

# Input methods menu

The menu appears next to any input field and allows users to select and switch among different input languages.

## Design goals

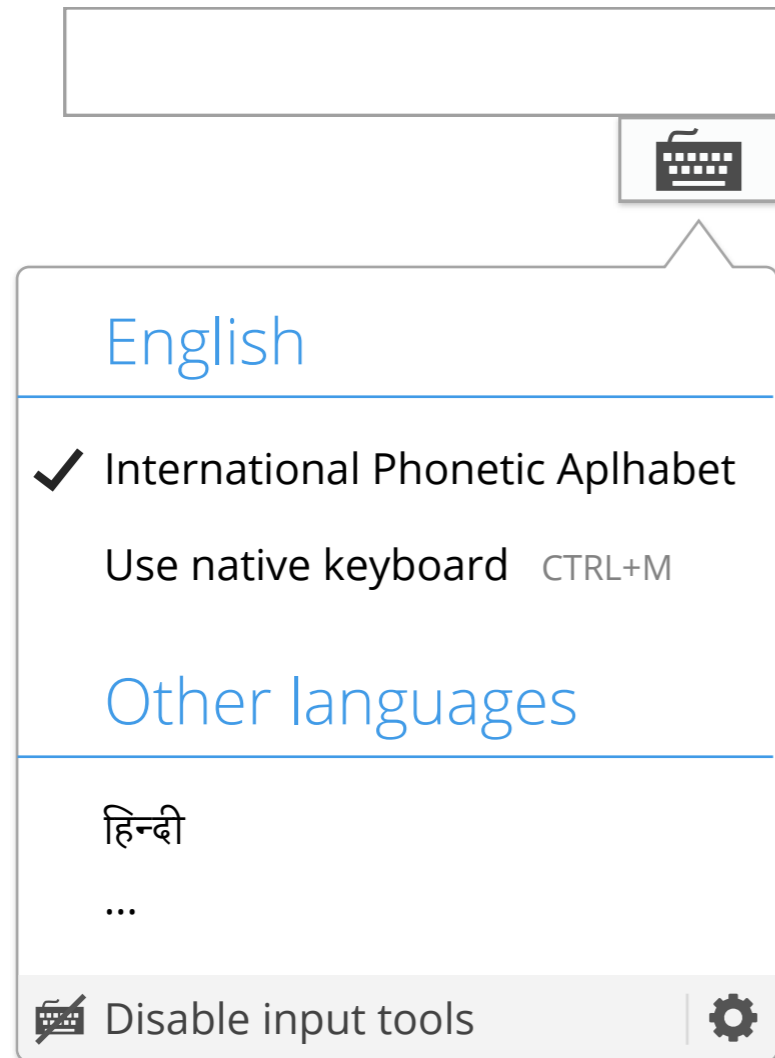
- Closer to where it is needed
- Design for repetitive use: facilitate quick enable/disable, and language switch (keeping user preferences)

## Issues to solve

Users that do not need the tool want to be able to remove it quickly (now they need to go through "more options").

Need to differentiate between 2 types of disablement:

