

# BJCree - About

## About this project

The **BJCree** (*'Baie-James'* [James Bay] Cree) font is a Canadian Syllabics font in the style preferred by Cree and Naskapi communities of Canada located around James Bay. It supports the full range of Algonquian (Cree and Ojibwa) languages. This is a new version of an older 'shareware' font, improved and updated to support a wide range of uses, from print to web.

The **BJCree** typeface was originally designed in conjunction with the Naskapi community in the 1990s. When it was subsequently re-encoded for Unicode, coverage was extended for all the Cree (and Ojibwa) languages. Thus, all the "Algonquian" languages that use Unified Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics are covered by the BJCree glyph inventory. That is, Plains Cree [crk], Woods Cree [cwd], Swampy Cree [csw], Moose Cree [crm], East Cree Southern [crj], East Cree Northern [crl], Naskapi [nsk], Severn Ojibwe (Oji-Cree) [ojs], Northwestern Ojibwe [obj], and Western Ojibwe (Saulteaux) [ojw].

For more information on the visual characteristics of the font family see [Design](#).

## Future plans

These fonts are actively maintained and improved, and recent changes to their development process will enable more frequent releases.

The highest priorities for future additions and enhancements are mainly driven by:

- New additions to [The Unicode Standard](#)
- Requests from language communities using the fonts

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