEdit even has an option for right-to-left scripting, but no go in Panther. Maybe it will work in Tigar.
3. Nisus Writer Express: nope, no right-to-left scripting or unicode support.
4. OpenOffice: I have not tested this yet. However, since it does type type Arabic and handles unicode, it should work with these new Uyghur unicode 4.0 fonts.
5. Mellel (1.8.1): Oh Yah! It works beautifully without a hitch or a glitch.

You can download and tryout Mellel at [www.redlers.com](http://www.redlers.com). To buy it costs only \$39 USD. It's a great little app. It's like a VW Bug with a 454 under the hood.

If you have any questions or additions to the *Uyghur on Mac OS X Project*, please email me @ [bobsbox@bigfoot.com](mailto:bobsbox@bigfoot.com)