Chess Alpha 2

a True Type Font for chess diagrams and figurine notation.
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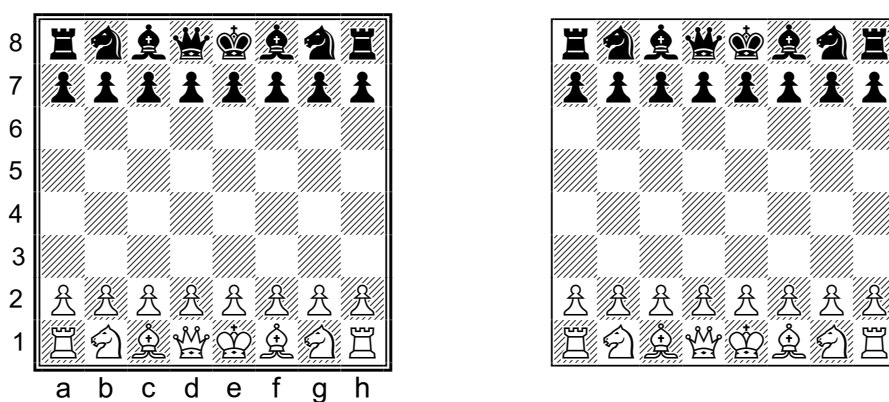This font was originally designed by Eric Bentzen © 1998.

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The font must be installed on your system to use it.

On a windows PC select... start > Control Panel > Fonts > File > Install New Font...
On a Linux PC copy the font file into (Your Name) > .Fonts

"Chess Alpha" can be used for diagrams and figurine notation. **Beware that you don't use the same characters for both!** The pieces for diagrams have a fixed width and a slightly elevated baseline and will not look good as figurine characters. The width and baseline of the pieces intended for figurine notation is "correct": your lines will not look "jumpy" (not like ♘f3, but like ♘f3), and the white space between piece and board co-ordinates will be more appropriate.

I have re-arranged the characters for Chess Alpha 2, they are now optimised for typing moves, with most characters on the keyboard. I also added letters, numbers and punctuation, so you don't have to switch fonts when typing.

Many of the characters used to make diagrams are not on the keyboard, but you can use Insert > Special Character... in most word processors.

The figurine characters are now smaller, to fit on the text baseline, and have thicker strokes, to print more clearly at the smaller size.
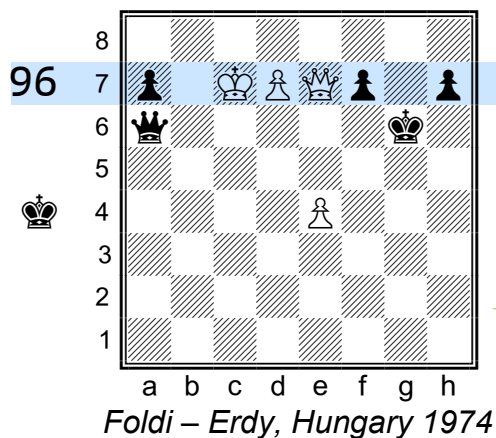
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Chess Alpha 2 keyboard characters

keys	Chess Alpha 2	KEYS	Chess Alpha 2	keys	Chess Alpha 2	KEYS	Chess Alpha 2
a	a	A	a (with overline)	`	spacing=1	¬	1‖
b	b	B	b (with overline)	1	1	!	!
c	c	C	c (with overline)	2	2	"	2‖
d	d	D	d (with overline)	3	3	£	3‖
e	e	E	e (with overline)	4	4	$	4‖
f	f	F	f (with overline)	5	5	%	5‖
g	g	G	g (with overline)	6	6	^	6‖
h	h	H	h (with overline)	7	7	&	7‖
i	♙	I	♟	8	8	*	8‖
j	♗	J	♝	9	9	(	(
k	♘	K	♞	0	0	)	)
l	♖	L	♜	-	–	_	—
m	♕	M	♛	=	=	+	+
n	♔	N	♚	,	,	<	—
o	0	O	0	.	.	>	…
x	×	X	×	/	/	?	?
y	(board edges)	Y		;	;	:	:
z		Z	½	\	‖	|	‖
'	(board square)	@	‖⧗	#	(board square)	~	‖⧖
[	(board corners)	{		]		}	