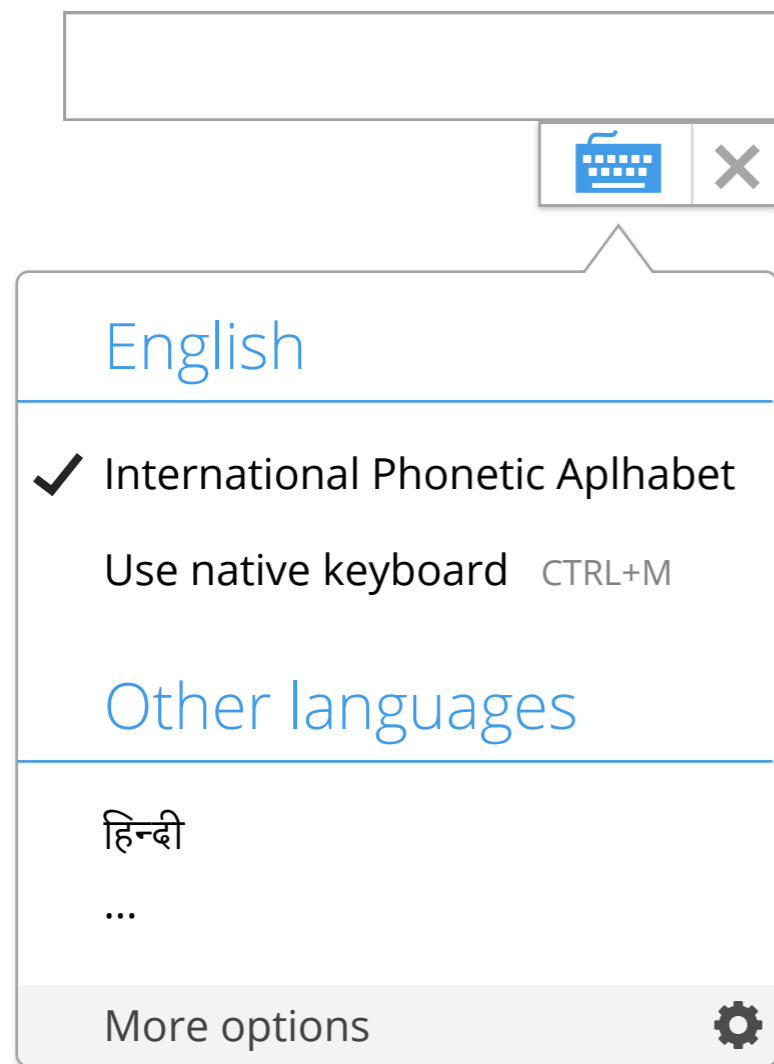
- Don't apply input methods
- Don't apply input methods + remove the keyboard icon



# Option A

The keyboard removal appears at the configuration area (bottom of menu). Additional settings be still accessed but are less prominent.

The input method disabling is presented as "Ignore input method".

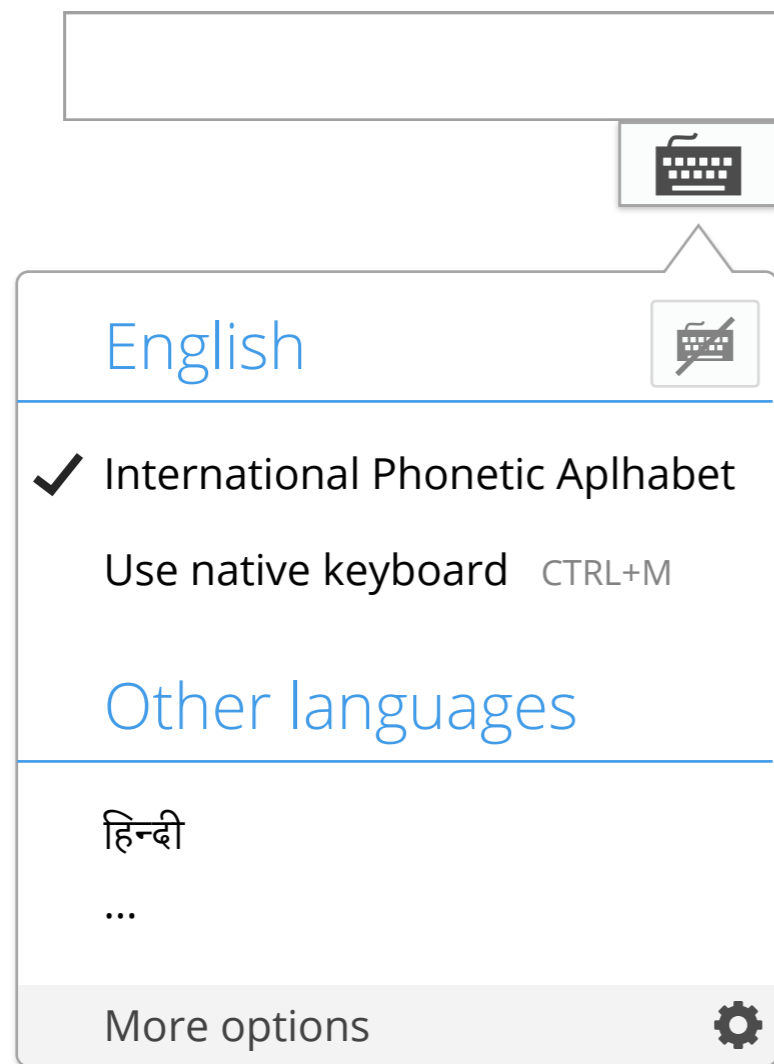


## Option B

The removal option is presented next to the keyboard icon itself when the user opens the menu.



