

# Re: Key Strokes Don't Display at Startup

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Kelly,

I tried 5X and holding down keys. The Use Shortcut box is unchecked. I rebooted and the problem is still there? i.e. when I start or reboot, the characters I type don't display. I have to hold down the SHIFT key until it makes a sound to be able to display characters on the screen. This is weird!

"Kelly" wrote:

Hi,

Try pressing the shift key fives times and/or hold down both shift keys at the same time. Also, under Accessibility Options, Settings uncheck Use Shortcut.

Added info: Reg file on line 211 right hand side:  
[http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp\\_tweaks.htm](http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm)

Good luck and keep us posted.

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All the Best,  
Kelly (MS-MVP/DTS&XP)

Taskbar Repair Tool Plus!  
<http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/taskbarplus!.htm>

SupportSpace  
[www.supportspace.com/pages?aiu=kellyskorner](http://www.supportspace.com/pages?aiu=kellyskorner)

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Someone was pressing the Shift Key too long and we ended up with Swift key

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or whatever that is. We straightened it out by exiting the application.

**BUT**

.. now every time we start the computer or restart, key strokes don't display

on the screen. The only way to fix it is to hold down the Shift Key for awhile until it makes a sound and then you can type characters which display.

It happens only when we start the computer. There must be a switch setting

I'm missing somewhere?

Computer is Laptop Dell 2600 Inspiron running XP Home.

Help!