Chess Alpha 2 additional characters

Character	½	À	Á	Â	Ã	Ä	Å	Æ	Ç	È	É	Ê	Ë
code	+00BD	+00C0	+00C1	+00C2	+00C3	+00C4	+00C5	+00C6	+00C7	+00C8	+00C9	+00CA	+00CB
Chess Alpha 2	½	♗	♗	♘	♘	♖	♖	♕	♕	♔	♔	♙	♙

Character	Ì	Í	Ð	Ñ	Ò	Ó	Ô	Õ	Ö	×	Ø	Ù	Ú
code	+00CC	+00CD	+00D0	+00D1	+00D2	+00D3	+00D4	+00D5	+00D6	+00D7	+00D8	+00D9	+00DA
Chess Alpha 2	‖	‖	‖⧖	1‖	2‖	3‖	4‖	5‖	6‖	7‖	8‖		

Character	Û	à	á	â	ã	ä	å	æ	ç	è	é	ê	ë
code	+00DB	+00E0	+00E1	+00E2	+00E3	+00E4	+00E5	+00E6	+00E7	+00E8	+00E9	+00EA	+00EB
Chess Alpha 2		♝	♝	♞	♞	♜	♜	♛	♛	♚	♚	♟	♟

Character	ð	ñ	ò	ó	ô	õ	ö	÷	ø	ù	ú	û	–
Code	+00F0	+00F1	+00F2	+00F3	+00F4	+00F5	+00F6	+00F7	+00F8	+00F9	+00FA	+00FB	+2012
Chess Alpha 2	⧗	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h				—

Character	–	—	—	"	"	„	‟	.	..	…			
Code	+2013	+2014	+2015	+201C	+201D	+201E	+201F	+2024	+2025	+2026			
Chess Alpha 2	–	—	—	2‖	2‖	2‖	2‖	.	..	…			

example:

8
96 7
6
4
2
1
a b c d e f g h

Foldi – Erdy, Hungary 1974

Font
Chess Alpha 2
16 Point
Centred

Numbered list
Format...   Position
Indent   1cm
Spacing to text   2cm
Minimum space
   numbering <-> text   1cm
Numbering alignment   Right

1.	...	♕b6+
2.	♔c8	♛c6+
3.	♔d8	♚g7
4.	e5?	♛b6+
5.	♔e8	♛b8+
6.	d8=♕	♛b5+
	½—½	

Perpetual check ♛e5, ♛b8, ♛b5.

Deep Blue – Kasparov,
IBM Challenge 1996

1.	e4	c5
2.	c3	d5
3.	e×d5	♛×d5
4.	d4	♞f6
5.	♞f3	♝g4
6.	♝e2	e6
7.	h3	♝h5
8.	0-0	♞c6
9.	♝e3	c×d4
10.	c×d4	♝b4
11.	a3	♝a5
12.	♞c3	♛d6
13.	♞b5	♛e7
14.	♞e5	♝×e2
15.	♛×e2	0-0
16.	♖ac1	♖ac8
17.	♝g5	♝b6
18.	♝×f6	g×f6
19.	♞c4	♖fd8
20.	♞×b6	a×b6
21.	♖fd1	f5
22.	♛e3	♛f6
23.	d5	♖×d5
24.	♖×d5	e×d5
25.	b3	♚h8
26.	♛×b6	♖g8
27.	♛c5	d4
28.	♞d6	f4
29.	♞×b7	♞e5
30.	♕d5	f3
31.	g3	♞d3
32.	♖c7	♖e8
33.	♞d6	♖e1+
34.	♔h2	♞×f2
35.	♞×f7+	♚g7
36.	♞g5+	♚h6
37.	♖×h7+	
	1-0	

8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
a b c d e f g h