

Re: F2 Edit Cell Shortcut Bug in VMWare

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Thanks Bob. Actually just tested Excel via Bootcamp (as opposed to via VMWare) and see the same issue. Must be a keyboard-specific issue (hence no mention of this problem on other chat boards). Thanks for pointing me in the right direction.

Cheers, Paul.

CyberTaz wrote:

Hello –

Keep in mind that when you're running any software in an emulator (such as Parallels, Fusion, etc.) you are truly running on the Windows operating system. Therefore, the keyboard shortcuts will **most closely** match those of the program just as if you actually were working on a PC. However, each emulator seems to "interpret" some things a bit differently.

There's also bound to be some "conflicts" not only because of the differences between the PC key board layout & the Mac, but further complicated by the fact that there are so many **different** Mac keyboard layouts. Compound that with the above & the potential variations are fun to contend with – especially if you work with differently configured Macs:–)

For example, running XL 2007 in VPC7 on my G5 (Tiger) – on which I use an iMediaKey keyboard from Macally – F2 works exactly as you expect it to... Although that doesn't do you much good :–) I just offer it as an example for comparison purposes.

I also run XL 2007 in VMWare Fusion on my Intel MBP (Leopard), where F2 also adjusts brightness **if** the fn key is used along with it. However, F2 by itself does in fact put me into an Edit Cell mode although not the way I'd expect on a "real" PC. It puts the insertion point into the Formula Bar even though there is no indication of that directly in the cell, itself. Could that be what's happening for you too, perhaps just unnoticed? I know it caught me by surprise because I was looking at the cell, not the Formula Bar. It wasn't until I decided to go ahead & replace the whole cell content that I noticed I was actually in Edit mode.

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If that isn't the case for you there's a setting in XL to check. Go to XL 2007's Office Button, Excel Options, then to Advanced. In the top group (Editing Options) make sure the box is checked for "Allow editing directly in cells". Should that not put your F2 back to what you want perhaps a query to VMWare might be in order.

HTH |:>)
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On 6/28/08 2:29 PM, in article 865c728f04663@uwe, "longhenry" <u44539@uwe> wrote:

I have read that CTRL + u is the Excel edit cell shortcut alternative to F2 when using an Apple keyboard. However, I am running Excel 2007 on Vista via

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Any ideas would be most appreciated! Thanks.

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