

Dearmach

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Dearmach is inspired by the Book of Durrow, an Insular manuscript associated with the monastery at Durrow, County Offaly, Ireland and now kept at Trinity College, Dublin. The name comes from the location of a famous monastery which Bede says was founded by Colum Cille and which is thought to be that at Durrow.

This version is an extensive redesign of one of my earlier fonts. It's so extensive, I pondered giving it a different name. If you're using it on a word processor, the line spacing needs to be at least 1.2. This is the default "auto" leading setting for most DTP applications.

The character set includes support for virtually every language which can be written in Latin script and includes a selection of ligatures. These characters can be accessed by either choosing an appropriate keyboard layout in the International preferences panel, or via the Special Characters.../Glyphs menu option (the name seems to vary depending on the application).

Dearmach includes all the characters supported by my Irish Insular Keyboard for MacOS X which allows the font to be used for the Irish language with distinctive insular forms for several letters.

This archive contains the TTF version of the font, which can be used on MacOS X, Linux and Windows. It includes the following files:

- **About Dearmach TTF.pdf** - this file.
- **Dearmach.ttf** - the font file. In MacOS X, double click on this to see a preview. Click on the "Install Font" button to install. For earlier versions of Mac OS, this file should go in the 'Fonts' folder in the System Folder. For other platforms, please refer to the documentation.
- **Download the Irish Insular Keyboard** - a web link to the Irish Insular Keyboard. The file was included with *Taisean*, so if you have that font, you already have the keyboard layout.

A Postscript flavoured OpenType version, suitable for use with Classic MacOS, is also available.

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