

TengVert Quick User Guide

0 Configuring TengGuiVert

Before using TengVert some basic setup steps are required to run it properly. To convert a text from roman letters into another alphabet (mostly tengwar, but also other alphabets are possible), the program needs to know, how to do this. As there are no 1-to-1 counterparts in the different alphabets and specially in tengwar, which is a more phonetical way to write down words. A English text converted to tengwar requires other rules than a German or Spanish text (there are even modes available to transcribe klingon to tengwar!!). So at first you need a so called Mode file, which contains the transcription rules. The modes used by TenGuiVert are compatible to the Mode files used for the TengScribe tool available at <http://at.mansbjorkman.net/tengscribe.htm> A collection of such modes in different languages can be found there and also in the Yahoo! Group TengScribe <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tengscribe/>

The second important requirement is a font which is able to show the desired target alphabet. The standard font which TenGuiVert is set to use is the Tengwar Annatar 1.20 Font available at <http://home.student.uu.se/~jow4905/fonts/annatar.html> or by using google. There are different other Tengwar fonts out there, but at least one has to be installed to your system to use it with TenGuiVert. In Windows simply copy the font files into the C:\WINDOWS\Fonts directory.

After downloading a mode and an according font you can start transcribing text into the target alphabet, but first you have to configure TenGuiVert to know your presets.

Open the Configuration Dialog via File->Settings. In the Basics tab, choose a roman font for the input text (Roman font field) and the downloaded (tengwar) font for the output text (Transcription Font field). You should use font sizes where both fonts are having a nearly same letter height and width. So the transcribed text has nearly the same size in the output window as the original text.

In the Configuration window you also have to provide the path to your desired mode file without one the transcription is impossible. The Open Exported LearnSheet option indicates, if a browser should be opened after exporting a html LearnSheet (see below). Click Apply to make your changed settings take effect. Now you are ready for TengVerting!

1 Convert Text to Tengwar

To convert (transcribe) typed text or the content of a text file into tengwar, simply type it into the upper input text field or open it via File->open Text.

Then, press F6 or choose Conversion->Complete Text from the program menu to convert the input text to tengwar.

1.1 Make conversion visible

The output Window can be switched between the roman and the transcription font using the context menu in the output window. Note, if using a Line-By-Line Learning transcription, all the text will be changed to the first or second font. The dual-Font-View can only be restored by re-transcribing.

1.2 Save the converted text

To save a converted text, use File->Save Transcription and the transcribed text will be saved as a RTF document (including the font information for easy further use in word processors).

2 Learning Tengwar

TenGuiVert provides tools to create so called Line-By-Line LearningSheets. This means, the text is not only transcribed to tengwar, but the original words are written below each transcribed line. With such a learning sheet it is easy to learn the letters, as you can always peek down to the original or hide it with a ruler or something else. To do so, choose Conversion->Line-By-Line Learning or press F5 after providing an input text.

2.1 Exporting LearnSheets

As learning tengwar on the screen is mostly a nerd thing, TenGuiVert also provides a way to export those Line-By-Line transcriptions by creating HTML based LearnSheets.

Therefore the Line-By-Line conversion result is also more structured using invisible tables to align the tengwar and roman words for even better learning performance compared to the normal program output.

For such an export, provide an input text and select Conversion->Export HTML LearnSheet from the program menu. The created HTML file will be automatically opened in a web browser if your system supports this and if the option is set in the Configuration Dialog (see above).

For an optimal printing output (using the Firefox or Internet Explorer browser) we suggest the usage of the FireShot plugin available at <http://screenshot-program.com/fireshot>

Please Note: the exported files can only be viewed correctly on system having the transcription font installed. Do not send them to friends or upload them online, as most users do not have those fonts, they will not be able to view the pages as desired. Therefore use a pdf printing program as pdfCreator at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator> to convert the html files into really portable files you can share with friends or via web. If you are using texts not of your own, please take care of the copyrights!

3 Using Sessions

If you want to save the actual input and output window and the used transcription mode, you can save those settings into a session file via File->Save Session or you can reload a previously saved session via File->Open Session.

4 Advanced Settings

If you don't like the output of the HTML Export function, you can provide a different Template for creating those output files. Do this only if you are firm to HTML and CSS or the generated Documents may be no longer useable.

To change the template you need to open the Configuration Dialog via File->Settings and change the HTML-Template in the Advanced tab.

IMPORTANT: It is absolutely necessary to include an empty closed body tag in the form `<body/>` without any attributes or spaces in the tag. As TenGuiVert replaces this tag with the created html content, you will get an empty html document if the body tag is omitted or formatted differently.

