

MINOR PROJECT

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In addition, you need to install a font that will allow you to read and produce documents using IPA script (which is a particular set of characters that you will learn about over the next couple of lectures.). You probably already have such a font installed, but to make sure I'm going to have you install a font named Gentium. To do this, first go to the Gentium site at http://scripts.sil.org/cms/scripts/page.php?site_id=nrsi&item_id=Gentium. Click on the "Download main

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