

## Re: How to set menu shortcuts, and fonts?

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On Thu, 14 Feb 2008 01:14:05 -0800, Norman Diamond <[ndiamond@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ndiamond@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

This involves a Windows Form in Visual Studio 2005 SP1 C# and DotNet Framework 2.

I created some menus in which every menu title and menu entry is in English. So instead of appending a shortcut letter in parentheses I used the European style of putting an & in front of a chosen letter in each actual menu title and menu entry.

I'm not sure what you mean by "European style". This is a standard Windows behavior, that goes way back to the earliest versions of the operating system. It's not "European". It's Windows.

OK, for comparison, here's a screenshot of a Microsoft application under Windows XP. Notice that the shortcuts are in their normal position in parentheses after each menu title name:

[http://www.geocities.jp/hitotsubishi/xp\\_shortcuts.png](http://www.geocities.jp/hitotsubishi/xp_shortcuts.png)

The only way to do European-style shortcuts is to use names that contain only Italian characters. That works in XP but not in Vista (as shown in the screenshot that I mentioned yesterday).

In Windows XP this works. In the menu bar, and in each menu when opened, each shortcut letter has an underscore. In Vista this doesn't work. In both XP and Vista I have not changed the display options for shortcuts so they are still the defaults (in Vista I cannot even find that option).

While I haven't used Vista very much at all, I would be extremely surprised if Microsoft changed the basic behavior of formatting a string with an underscore when a letter is preceded

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by the '&' in control names and menu items. It is such a basic part of the operating system behavior that to change it would be crazy.

Then be surprised. Look at the screenshot that I posted yesterday. There are a