It is not clear if removal can be misinterpreted as disabling.



## Option C

The removal option is presented at the top-right of the dialog. On hover, the icon turns red in order to better communicate the disablement action.



The fact that it is closer to the current input language label ("English" in the example) may make it seem related to this.



Input methods have been disabled

Access language settings (⚙️) to enable input methods again.

Ok

# The re-enablement problem

If we allow users to remove the keyboard menu from the keyboard menu itself, It becomes hard for them to re-enable it again (since there is no keyboard menu again).

This is a problem that happens regardless of the design option chosen.

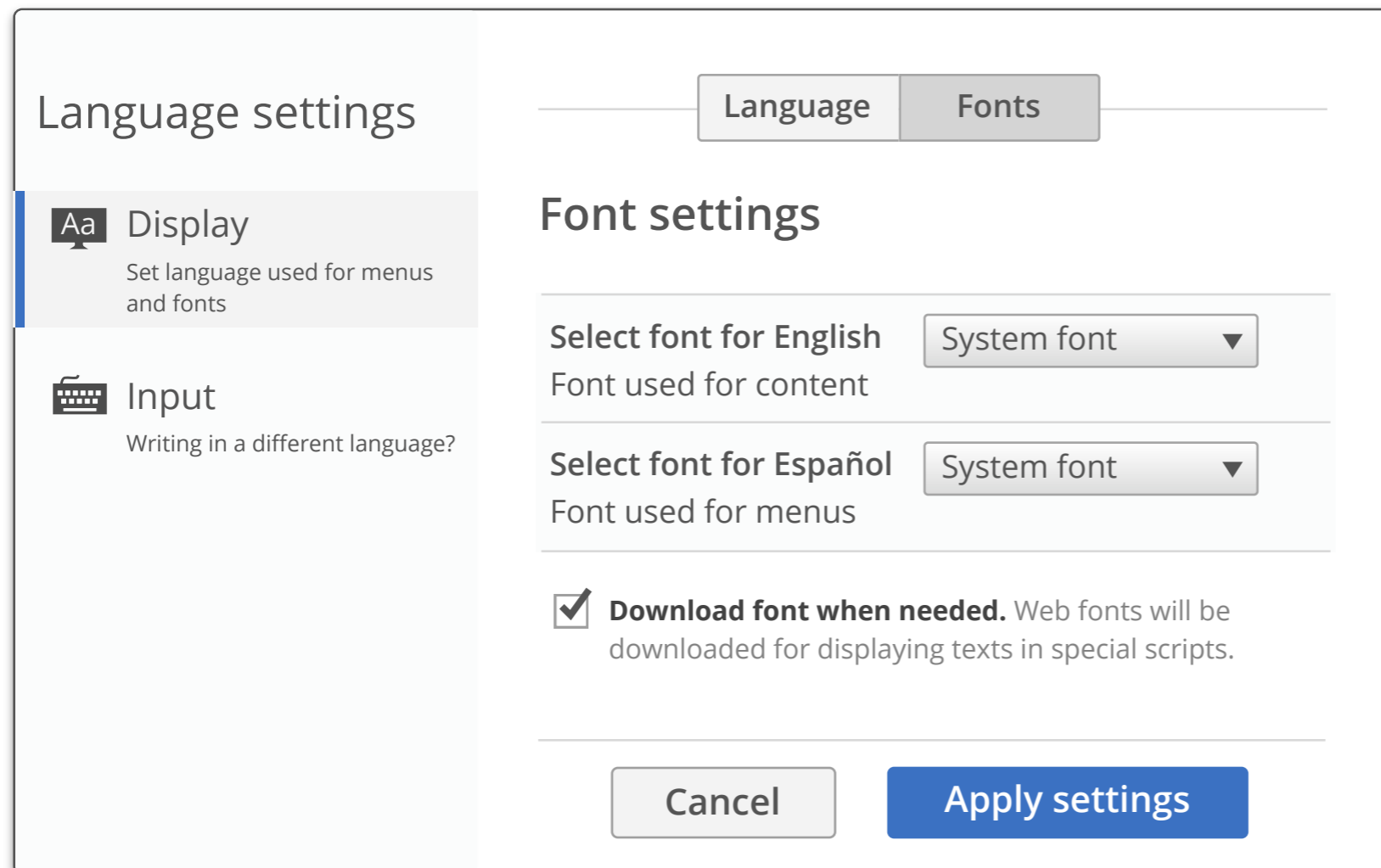
To alleviate this, the first time the keyboard is removed, a dialog can indicate how to re-enable it again.

