An extract from wikipedia :

Windows 2000

Supports: Devanagari, Kannada, Tamil

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For Viewing Indic text

Go to Start > Settings > Control Panel > Regional Options > General [Tab].

- In the "Language settings for this system" frame, check the box next to "Indic".
- Copy the appropriate files from the Windows 2000 CD when prompted.
- If prompted, reboot your computer once the files have been installed.

If you don't have the Windows CD or don't want to juggle with CD right now, you can simply download <u>this zip file</u> and extract its contents to a folder. When prompted for Windows CD, simply point to this folder using 'Browse' option of the prompt window.

Windows XP and Server 2003

Supports: <u>Bengali (XP SP2)</u>, <u>Devanagari</u>, <u>Gujarati</u>, <u>Gurmukhi</u>, <u>Kannada</u>, <u>Malayalam (XP SP2)</u>, <u>Tamil</u>, <u>Telugu</u>. The default Bengali font, Vrinda, appears too small, so it might be desirable to install another font. Oriya works with SP2 and later if you install unicode fonts.

Complex text support needs to be manually enabled.

For Viewing Indic text

- 1. Install at least one <u>Unicode font</u> in your system, associated with the language that you want to view correctly, or install a Unicode font which contains large character set for many different languages.
- 2. Go to Start > Control Panel.

- 3. If you are in "Category View" select the icon that says "Date, Time, Language and Regional Options" and then select "Regional and Language Options".
- 4. If you are in Classic View select the icon that says "Regional and Language Options".
- 5. Select the "Languages" tab and make sure you select the option saying "Install files for complex script and right-to-left languages (including Thai)". A confirmation message should now appear press "OK" on this confirmation message.
- 6. Allow the OS to install necessary files from the Windows XP CD and then reboot if prompted.
- 7. Install or Enable your Language(Script) support on your web-browser software:
 - On Internet Explorer 6: Go to Tools -> Internet Options -> General -> Languages, and add your particular language(s) that you want to view correctly.
 - On Firefox 1.5: Go to Tools -> Options -> Advanced -> General -> Edit Languages..., and add your particular languages(s) that you want to view correctly.
 - On Firefox 3.0: Go to Tools -> Contents -> Languages -> Choose..., and add your particular languages(s) that you want to view correctly.
- 8. Go to your web-browser's "view" menu and set the "character encoding" or "encoding" feature to: Unicode (UTF-8).

In Firefox, if Indic Scripts are still appearing incorrectly, you may then use the latest version of <u>usp10.dll</u> on your system and it may also be necessary to install a <u>Unicode OpenType font</u>.

This is an optional step, only when you want to use a specific Unicode font for your chosen particular language(s) for viewing webpages.

- 1. To use a specific font for webpages:
 - For Internet Explorer 6: Go to Tools-->Internet options-->Fonts, choose your particular language from the Language Script pulldown menu and select a font from one of the available fonts for that particular language in your system.
 - For Firefox 1.5: Go to Tools -> Options -> Content tab -> Advanced... in the Fonts and colors section. In the pop up window titled "Fonts", select your particular language from the "Fonts for:" pulldown Menu and set a font that is associated with your particular language of your choice, for various kinds of fields like Serif, Sans Serif, Monospace, etc. to be used for showing webpages.
 - For Opera 9: Go to Tools -> Preferences -> Advanced tab -> Fonts -> International fonts -> choose your particular language from the drop down list. Select a font for your language of your choice. In most of the cases, Opera automatically detects if you have enabled Unicode support and installed fonts, so you may not require this step.