

Re: Keyboard shortcuts for foreign language characters

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In that case press the numlock key first. You are sending Alt + Home etc.

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"Charles" <Charles@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:E04599DF-1A3C-49A8-81BB-4F810

> The problem I am having is that, instead of simply producing a character in
> whatever body of text I happen to be writing (be it in a word processor, an
> e-mail program, or whatever) something completely unrelated happens -- like
> jumping to the last e-mail I read, or skipping to another mailbox, or jumping
> to the bottom of the text. I have not catalogued all the precise problems
> but they happen for most of the ALT codes that worked fine in all previous
> versions of Windows but do not work in Windows XP. The codes I used to use
> were both 3 and 4 digit codes, ranging from ALT+0193 which produced a capital
> A-accent-grave to ALT+159 which produced the old German form of an "s" which
> looks like an italic "f"

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> I gather that some of these codes are unicode, but that is not the problem.
> The problem is that the very same codes that used to work in ALL versions of
> Windows before XP (and I think I have used or tried them all over the years)
> do other things in XP. My conclusion is that Windows XP expropriates some of
> these codes to do all the wonderful things that it does with keyboard
> short-cuts. All I really want to do is to disable some of the Windows XP
> defaults and be able to use the character codes that have been standard for
> years.

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> Thanks for the insights, but I'm still searching for an answer.

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> Charles

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> "David Candy" wrote:

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>> But the numbers I gave are Unicode. If you use ANSI it is Alt + 0192

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>> "Charles" <Charles@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:EAD95402-BC2D-424F-9A94-C9

>> > Thank you very much George. I will get the software you recommd (fortunately

>> > I speak a little Dutch ... een klein beetje.) I am still trying to get the

>> > answer to my orginial question, though. Some of the Microsoft built0in short

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>> > cuts are useful, of course, and have been present since the first versions of
>> > Windows. But some of the new ones in XP are, to me at least, useless and
>> > often just a confusing hindrance.
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>> > I hope there is a way to deactivate at least some of the built-in short
>> > cuts. I suspect there is but that it is just "cleverly" hidden away in some
>> > arcane ini file or some such thing.
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>> > Thanks again,
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>> > Charles
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>> > "george" wrote:
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>> > It is not exactly what you are looking for but check out
>> >> http://allchars.zwolnet.com/index.html
>> >> and look for AllChar.
>> >> A minor part of the webpage text is in dutch but the tool is great.
>> >> It emulates *nix Compose key in windows.
>> >> It's freeware.
>> >> I have it in my startup routine and it sits right under the (left) Ctrl key
>> >> waiting for you.
>> >> The notification area has a little icon to access all it's functions.
>> >> To type any 'composite' character just hit Ctrl first and then two
>> >> consecutive normal keys making up the 'composite'.
>> >> eg.
>> >> To type
>> >> Copyright you would hit Ctrl - o - c Â©
>> >> Registered Ctrl - o - r Â®
>> >> something accented Ctrl - ` - a (Ã ) or Ctrl - ' - e (Ã©)
>> >> Check it out, you'll love it, it is dead-easy to get used to.
>> >> Thank the guy (not me) for producing it.
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>> >> hth
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>> >> george
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>> >> "Charles" <Charles@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> >> news:B654037A-4CC9-4049-9A6E-02A78B946BD8@microsoft.com...
>> >> >I do a lot of writing in French (and a few other foreign languages) and
>> >> > sometimes mix French words into otherwise English text (and vice versa).
>> >> > I
>> >> > all previous versions of Windows prior to XP I have been able to insert
>> >> > the
>> >> > accented letters needed to write in French (and other special characters)
>> >> > by
>> >> > using an ALT+(number on numberpad) code. For example, to enter an "a"
>> >> > with
>> >> > an accent grave I would simply hold down ALT and enter the number 133 on
>> >> > the
>> >> > key pad. This was a very convenient way to insert the letters needed to
>> >> > write French words and I used them so much that I could almost (but not
>> >> > quite) do it while touch typing. When I started using XP (about a year
>> >> > ago)
>> >> > I found that most of the ALT codes which I used did other strange things
>> >> > instead. I have had to resort to using the character map to enter
>> >> > accented
>> >> > letters which is very slow.
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>> >> > I read an article in Maximum PC sometime ago which I believe addressed
>> >> > this
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>> >> > problem, but I did not act at the time and have since lost the article. I
>> >> > believe it said that there was a way to disable some (or all) of the
>> >> > keyboard
>> >> > shortcuts that XP installs automatically, thus allowing the old ALT codes
>> >> > for
>> >> > foreign characters to work again.
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>> >> > A few codes still work, like "Ã©" wich is ALT + 130(on the number pad) ...
>> >> > most, however, do not.
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>> >> > Can anyone help me? I would DEEPLY appreciate being able to fix this
>> >> > problem.
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>> >> > Thanks a lot (merci beaucoup)
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>> >> > Charles
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