Andika Six - Frequently Asked Questions

Many questions can be answered by consulting the following FAQ pages. Here are a few sample questions answered in each FAQ:

- SIL fonts in general
    - *How can I type...?*
    - *How can I use font features?*
    - *Will you add support for character...?*
    - *Will you add support for script...?*
    - *WIll you help me...?*
- SIL's Latin, Cyrillic, and Greek fonts.
    - *How can I type IPA symbols?*
    - *How do I use both a single-story and double-story 'a' in italic?*
    - *Why don't my diacritics position properly?*
    - *Why is the line spacing so much looser that other fonts?*
- The SIL Open Font License (OFL-FAQ)
    - *Can I use this font for...?*
    - *Can I modify the font and then include it in...*
    - *If I use the font on a web page do I have to include an acknowledgement?*
    - *The full OFL-FAQ.txt is also included in the font package.*

Here are a few of the most frequently asked questions specifically regarding Andika:

How is Andika Six different from Andika?

Andika Six is simply a renamed version of Andika v6.200 with no other changes. Andika version 7 will include metrics changes that could cause lines, paragraphs, and pages to reflow. Because of this we wanted to provide a font that reproduced the exact metrics and behavior of Andika v6.200 and could be installed at the same time as the newest Andika (v7 and beyond). Once released, Andika v7 will be the best font for most people to use. But if you have documents that you prepared with Andika v6.200 you can install Andika Six, change the doc to use it instead of Andika, and avoid any issues with reflow. Then you can use Andika v7 for new documents and benefit from the many improvements in that and future versions.

Where does the name Andika come from?

Andika — pronounced ahn-DEE-kah

Swahili — spoken widely in eastern regions of the African continent, among other places.

Meaning — 'Write!'

Why does the font have some Greek characters, but not all?

Although Andika includes some Greek characters, it is not intended to provide general support for the Greek language. The Greek characters that are included are there to support various notational systems (linguistic, logical, mathematical). Other fonts, such as Gentium Plus, provide complete Greek script support.

Will you add full Greek script support?

We have no plans to do that. However, the OFL licensing allows anyone to add Greek support and freely distribute the font to others. It is even possible to contribute that work back to the project and share it with others.

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