# Font settings

Not all fonts needed to display all scripts are available in all computers. Web fonts allow users to read content for which they don't have installed fonts.

When multiple Open Source fonts are available, the user can set his preference.

Users may want to disable web fonts completely.



The image shows a screenshot of the Windows 'Language settings' dialog box, specifically the 'Font settings' tab. The dialog has a sidebar on the left with 'Language settings' at the top and two main sections: 'Display' (with an 'Aa' icon) and 'Input' (with a keyboard icon). The 'Display' section is selected and contains the text 'Set language used for menus and fonts'. The 'Input' section contains the text 'Writing in a different language?'. The main area of the dialog is titled 'Font settings' and has two tabs: 'Language' and 'Fonts', with 'Fonts' being the active tab. Below the title bar, there are two rows of settings. The first row is for 'English' and the second is for 'Español'. Each row has a label 'Select font for [language]', a subtitle 'Font used for [content]', and a dropdown menu currently set to 'System font'. Below these rows is a checked checkbox labeled 'Download font when needed' with a descriptive text: 'Web fonts will be downloaded for displaying texts in special scripts.' At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Apply settings'.

Language settings

Language Fonts

**Font settings**

**Select font for English** System font ▼  
Font used for content

**Select font for Español** System font ▼  
Font used for menus

**Download font when needed.** Web fonts will be downloaded for displaying texts in special scripts.

Cancel Apply settings

# Option A

Make the containment relationship between checkbox and list of languages stronger. When unchecked, list of fonts is shown as disabled.

## Language settings

- Display**  
Set language used for menus and fonts
- Input**  
Writing in a different language?

Language | **Fonts**

### Font settings

**Use web fonts.** Fonts will be downloaded for displaying texts in special scripts.

**Font for English**  
Font used for content | System font ▼

**Font for Español**  
Font used for menus | System font ▼

Cancel | **Apply settings**

### Font settings

**Use web fonts.** Fonts will be downloaded for displaying texts in special scripts.

**Font for English**  
Font used for content | System font ▼

**Font for Español**  
Font used for menus | System font ▼

# Option B

Present both options explicitly using radio buttons. language list appears only when "Download fonts" is selected.

## Language settings

- Aa Display**  
Set language used for menus and fonts
- Input**  
Writing in a different language?

Language | **Fonts**

### Font settings

**Download fonts when needed.** Web fonts will be downloaded for displaying texts in special scripts.

**Select font for English** System font ▼  
Font used for content

**Select font for Español** System font ▼  
Font used for menus

**Don't download fonts.** Use always your system fonts. Scripts with lacking fonts will not be displayed.

Cancel Apply settings

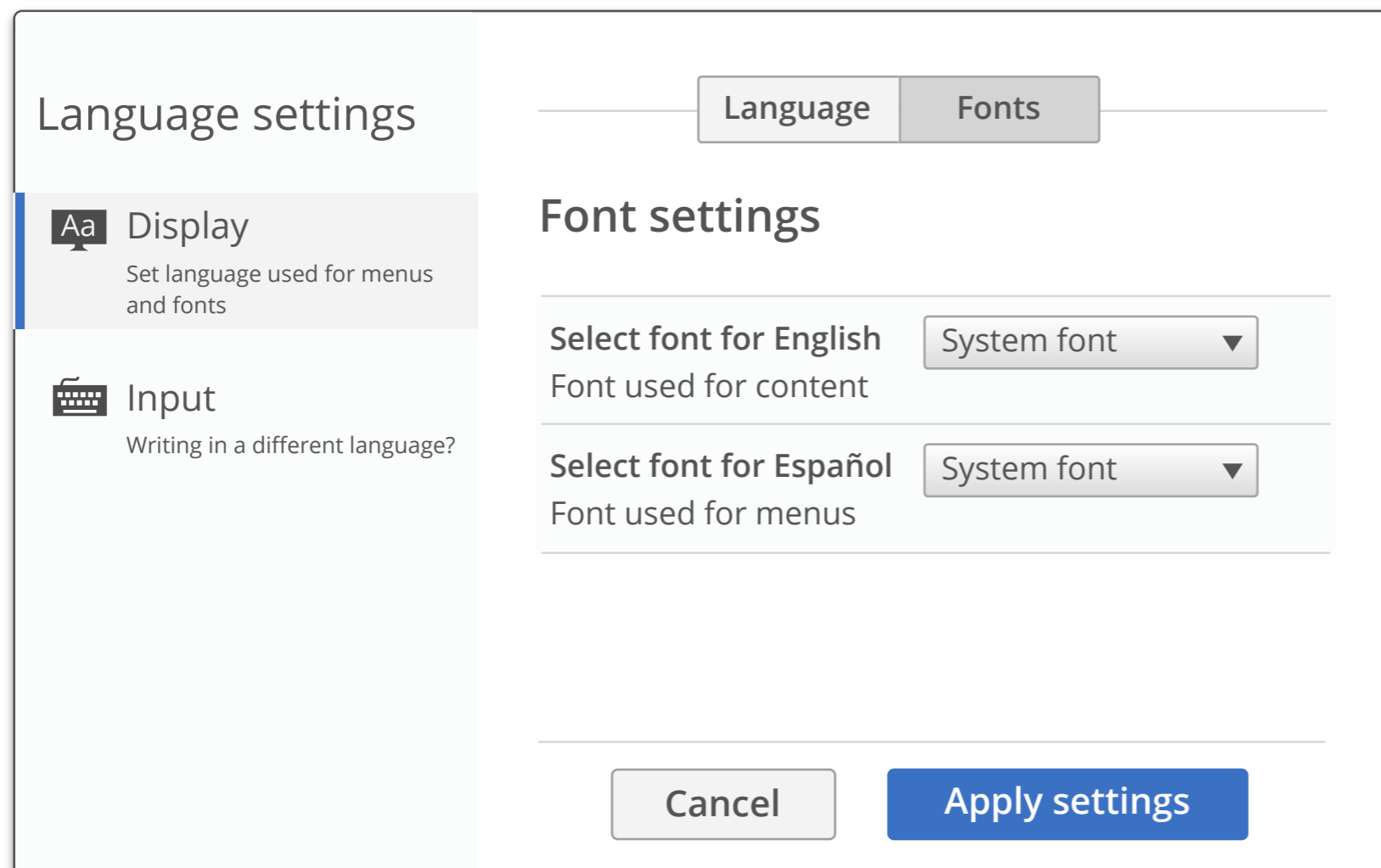
## Font settings

- Download fonts when needed.** Web fonts will be downloaded for displaying texts in special scripts.
- Don't download fonts.** Use always your system fonts. Scripts with lacking fonts will not be displayed.



# Option C

Remove the checkbox. Fonts for other languages will be downloaded and users will not be able to change this preference.



The image shows a Windows settings dialog box titled "Language settings". The "Language" tab is selected, and the "Fonts" sub-tab is active. The "Font settings" section contains two rows of settings:

- Select font for English**: Font used for content. The dropdown menu is set to "System font".
- Select font for Español**: Font used for menus. The dropdown menu is set to "System font".

At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Apply settings".

# Option D

Make the selection flat by asking what to do for other languages (use system fonts or download web fonts). This allows a combination not supported before (web fonts enabled for UI/content language but disabled for the rest)

The image shows a screenshot of the Windows 'Language settings' dialog box, specifically the 'Font settings' tab. The dialog is titled 'Language settings' and has two tabs: 'Language' and 'Fonts'. The 'Fonts' tab is active. On the left side, there are two main sections: 'Display' (with an 'Aa' icon) and 'Input' (with a keyboard icon). The 'Display' section is selected and contains the text 'Set language used for menus and fonts'. The 'Input' section contains the text 'Writing in a different language?'. The main area of the dialog is titled 'Font settings' and contains three rows of settings, each with a label and a dropdown menu:

- Select font for English**: Font used for content. The dropdown menu is set to 'System font'.
- Select font for Español**: Font used for menus. The dropdown menu is set to 'System font'.
- Other languages**: Download fonts for other languages. The dropdown menu is set to 'Download fonts'.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Apply settings'.